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Executive summary

In January 2016, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) entered into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, and in February 2016, entered into an agreement with the Brazos River Authority, to perform a volumetric and sedimentation survey of Lake Georgetown (Williamson County, Texas). The Brazos River Authority provided 50 percent of the funding for this survey, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, provided the remaining 50 percent of the funding through their Texas Water Allocation Assessment Program. Surveying was performed using a multi-frequency (208 kHz, 50 kHz, and 24 kHz), sub-bottom profiling depth sounder. In addition, sediment core samples were collected in select locations and correlated with the multi-frequency depth sounder signal returns to estimate sediment accumulation thicknesses and sedimentation rates.

North San Gabriel Dam and Lake Georgetown are located on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River, a tributary of the Brazos River, approximately 3.5 miles northwest of downtown Georgetown, in Williamson County, Texas. The conservation pool elevation of Lake Georgetown is 791.0 feet above mean sea level (NGVD29). The TWDB collected bathymetric data for Lake Georgetown between December 15, 2015 and January 15, 2016, while daily average water surface elevations measured between 794.74 and 791.57 feet above mean sea level (NGVD29).

The 2016 TWDB volumetric survey indicates that Lake Georgetown has a total reservoir capacity of 38,068 acre-feet and encompasses 1,307 acres at conservation pool elevation (791.0 feet above mean sea level, NGVD29). The original design estimate by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates Lake Georgetown encompassed 1,310 acres with a total reservoir capacity of 37,100 acre-feet. The TWDB previously surveyed Lake Georgetown in 1995 and 2005. The 1995 and 2005 TWDB surveys were re-evaluated using current processing procedures resulting in updated capacity estimates of 37,932 acre-feet and 38,582 acre-feet, respectively.

The 2016 TWDB sedimentation survey indicates Lake Georgetown has lost capacity at an average of 21 acre-feet per year since impoundment due to sedimentation below conservation pool elevation (791.0 feet NGVD29). The sedimentation survey indicates sediment accumulation varies throughout the reservoir. Sediment accumulation is greater in the lower lying floodplains. The TWDB recommends that a similar methodology be used to resurvey Lake Georgetown in 10 years or after a major flood event.

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Introduction

The Hydrographic Survey Program of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) was authorized by the 72nd Texas State Legislature in 1991. Texas Water Code Section 15.804 authorizes the TWDB to perform surveys to determine reservoir storage capacity, sedimentation levels, rates of sedimentation, and projected water supply availability.

In January 2016, the TWDB entered into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, and in February 2016, entered into an agreement with the Brazos River Authority, to perform a volumetric and sedimentation survey of Lake Georgetown (Texas Water Development Board, 2016a; Texas Water Development Board, 2016b). This report provides an overview of the survey methods, analysis techniques, and associated results. Also included are the following contract deliverables: (1) a shaded relief plot of the reservoir bottom (Figure 4), (2) a bottom contour map (Figure 6), (3) an estimate of sediment accumulation and location (Figure 10), and (4) an elevation-area-capacity table of the reservoir acceptable to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Appendices A and B).

Lake Georgetown general information

North San Gabriel Dam and Lake Georgetown, formerly known as North Fork (San Gabriel River) Dam and North Fork Lake, are located on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River, a tributary of the Brazos River, approximately 3.5 miles northwest of downtown Georgetown, in Williamson County, Texas (Figure 1). North San Gabriel Dam and Lake Georgetown are owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (Texas Water Development Board, 1973). The U.S. Congress authorized the construction of Lake Georgetown for flood control, water conservation, and other multipurpose uses with the passage of the Flood Control Act approved October 23, 1962 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017). Construction on North San Gabriel Dam initiated in 1968, and deliberate impoundment began on March 3, 1980. North San Gabriel Dam was completed in 1982 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017). Additional pertinent data about North San Gabriel Dam and Lake Georgetown can be found in Table 1.

Water rights for Lake Georgetown have been appropriated to the Brazos River Authority through Certificate of Adjudication No. 12-5162. The complete certificate is on

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file in the Information Resources Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.



Figure 1. Location map of Lake Georgetown.

Table 1. Pertinent data for North San Gabriel Dam and Lake Georgetown.

Owner

The U.S. Government

Operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

Design Engineer

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of dam

On the North Fork of the San Gabriel River, a tributary of the Brazos River, approximately 3.5 miles west of the City of Georgetown

Drainage area

246 square miles

Dam

Туре	Rock fill, impervious core
Length	6,700 feet (including spillway)
Maximum height	164 feet
Top width	30 feet
Spillway	
Туре	Broad-crested weir
Control	None
Length	1,000 feet
Crest elevation	834.0 feet above mean sea level
Outlet Works	
Туре	1 gate controlled conduit
Dimension	11-foot diameter
Control	2-5 feet by 11 feet hydraulic operated slide gates
Invert elevation	720.0 feet above mean sea level

Reservoir data (Based on 2016 TWDB survey)

	Elevation	Capacity	Area
Feature	(feet NGVD29 ^a)	(acre-feet)	(acres)
Top of dam	861.0	N/A	N/A
Top of flood control pool and			
spillway crest elevation	834.0	N/A	N/A
Top of conservation pool	791.0	38,068	1,307
Invert elevation/ dead pool	720.0	63	16
Usable conservation storage space ^b	_	38,005	

Source: (Texas Water Development Board, 1973; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017) ^a NGVD29 = National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929

^b Usable conservation storage space equals total capacity at conservation pool elevation minus dead pool capacity. Dead pool refers to water that cannot be drained by gravity through a dam's outlet works.

Volumetric and sedimentation survey of Lake Georgetown

Datum

The vertical datum used during this survey is the National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 (NGVD29). This datum also is utilized by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the reservoir elevation gage *USGS 08104650 Lk Georgetown nr Georgetown, TX* (U.S. Geological Survey, 2017). Elevations herein are reported in feet relative to the NGVD29 datum. Volume and area calculations in this report are referenced to water levels provided by the USGS gage. The horizontal datum used for this report is North American Datum 1983 (NAD83), and the horizontal coordinate system is State Plane Texas Central Zone (feet).

TWDB bathymetric and sedimentation data collection

The TWDB collected bathymetric data for Lake Georgetown between December 15, 2015 and January 15, 2016, while the daily average water surface elevations measured between 794.74 and 791.57 feet above mean sea level (NGVD29). For data collection, the TWDB used a Specialty Devices, Inc. (SDI), single-beam, multi-frequency (208 kHz, 50 kHz, and 24 kHz) sub-bottom profiling depth sounder integrated with differential global positioning system (DGPS) equipment. Data was collected along pre-planned survey lines oriented perpendicular to the assumed location of the original river channels and spaced approximately 500 feet apart. Many of the same survey lines also were used by the TWDB during the 1995 and 2005 surveys. The depth sounder was calibrated daily using a velocity profiler to measure the speed of sound in the water column and a weighted tape or stadia rod for depth reading verification. Figure 2 shows the data collection locations for the 2016 TWDB survey.

All sounding data was collected and reviewed before sediment core sampling sites were selected. Sediment core samples were collected at regularly spaced intervals within the reservoir or at locations where interpretation of the acoustic display would be difficult without site-specific sediment core data. After analyzing the sounding data, the TWDB selected six locations to collect sediment core samples; however, sediment core sample 1 was not recoverable (Figure 2). The sediment core samples were collected on September 9, 2016, with a custom-coring boat and SDI VibeCore system.

Sediment cores are collected in 3-inch diameter aluminum tubes. Analysis of the acoustic data collected during the bathymetric survey assists in determining the depth of penetration the tube must be driven during sediment sampling. The goal is to collect a sediment core sample extending from the current reservoir-bottom surface, through the accumulated sediment, and into the pre-impoundment surface. After retrieving the sample, a stadia rod is inserted into the top of the aluminum tubes to assist in locating the top of the sediment in the tube. This identifies the location of the layer corresponding to the current reservoir-bottom surface. The aluminum tube is cut to this level, capped, and transported back to TWDB headquarters for further analysis. During this time, some settling of the upper layer can occur.

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Figure 2. 2016 TWDB Lake Georgetown survey data (*blue dots*) and sediment coring locations (*yellow circles*).

Data processing

Model boundaries

The reservoir's model boundary was generated from Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) Data available from the Texas Natural Resource Information System (Texas Natural Resources Information System, 2017). The LIDAR data was collected on December 29, 2014, while the daily average reservoir elevation measured 778.89 feet. According to the associated metadata, the 2014 LIDAR data has a vertical accuracy of \pm 7 centimeters and a horizontal accuracy of 0.25 meters (Texas Natural Resources Information System, 2017). To generate the boundary, LIDAR data with a classification equal to 2, or ground, was imported into an Environmental Systems Research Institute's ArcGIS file geodatabase from .las files. A topographical model of the data was generated and converted to a raster.

The horizontal datum of the 2014 LIDAR data is Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) North American Datum 1983 (NAD83; meters) Zone 14, and the vertical datum is North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88; meters). Therefore, a contour of 241.185806 meters NAVD88, equivalent to 791.0 feet NGVD29, was extracted from the raster. The vertical datum transformation offset for the conversion from NAVD88 to NGVD29 was determined by applying the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Geodetic Survey's NADCON software (National Geodetic Survey, 2017a) and VERTCON software (National Geodetic Survey, 2017b) to a single reference point in the vicinity of the survey, the reservoir elevation gage *USGS 08104650 Lk Georgetown nr Georgetown, TX Latitude 30°40'03.00"N, Longitude 97°43'38.00"W NAD27*. Horizontal coordinate transformations to NAD83 State Plane Texas Central Zone (feet) coordinates were done using the ArcGIS Project tool. Minor editing of the 791.0-foot contour was necessary to include all survey data with elevations below conservation pool elevation and remove anomalous artifacts.

Triangulated Irregular Network model

Following completion of data collection, the raw data files collected by the TWDB were edited to remove data anomalies. The reservoir's current bottom surface is automatically determined by the data acquisition software. DepthPic© software, developed by SDI, Inc., was used to display, interpret, and edit the multi-frequency data by manually removing data anomalies in the current bottom surface and manually digitizing the

reservoir-bottom surface at the time of initial impoundment (*i.e.* pre-impoundment surface). For further analysis, HydroTools, software developed by TWDB staff, was used to merge all the data into a single file including the current reservoir-bottom surface, preimpoundment surface, and sediment thickness at each sounding location. The water surface elevation at the time of each sounding was used to convert each sounding depth to a corresponding reservoir-bottom elevation. This survey point dataset was then preconditioned by inserting a uniform grid of artificial survey points between the actual survey lines. Bathymetric elevations at these artificial points were determined using an anisotropic spatial interpolation algorithm described in the next section. This technique creates a high resolution, uniform grid of interpolated bathymetric elevation points throughout a majority of the reservoir (McEwen and others, 2011a). Finally, the point file resulting from spatial interpolation is used in conjunction with sounding and boundary data to create volumetric and sediment Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN) models utilizing the 3D Analyst Extension of ArcGIS. The 3D Analyst algorithm uses Delaunay's criteria for triangulation to create a grid composed of triangles from non-uniformly spaced points, including the boundary vertices (Environmental Systems Research Institute, 1995).

Spatial interpolation of reservoir bathymetry

Isotropic spatial interpolation techniques such as the Delaunay triangulation used by the 3D Analyst extension of ArcGIS are, in many instances, unable to suitably interpolate bathymetry between survey lines common to reservoir surveys. Reservoirs and stream channels are anisotropic morphological features where bathymetry at any particular location is more similar to upstream and downstream locations than to transverse locations. Interpolation schemes that do not consider this anisotropy lead to the creation of several types of artifacts in the final representation of the reservoir bottom surface and hence to errors in volume. These include artificially-curved contour lines extending into the reservoir where the reservoir walls are steep or the reservoir is relatively narrow, intermittent representation of submerged stream channel connectivity, and oscillations of contour lines in between survey lines. These artifacts reduce the accuracy of the resulting volumetric and sediment TIN models in areas between actual survey data.

To improve the accuracy of bathymetric representation between survey lines, the TWDB developed various anisotropic spatial interpolation techniques. Generally, the directionality of interpolation at different locations of a reservoir can be determined from

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external data sources. A basic assumption is that the reservoir profile in the vicinity of a particular location has upstream and downstream similarity. In addition, the sinuosity and directionality of submerged stream channels can be determined by directly examining the survey data, or more robustly by examining scanned USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps (known as digital raster graphics) and hypsography files (the vector format of USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map contours) when available. Using the survey data, polygons are created to partition the reservoir into segments with centerlines defining directionality of interpolation within each segment. For surveys with similar spatial coverage, these interpolation definition files are, in principle, independent of the survey data and could be applied to past and future survey data of the same reservoir. In practice, however, minor revisions of the interpolation definition files may be needed to account for differences in spatial coverage and boundary conditions between surveys. Using the interpolation definition files and survey data, the current reservoir-bottom elevation, pre-impoundment elevation, and sediment thickness are calculated for each point in the high resolution uniform grid of artificial survey points. The reservoir boundary, artificial survey points grid, and survey data points are used to create volumetric and sediment TIN models representing reservoir bathymetry and sediment accumulation throughout the reservoir. Specific details of this interpolation technique can be found in the HydroTools manual (McEwen and others, 2011a) and in McEwen and others (2011b).

In areas inaccessible to survey data collection, such as small coves and shallow upstream areas of the reservoir, linear interpolation is used for volumetric and sediment accumulation estimations. Linear interpolation follows a line linking the survey points file to the lake boundary file (McEwen and others, 2011a). Without linearly interpolated data, the TIN model builds flat triangles. A flat triangle is defined as a triangle where all three vertices are equal in elevation, generally the elevation of the reservoir boundary. Reducing flat triangles by applying linear interpolation improves the elevation-capacity and elevationarea calculations, although it is not always possible to remove all flat triangles.

Figure 3 illustrates typical results from application of the anisotropic interpolation and linear interpolation techniques to Lake Georgetown. In Figure 3A, deeper channels and steep slopes indicated by surveyed cross-sections are not continuously represented in areas between survey cross-sections. This is an artifact of the TIN generation routine rather than an accurate representation of the physical bathymetric surface. Inclusion of interpolation points in creation of the volumetric TIN model, represented in Figure 3B, directs Delaunay

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triangulation to better represent the reservoir bathymetry between survey cross-sections. The bathymetry shown in Figure 3C was used in computing reservoir elevation-capacity (Appendix A) and elevation-area (Appendix B) tables.





Area, volume, and contour calculation

Using ArcInfo software and the volumetric TIN model, volumes and areas were calculated for the entire reservoir at 0.1-foot intervals, from 709.3 to 791.0 feet. While linear interpolation was used to estimate topography in areas that were inaccessible by boat or too shallow for the instruments to work properly, development of some flat triangles (triangles whose vertices all have the same elevation) in the TIN model are unavoidable. The flat triangles in turn lead to anomalous calculations of surface area and volume at the boundary elevation 791.0 feet. To eliminate the effects of the flat triangles on area and volume calculations, areas between elevations 790.0 and 791.0 feet were linearly interpolated between the computed values, and volumes above elevation 790.0 feet were calculated based on the corrected areas. The elevation-capacity table and elevation-area

table, based on the 2016 survey and analysis, are presented in Appendices A and B, respectively. The capacity curve is presented in Appendix C, and the area curve is presented in Appendix D.

The volumetric TIN model was converted to a raster representation using a cell size of 1 foot by 1 foot. The raster data then was used to produce three figures: (1) an elevation relief map representing the topography of the reservoir bottom (Figure 4); (2) a depth range map showing shaded depth ranges for Lake Georgetown (Figure 5); and, (3) a 5-foot contour map (Figure 6).



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Analysis of sediment data from Lake Georgetown

Sedimentation in Lake Georgetown was determined by analyzing the acoustic signal returns of all three depth sounder frequencies in the DepthPic© software. While the 208 kHz signal is used to determine the current bathymetric surface, all three frequencies, 208 kHz, 50 kHz, and 24 kHz, are analyzed to determine the reservoir bathymetric surface at the time of initial impoundment, *i.e.*, pre-impoundment surface. Sediment core samples collected in the reservoir are correlated with the acoustic signals in each frequency to assist in identifying the pre-impoundment surface. The difference between the current surface bathymetry and the pre-impoundment surface bathymetry yields a sediment thickness value at each sounding location.

Analysis of the sediment core samples was conducted at TWDB headquarters in Austin. Each sample was split longitudinally and analyzed to identify the location of the pre-impoundment surface. The pre-impoundment surface is identified within the sediment core sample by one or more of the following methods: (1) a visual examination of the sediment core for terrestrial materials, such as leaf litter, tree bark, twigs, intact roots, *etc.*, concentrations of which tend to occur on or just below the pre-impoundment surface; (2) changes in texture from well sorted, relatively fine-grained sediment to poorly sorted mixtures of coarse and fine-grained materials; and, (3) variations in the physical properties of the sediment, particularly sediment water content and penetration resistance with depth (Van Metre and others, 2004). Total sample length, post impoundment sediment thickness, and pre-impoundment thickness were recorded. Physical characteristics of the sediment core, such as Munsell soil color, texture, relative water content, and presence of organic materials also were recorded (Table 2).

Sediment core sample	Easting ^a (feet)	Northing ^a (feet)	Total core sample/ post-impoundment sediment	S	Sediment core description				
				nost impoundment	0.0–2.0" Very high water content, silt	2.5Y 3/2 very dark grayish brown			
GT-2	3110010.23	10218891.07	10.0"/7.5"	post-impoundment	2.0–7.5" High water content, silt	2.5Y 3/2 very dark grayish brown			
				pre-impoundment	7.5–10.0" Distinct water content drop and layer of organic debris (twigs, leaf litter, bark) at boundary at 7.5", clay, distinct color change in layer	2.5Y 5/3 light olive brown			
					0.0–0.5" water and fluff	N/A			
GT-3	3108291.22	10220994.81	10220994.81	10220994.81 6.75"/2	6.75"/2.25"	post-impoundment	0.5–2.25" High water content, silt, very fine pebbles (<1/16") throughout	2.5Y 3/2 very dark grayish brown	
				pre-impoundment	2.25–6.75" Distinct water content drop and organics (sticks >1") at 2.25" boundary, clay with small roots throughout layer	10 YR 3/1 very dark gray			
					0.0–1.0" water and fluff	N/A			
GT-4	3108409.47	10219427.22	33.5"/27.75"	post-impoundment	1.0–27.75" high water content slightly decreasing with depth, pudding-like consistency, silt	2.5Y 3/1 very dark grey			
				pre-impoundment	27.75–33.5" Distinct water content drop and color change at boundary at 27.75", very dense clay, large shell pieces throughout layer	2.5Y 5/4 light olive brown			

 Table 2. Sediment core sampling analysis data for Lake Georgetown.

^a Coordinates are based on NAD83 State Plane Texas Central System (feet)

Sedimet core sample	Easting ^a (feet)	Northing ^a (feet)	Total core sample/ post-impoundment sediment	S	Sediment core description			
				nost impoundment	0.0–0.5" water and fluff	N/A		
GT-5	3102788.85	10218605.79	6.0"/3.0"	6.0"/3.0"	0.5–3.0" high water content, silt	2.5Y 4/2 dark grayish brown		
				pre-impoundment	3.0–6.0" distinct water content drop at 3.0" boundary, sandy clay loam, pebbles (0.5" diameter) at 3.0" boundary, small roots throughout	2.5Y 3/2 very dark gray		
				post-impoundment	0.0–4.0" very high water content, silt	2.5Y 4/2 dark grayish brown		
GT-6	3098308.84	10220840.20	16.0"/ 4.0"	pre-impoundment	4.0–8.0" distinctly lower water content than above layer, dense material with pockets of high water content material, loam, organics (sticks, small roots) throughout layer 8.0–16.0" similar to above layer without pockets of high water content, loam, organics (sticks, small roots) throughout layer	2.5Y 4/2 dark grayish brown 2.5Y 4/2 dark grayish brown		

Table 2. Sediment core sampling analysis data for Lake Georgetown (continued).

^a Coordinates are based on NAD83 State Plane Texas Central System (feet)

A photograph of sediment core GT-4 (for location, refer to Figure 2) is shown in Figure 7 and is representative of sediment cores sampled from Lake Georgetown. The base of the sample is denoted by the blue line. The pre-impoundment boundary (yellow line) was evident within this sediment core sample at 27.75 inches and identified by the change in color, texture, moisture, porosity, and structure. Identification of the pre-impoundment surface for the other four sediment cores followed a similar procedure.



Figure 7. Sediment core GT-4 from Lake Georgetown. Post-impoundment sediment layers occur in the top 27.75 inches of this sediment core (identified by yellow boxes). Pre-impoundment sediment layers were identified and are defined by the blue box.

Figures 8 and 9 illustrate how measurements from sediment core samples are used with sonar data to help identify the post- and pre-impoundment layers in the acoustic signal. Figure 8 compares sediment core sample GT-4 with the acoustic signals for all frequencies combined (8A, 8E), and each individual frequency: 208 kHz (8B, 8F), 50 kHz (8C, 8G), and 24 kHz (8D, 8H). Within DepthPic©, the current bathymetric surface is automatically determined based on signal returns from the 208 kHz transducer as represented by the top black line in Figure 8E and red line in Figure 8F–H. The pre-impoundment surface is identified by comparing boundaries observed in the 208 kHz, 50 kHz, and 24 kHz signals to the location of the pre-impoundment surface as determined by the sediment core sample analysis. Many layers of sediment may be identified during core analysis based on changes in observed characteristics, such as water content, organic matter content, and sediment particle size, and each layer is classified as either post-impoundment or pre-impoundment. Each layer of sediment identified in the sediment core sample during analysis (Table 2) is

represented in Figures 8 and 9 by a yellow or blue box. A yellow box represents postimpoundment sediments. A blue box indicates pre-impoundment sediments.



Figure 8. Comparison of sediment core GT-4 with acoustic signal returns A, E) combined acoustic signal returns, B, F) 208 kHz frequency, C, G) 50 kHz frequency, and D, H) 24 kHz frequency.

In this case, the pre-impoundment boundary was most visible in the 24 kHz acoustic signal returns; therefore, the 24 kHz acoustic signal returns were used to locate the pre-impoundment surface (yellow line in Figure 8). Figure 9 shows sediment core sample GT-4 correlated with the 24 kHz acoustic signal returns of the nearest surveyed cross-section. The pre-impoundment surface was first identified along cross-sections for which sediment core samples have been collected. This information was then used as a guide for identifying the pre-impoundment surface along cross-sections where sediment core samples were not collected.



Figure 9. Cross-section of data collected during the 2016 survey, displayed in DepthPic© (24 KHz acoustic signal returns), correlated with sediment core sample GT-4 and showing the current surface as the top red line, and pre-impoundment surface as the bottom yellow line.

After the pre-impoundment surface for all cross-sections was identified, a sediment thickness TIN model was created following standard GIS techniques (Furnans and Austin, 2007). Sediment thicknesses were interpolated between surveyed cross-sections using HydroTools with the same interpolation definition file used for bathymetric interpolation. For the purposes of TIN model creation, the TWDB assumed the sediment thickness at the reservoir boundary was 0 feet (defined as the 791.0 foot NGVD29 elevation contour). The sediment thickness TIN model was converted to a raster representation using a cell size of 2 feet by 2 feet and was used to produce a sediment thickness map of Lake Georgetown (Figure 10).



Survey results

Volumetric survey

The 2016 TWDB volumetric survey indicates that Lake Georgetown has a total reservoir capacity of 38,068 acre-feet and encompasses 1,307 acres at conservation pool elevation (791.0 feet above mean sea level, NGVD29). The original design estimate by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers indicates Lake Georgetown encompassed 1,310 acres with a total reservoir capacity of 37,100 acre-feet (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017). TWDB previously surveyed Lake Georgetown in 1995 and 2005. Because of differences in survey methodologies, direct comparison of this volumetric survey to others to estimate changes in capacity can be unreliable. To more accurately compare results from the TWDB surveys of Lake Georgetown, TWDB applied the 2016 data processing techniques to the survey data collected in 1995 and 2005. Specifically, the TWDB applied anisotropic spatial interpolation to the survey data collected in 1995 and 2005 using the same interpolation definition file as was used for the 2016 survey, with minor edits to account for differences in data coverage and boundary conditions.

The original 1995 survey boundary was digitized from the 791.0 foot contour from 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle maps: Georgetown 1982 and Leander NE 1962 (Photo-revised 1976), with a stated accuracy of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ the contour interval (U.S. Bureau of the Budget, 1947). The 1995 survey boundary was revised and a new TIN model was created using the revised boundary. Additionally, surveys data points with anomalous elevations were removed from the new model. While linear interpolation was used to estimate the topography in areas without data, flat triangles led to anomalous area and volume calculations at the boundary elevation of 791.0 feet. Therefore, areas between 790.0 feet and 791.0 feet were linearly interpolated between the computed values, and volumes above 790.0 feet were calculated based on the corrected areas.

The 2005 survey boundary was digitized from aerial photographs taken on January 7, February 2, and February 3, 1995, while the daily average water surface elevation of the reservoir measured 784.78 feet, 786.81 feet, and 786.88 feet above mean sea level, respectively, therefore field observations, 1:24,000 scale hypsography (contours), and beaches and vegetation visible in the 1995–1996 DOQQs were used to interpret the boundary at elevation 791.0 feet. According to the associated metadata, the 1995–1996 DOQQs have a resolution of 1-meter, with a horizontal positional accuracy that meets the

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National Map Accuracy Standards (NMAS) for 1:12,000-scale products. While linear interpolation was used to estimate the topography in areas without data, flat triangles led to anomalous area and volume calculations at the boundary elevation of 791.0 feet. Therefore, areas between 790.5 feet and 791.0 feet were linearly interpolated between the computed values, and volumes above 790.5 feet were calculated based on the corrected areas. Re-evaluation of the 1995 and 2005 survey resulted in a 2.5 percent and 4.6 percent increase in total capacity estimates at conservation pool elevation 791.0 feet (Table 3).

Survey	Surface area (acres)	Capacity (acre-feet)
Original design 1965 ^a	1,310	37,100
TWDB 1995 ^b	1,297	37,010
TWDB 1995 (re-calculated) ^c	1,285	37,932
TWDB 2005 ^d	1,287	36,904
TWDB 2005 (re-calculated) ^c	1,287	38,582
Marchand, 2005 ^e	1,200	39,760
TWDB 2016	1,307	38,068

 Table 3. Current and previous survey capacity and surface area estimates for Lake Georgetown.

^a Source: (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017; Texas Water Development Board, 1973)

^b Source: (Texas Water Development Board, 2003)

^c Source: (Texas Water Development Board, 2016c)

^d Source: (Texas Water Development Board, 2006)

^e Source: (Marchand, 2005)

Sedimentation survey

The 2016 TWDB sedimentation survey indicates Lake Georgetown has lost capacity at an average of 21 acre-feet per year since impoundment due to sedimentation below conservation pool elevation (791.0 feet NGVD29). The sedimentation survey indicates sediment accumulation varies throughout the reservoir. Sediment accumulation is greater in the lower lying floodplains. Comparison of capacity estimates of Lake Georgetown derived using differing methodologies are provided in Table 4 for sedimentation rate calculation. Comparison with the TWDB 1995 survey estimate suggests capacity has increased over time; however, the 1995 study is believed to have underestimated capacity due to a lack of cross-channel transect data in reservoir coves, which is necessary for proper bathymetric representation.

Table 4.	Capacity loss	s comparisons for	: Lake	Georgetown

Survey	Volume comparisons at conservation pool elevation (acre-feet)					
Original design ^{a,b}	37,100	\diamond	\diamond	\diamond		
TWDB 1995 (re-calculated)	\diamond	37,932	\diamond	\diamond		
TWDB 2005 (re-calculated)	\diamond	\diamond	38,582	\diamond		
TWDB pre- impoundment estimate based on 2016 survey	\diamond	\diamond	\diamond	38,805 ^b		
2016 volumetric survey	38,068	38,068	38,068	38,068		
Volume difference (acre-feet)	-968 (-2.6%)	-136 (-0.4%)	514 (1.3%)	737 (1.9%)		
Number of years	35	21	12	35		
Capacity loss rate (acre-feet/year)	-28	-6	43	21		

^a Source: (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2017; Texas Water Development Board, 1973), note: Deliberate impoundment began on March 3, 1980, and North San Gabriel Dam was completed on 1982. ^b 2016 TWDB surveyed capacity of 38,068 acre-feet plus 2016 TWDB surveyed sediment volume of 737 acre-feet below elevation 791.0 feet

Sediment range lines

In 1978, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers established seventeen sediment range lines throughout Lake Georgetown to measure sediment accumulation over time. A crosssectional comparison of eleven of the seventeen 1978 sediment range lines with the TWDB 2016 survey, 2005 re-calculated survey, and the TWDB 1995 re-calculated survey is presented in Appendix E. Also presented in Appendix E are a map, depicting the historical locations of the sediment range lines and Table E1, a list of the endpoint coordinates for each line. Cross-sections for 1978 were unavailable for sediment range lines SR01 through SR03 for comparison. Sediment range line SR11 is outside the 1995 model boundary and a cross-section for this year is not compared at this location. Some differences in the crosssections may be a result of spatial interpolation and the interpolation routine of the TIN Model.

Recommendations

The TWDB recommends a volumetric and sedimentation survey of Lake Georgetown within a 10 year time-frame or after a major flood event to assess changes in lake capacity and to further improve estimates of sediment accumulation rates.

TWDB contact information

More information about the Hydrographic Survey Program can be found at: http://www.twdb.texas.gov/surfacewater/surveys/index.asp Any questions regarding the TWDB Hydrographic Survey Program may be addressed to: Hydrosurvey@twdb.texas.gov

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Appendix A Lake Georgetown RESERVOIR CAPACITY TABLE

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CAPACITY IN ACRE-FEET ELEVATION INCREMENT IS ONE TENTH FOOT

December 2015 - January 2016 Survey Conservation Pool Elevation 791.0 feet NGVD29

ELEVATION										
in Feet	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
709	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
710	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
711	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
712	2 4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6
713	3 7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	10
714	10	11	11	11	12	12	12	13	13	14
715	5 14	14	15	15	16	16	17	18	18	19
716	6 19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	25	26
717	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
718	3 37	38	39	40	41	42	43	45	46	47
719	9 48	50	51	53	54	55	57	58	60	61
720	63	64	66	68	69	71	73	75	76	78
721	80	82	84	86	87	89	91	93	95	97
722	2 99	102	104	106	108	110	112	115	117	119
723	3 122	124	126	129	131	134	136	139	141	144
724	147	149	152	155	158	161	164	167	170	173
725	5 176	179	182	186	189	192	196	199	202	206
726	6 210	213	217	221	225	229	234	238	243	247
727	252	257	262	268	273	278	284	290	295	301
728	307	313	319	325	332	338	345	352	358	365
729	372	380	387	395	403	411	419	427	436	444
730	453	462	471	480	489	499	509	518	528	538
731	549	559	570	580	591	602	613	624	635	647
732	2 658	670	682	693	705	718	730	742	754	767
733	3 780	792	805	818	831	845	858	871	885	898
734	912	926	940	954	968	983	997	1,012	1,026	1,041
735	5 1,056	1,071	1,086	1,101	1,116	1,132	1,147	1,163	1,179	1,195
736	5 1,211	1,228	1,244	1,261	1,277	1,294	1,311	1,328	1,345	1,362
737	1,380	1,397	1,415	1,433	1,451	1,469	1,487	1,506	1,524	1,543
738	3 1,562	1,581	1,601	1,620	1,640	1,660	1,681	1,701	1,722	1,742
739	1,763	1,785	1,806	1,827	1,849	1,871	1,893	1,915	1,937	1,960
740	1,983	2,005	2,029	2,052	2,075	2,099	2,123	2,146	2,171	2,195
741	2,219	2,244	2,268	2,293	2,318	2,343	2,369	2,394	2,420	2,445
742	2,471	2,497	2,523	2,550	2,576	2,603	2,630	2,656	2,684	2,711
743	2,738	2,766	2,793	2,821	2,849	2,877	2,905	2,934	2,962	2,991
744	3,020	3,049	3,078	3,107	3,136	3,166	3,195	3,225	3,255	3,285
745	3,315	3,345	3,376	3,406	3,437	3,468	3,499	3,530	3,561	3,593
746	3,624	3,656	3,688	3,720	3,752	3,785	3,817	3,850	3,883	3,916
747	3,949	3,982	4,016	4,050	4,084	4,118	4,153	4,187	4,222	4,257
748	4,292	4,328	4,363	4,399	4,435	4,471	4,507	4,543	4,580	4,616
749	4,653	4,690	4,727	4,765	4,802	4,840	4,878	4,916	4,954	4,992
750	5,031	5,069	5,108	5,147	5,187	5,226	5,265	5,305	5,345	5,385
751	5,425	5,465	5,506	5,546	5,587	5,628	5,669	5,710	5,751	5,792
752	5,834	5,875	5,917	5,959	6,001	6,043	6,086	6,128	6,170	6,213
753	6,256	6,299	6,342	6,385	6,428	6,471	6,515	6,558	6,602	6,646
754	6,690	6,734	6,778	6,822	6,867	6,911	6,956	7,001	7,046	7,091
755	7,136	7,182	7,227	7,273	7,319	7,365	7,411	7,458	7,504	7,551
756	7,598	7,646	7,693	7,740	7,788	7,836	7,884	7,933	7,981	8,030
757	8,079	8,128	8,177	8,227	8,276	8,326	8,376	8,427	8,477	8,528
758	8,579	8,630	8,681	8,732	8,784	8,836	8,888	8,940	8,992	9,045
759	9,098	9,151	9,204	9,257	9,311	9,365	9,419	9,473	9,527	9,582

Appendix A (Continued) Lake Georgetown RESERVOIR CAPACITY TABLE

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CAPACITY IN ACRE-FEET

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24,286

25,293

26,323

27,380

28,463

29,573

30,708

31,869

33.057

34,271

35,511

36,776

38,068

24,386

25,395

26,428

27,487

28,573

29,685

30,823

31,987

33.178

34,394

35,636

36,904

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0.9

10,141

10,720

11,319

11.937

12,578

13,242

13.931

14,645

15.386

16,156

16,957

17,784

18,634

19,506

20,399

21,313

22,247

23,205

24,187

25,191

26,219

27,273

28,354

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30,593

31,752

32,937

34.149

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36,648

37,937

ELEVATION INCREMENT IS ONE TENTH FOOT **ELEVATION** in Feet 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 9,637 9,748 9,803 9,859 9,915 9,971 10,028 760 9,692 10,084 761 10,198 10.255 10,313 10,371 10,428 10,486 10,545 10,603 10,661 762 10,779 10,838 10,898 10,957 11,017 11,077 11,137 11,198 11,258 763 11.380 11.441 11.502 11.564 11.625 11.687 11.749 11.812 11.874 764 12,000 12,063 12,127 12,191 12,254 12,319 12,383 12,448 12,513 765 12,643 12,709 12,775 12,841 12,907 12,974 13,041 13,108 13,175 13,722 766 13,310 13,378 13.446 13,515 13.653 13.584 13,791 13.861 767 14,001 14,072 14.143 14,214 14,285 14,356 14,428 14,500 14,573 768 14,718 14,791 14,865 14,938 15,012 15.087 15,161 15.236 15,311 769 15,462 15,538 15,614 15,690 15,767 15,844 15,922 16,000 16,078 770 16,235 16,314 16,393 16,473 16,553 16,633 16,713 16,794 16,875 17,038 17,120 17,202 17,285 17,450 17,533 17,617 771 17,367 17,700 772 17,868 17,953 18,037 18,207 18,292 18,377 18,463 18,122 18,548 19,242 18,807 18,894 773 18,721 18,980 19,067 19,154 19,330 19,418 19,594 19,683 19,772 19,861 19,950 20,040 20,129 20,219 20,309 774 775 20,490 20,580 20,671 20,762 20,854 20,945 21,037 21,129 21,221 776 21,405 21,498 21,591 21,684 21,777 21,871 21,964 22,059 22,153 22,915 777 22,342 22,437 22,532 22,628 22,723 22,819 23,012 23,108 778 23,302 23,399 23,497 23,595 23,693 23,791 23,890 23,988 24,087

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27,166

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30,479

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32,818

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Note: Capacities above 790.0 feet calculated from interpolated areas

24,486

25,497

26,532

27,594

28,683

29,798

30,938

32,105

33.298

34,517

35,762

37,032

Appendix B Lake Georgetown RESERVOIR AREA TABLE

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AREA IN ACRES December 2015 - January 2016 Survey Conservation Pool Elevation 791.0 feet NGVD29

ELEVATION INCREMENT IS ONE TENTH FOOT

ELEVATION	_	-								
in Feet	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
709	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
710	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
711	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
712	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
713	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
714	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
715	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	7
716	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8
717	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10
718	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	13	13
719	13	13	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	15
720	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	18	18	18
721	18	18	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	21
722	21	21	21	22	22	22	22	23	23	23
723	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	26	26	27
724	27	27	28	28	29	29	30	30	31	31
725	31	32	32	33	33	33	34	34	35	36
726	37	38	39	40	41	42	44	45	47	48
727	49	50	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
728	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	69	70
729	72	74	76	78	79	81	82	84	85	86
730	88	90	91	93	94	96	97	99	101	102
731	103	104	106	107	108	110	111	112	113	114
732	116	117	118	119	121	121	122	123	124	126
733	127	128	129	131	132	133	134	135	136	137
734	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	148
735	149	150	151	153	154	155	157	158	160	162
736	163	164	165	166	168	169	170	171	172	173
737	174	176	177	179	180	182	183	185	187	189
738	191	193	195	197	199	201	203	205	207	209
739	211	212	214	216	217	219	221	222	225	226
740	228	230	232	233	235	237	239	240	242	243
741	245	246	247	249	251	252	254	255	257	258
742	259	261	262	264	265	267	268	270	271	273
743	275	276	278	279	280	282	283	284	286	287
744	288	290	291	292	294	295	297	298	299	301
745	302	304	305	307	308	310	311	312	314	315
746	317	318	319	321	323	324	326	328	330	331
747	333	336	338	340	342	343	345	347	349	351
748	353	354	356	358	359	361	363	364	366	368
749	369	371	373	374	376	377	379	381	383	384
750	386	388	389	391	393	394	396	397	399	400
751	402	403	405	406	408	409	410	412	413	415
752	416	417	418	420	421	422	423	424	426	427
753	428	429	430	432	433	434	435	436	438	439
754	440	441	442	444	405	446	400	400 <u>44</u> 0	450 450	450 452
755	453	455	457	450	460	462	464	466	469 469	460
756	471	473 473	475	476	400 478	480	482	484	486	488
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752	500	-32 511	512	-137 515	+33 517	510	502	504	500	500
750	509	511	513	515	517	E30	521	523	525	521
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Appendix B (Continued) Lake Georgetown RESERVOIR AREA TABLE

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AREA IN ACRES December 2015 - January 2016 Survey Conservation Pool Elevation 791.0 feet NGVD29

ELEVATION INCREMENT IS ONE TENTH FOOT	

ELEVATION		-								
in Feet	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
760	550	553	555	557	559	561	563	565	567	569
761	571	573	575	577	579	581	583	584	586	588
762	591	593	595	597	599	601	603	604	606	608
763	610	612	614	616	618	620	622	625	627	629
764	631	634	636	638	640	643	645	648	651	653
765	655	658	660	662	664	667	669	672	674	677
766	679	681	684	686	689	691	694	696	699	701
767	704	706	708	711	714	717	720	723	725	728
768	730	733	735	738	740	743	746	749	752	755
769	758	761	764	767	770	773	777	780	783	786
770	789	792	795	797	800	803	806	809	812	814
771	817	820	822	825	828	830	833	836	838	840
772	842	844	846	848	850	852	854	856	858	860
773	863	865	867	869	871	873	876	879	881	883
774	885	887	890	892	894	896	898	900	902	904
775	906	908	910	912	913	915	917	919	921	923
776	925	928	930	932	934	937	939	942	944	946
777	949	951	953	955	958	960	962	965	967	970
778	972	975	977	979	982	984	986	989	991	993
779	996	998	1,000	1,002	1,004	1,007	1,009	1,011	1,013	1,015
780	1,018	1,020	1,023	1,025	1,028	1,030	1,033	1,035	1,038	1,041
781	1,044	1,046	1,049	1,052	1,054	1,057	1,059	1,062	1,065	1,067
782	1,070	1,073	1,075	1,078	1,081	1,083	1,086	1,089	1,092	1,094
783	1,097	1,100	1,102	1,105	1,107	1,110	1,112	1,114	1,117	1,119
784	1,122	1,124	1,127	1,130	1,132	1,135	1,138	1,140	1,143	1,146
785	1,148	1,151	1,154	1,157	1,159	1,162	1,164	1,167	1,169	1,172
786	1,174	1,177	1,180	1,183	1,186	1,188	1,191	1,193	1,196	1,198
787	1,201	1,203	1,206	1,208	1,211	1,213	1,216	1,220	1,222	1,225
788	1,227	1,230	1,232	1,235	1,237	1,240	1,242	1,245	1,248	1,250
789	1,253	1,255	1,258	1,260	1,263	1,265	1,267	1,270	1,272	1,275
790	1,277	1,280	1,283	1,286	1,289	1,292	1,295	1,298	1,301	1,304
791	1,307									

Note: Areas between elevations 790.0 and 791.0 feet linearly interpolated



Appendix C: Capacity curve



Appendix D: Area curve















