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**Statement of Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter and National Wildlife Federation on  
LCRA Board Decision to Seek Authority to  
Raise Interruptible Water Trigger to 1.1 Million Acre-Feet and to  
Implement Mandatory Restrictions on Outdoor Water Use**

The LCRA Board voted 8-7 this afternoon to seek emergency authorization from TCEQ to raise the trigger to provide interruptible water to agricultural customers to 1.1 million acre-feet combined storage and to require firm water customers to implement no more than once per week lawn watering schedules in their communities.

Statement:

“LCRA Board’s decision today to seek emergency authorization to cut off releases of interruptible water means, if approved by TCEQ, that the Colorado River and Matagorda Bay will see greatly diminished flows again in 2014 without heavy rains below the Highland Lakes,” said Myron Hess, Manager of Texas Water Programs for the National Wildlife Federation.

Jennifer Walker, Water Resources Coordinator for the Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club said, “A faint silver lining in the otherwise cloudless sky of the ongoing drought is LCRA’s belated decision to ensure that lawn watering use is reduced to no more than once per week while the drought continues.”

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