

Irrigation Season Begins With Dam Releases

LCRA has begun releasing water from the Highland Lakes for agricultural irrigation in two coastal counties. Releases will continue through the summer and early fall.

The releases are for Wharton and Matagorda County farmers who purchase water from LCRA during their spring and summer growing season.

LCRA provides the water to agricultural users as part of its responsibility to manage the Highland Lakes reservoirs to meet a variety of water uses in the basin.

LCRA has released water to coastal farmers ever since the mid-1930s.

Later this month LCRA will increase the releases to serve farmers in Colorado County.

Even with the outlook for the re-

gion's dry weather pattern to continue, lakes Buchanan and Travis,

LCRA's two water-storage reservoirs, are at a combined capacity of about 75 percent * enough water to meet municipal and agricultural needs this summer, according to Mark Jordan, manager of LCRA's River Management Services.

But if the dry weather pattern continues into next year, Jordan warned that water for irrigation could be curtailed at that time. He urged all water users to practice water conservation measures to make the best use of the basin's limited water resources.

In February LCRA had been releasing water about two hours a day from Mansfield Dam, which forms

Lake Travis, to meet downstream needs including municipal and industrial users and to maintain flows for environmental purposes.

On Wednesday, March 1, LCRA began adding an extra hour a day to its releases for the agricultural irrigation.

Without rainfall to replenish Lake Travis, the total releases initially will drop the lake by about a half a foot a week.

Releases from lakes Buchanan and Travis provide water to Austin and other communities, to agriculture, to industrial operations including electric power plants, and to maintain the environmental health of the lower Colorado River and its bays and estuaries.

The releases are especially important during periods when the basin is receiving little or no rainfall, according to Jordan.

"Typically, the less rain that farmers receive, the more irrigation water they need," he said.

"It's similar to the practice by homeowners of watering their lawns more frequently when it doesn't rain."

Releases from Mansfield Dam take up to a week to reach the coastal region.

So the initial irrigation releases should begin reaching LCRA's Gulf Coast district around March 7.

It will take another week to fill the irrigation canals. So farmers should begin receiving water in mid-March.

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Colorado County Deed Records

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Feb. 13-Feb. 17
Special Warranty Deed, 1991 Min-

eral Property Trust to Edward and Anna Murr 2004 Revocable Trust, Property in Colorado et al Counties, filed Feb. 13.

Special Warranty Deed, 1991 Mineral Property Trust to Frank T. Abram Trust, Property in Colorado et al Counties, filed Feb. 13.

Special Warranty Deed, 1991 Mineral Property Trust to Robert E. Ballard Marital Deduction Trust, Property in Colorado et al Counties, filed Feb. 13.

Warranty Deed, 3-B Land Investors to 2-N Interests, 81.841 acres T.J. Evans et al surveys, filed Feb. 17.

General Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Deborah Allison et al to Chad Girndt et al, outlot 13 I&GN RR Co. survey, filed Feb. 13.

Assumed Name Certificate, Bankston & Company Inc. doing business as JT's G&F, filed Feb. 13.

Assumed Name Certificate, Bankston & Company Inc. doing business as Airite Auto Parts #2, filed Feb. 13.

Assumed Name Certificate, James T. Bankston Sr. doing business as JT's G&F, filed Feb. 13.

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Warranty Deed, Joelean Elizabeth Becker et al to Kenneth W. Baron, 35.25 acres Joseph Ehlinger survey, filed Feb. 16.

Warranty Deed, Candace Berger to Teobaldo Chavez Mendez, lots 7 & 8 block 74 City of Weimar, filed Feb. 17.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Rosemary Buckle to Whitehead Production Company Inc., 100 acres Lewis R. Chaney survey, filed Feb. 14.

Warranty Deed, Jason L. Class to Andrew Ryan Schobel et al, 29.81 acres James Tumlinson survey, filed Feb. 17.

Special Warranty Deed, Colorado County Central Appraisal District to Rose Dwalon Young, lot 4 block 36 City of Weimar, filed Feb. 15.

Warranty Deed, Countryside Neighborhoods LP to Teal Creek Corporation, 9.412 acres S.P. Birt survey, filed Feb. 17.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Charles Duffield II to Whitehead Production Company Inc., 100 acres Lewis

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9. One point south of southeast
13. Sino-Tibetan language
14. Bucket
15. Dueling sword
16. Clapton, musician
17. Thai dish
18. Of the pia mater
19. Determine times
21. mento, state capital
22. Indian instrument
23. Hill (Celtic)
24. Designated hitter (abbr.)
25. ooth Cave Natl. Park
28. By the means of
29. Seve teros, golfer
31. Indonesian boats
33. Helps those in distress
36. Flux density unit
38. Blemish
39. Extinct birds
41. Splits
44. 2 mos. in Islamic year
45. Large grain containers
46. d du Lac, WI
48. Teaspoonful, (abbr.)
49. Halfback
51. Radioactivity unit
52. Cycle of time
54. A woman of refinement
56. Cuts irregularly
60. A notice of someone's death
61. Grains
62. Block
63. The source of lymph
64. Saudi Arabian king
65. Mongol emperor of India
66. Fine
67. Runs PCs
68. Ethiopian lake

CLUES DOWN
1. Supplemented with difficulty
2. Old Japanese religious center
3. Copyread
4. Official staffs of authority
5. Chen , modern composer
6. Joined together
7. Missing soldiers
8. Town in Cambridgeshire
9. Centrifuge
10. Beyond the usual
11. Long facial hair
12. City in Washington
14. Wide views
17. Fathers
20. Once around
21. Firm
23. antella: folk dance
25. Gas usage measure
26. Animal Rescue & Advisory Service
27. Pouts
29. Unconcealed
30. Anwar , Egyptian statesman
32. Sucked out
34. Gymnastic cushion
35. Toffs
37. Arabian greeting
40. Tiny drink
42. Visual receptor cell
43. Infected spots of tissue
47. Neither
49. Laotian hill tribe
50. Hindu gentleman
52. Oliver , author
53. Brown paper bags
55. Carthage queen
56. Chinese dynasty
57. Sousaphone
58. Abba , Israeli politician
59. Watery animal fluids
61. Rural Free Delivery, (abbr.)
65. Indicates position CW063310

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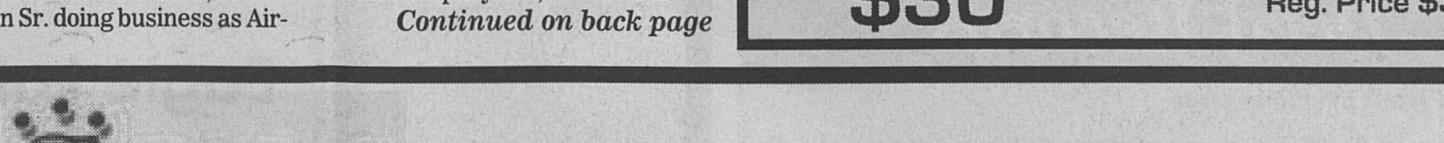
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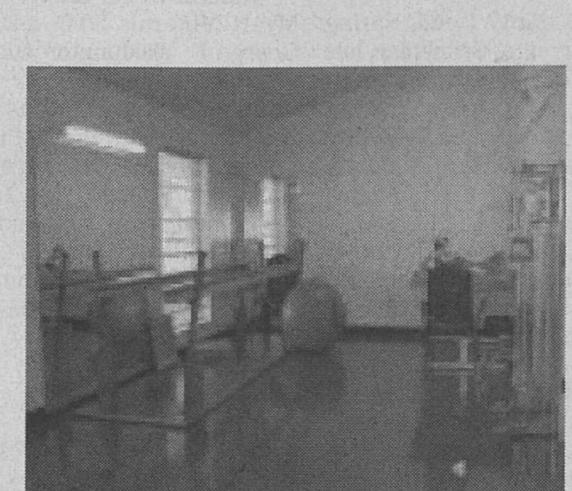


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