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**City of Lake Jackson
Brazos River Flood Update
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The Brazos River was at 49.7 feet at Rosharon at 8am this morning (5/15/19). The river is forecast to drop down to the 32-foot level by the weekend.

Oyster Creek at the Dow pump station near the FM2004 bridge was at 16.50 this morning. The creek peaked at this location at 15.05 in 2015; 17.62 in the 2016 flood and 18.15 in the 2017 Harvey flood. We expect the creek may inch up a bit more over the next couple of days and then start a slow decline. We have been fortunate so far that no additional rain has fallen.

The Bastrop Bayou has still not seen any increased flow from the north yet. But, water is beginning to flow into the 609 ditch near the Angleton town levee. That water moves south, past the airport and eventually into the upper Bastrop Bayou. We will be monitoring the bayou, but this flood event is sending more water down Oyster Creek. While the creek is high, it does not appear that it will come near full capacity, which is around 20 to 20.5 feet or so. Our historical high on the creek was 19.77 in the 1991/92 flood.

Aerial reconnaissance yesterday shows water working its way south through and around Bar X. This will eventually get to the Buffalo Camp Bayou. We are watching this closely as well. But it appears it will not get anywhere near the 2016 or 2017 levels.

The 2017 Harvey related flood was the greatest flood seen in Brazoria County since the 1913 Brazos River flood which put several feet of water in downtown Angleton and ultimately prompted the construction of the Angleton town levee.

Again, this river flood is closest to the 2015 flood and is nowhere near the 500-year flood we experienced in 2017, caused by Hurricane Harvey and the record setting rains to our north.

City crews will continue to monitor the flood.