

# **NOTICE OF MEETING GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), whose principal office is in the City of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, hereby gives notice of a meeting of its **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** to be held at the **GBRA River Annex, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.**

Subjects to be considered for discussion at such meeting include:

## **CALL TO ORDER**

- ❖ Chair's consideration of posted notices.
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance.
- ❖ Welcome guests.
- ❖ Comments from public.

## **CHAIR ITEMS**

1. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution honoring 2015 Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority retiree David Kenda for his thirty-three (33) years of meritorious and faithful service.
  
2. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association Annual Conference, November 4-6, 2015 at the Westin Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

3. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the September 16, 2015, Board meeting.

4. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for September 2015.
  
5. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.

## **GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS**

6. Discussion of the executive report addressing various matters relating to water resources planning including reports on Regional L Water Planning group activities, State funding issues, water reuse policies, Texas Water Development Board interregional conflict rules, GBRA's Mid-Basin Project (Groundwater and Surface Water components), Integrated Water Power Project and project funding applications, Lower Basin Storage Project and related regional planning and legislative issues, Lower Basin Appropriation (new) Project, Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act issues, water resources operation including engineering issues and related meetings, regional planning, consultations with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, construction management reports relating to GBRA projects and to the FM 110 Bypass in San Marcos, FM 150 near Kyle, U.S. 183 near Lockhart, CR-266 in Caldwell County, rainfall and floodwater monitoring issues in the Guadalupe and Blanco River watersheds, safety issues, utility operations; Water Quality Division and Regional Laboratory reports, reports on the activities of GBRA's Regional Laboratory, sampling and other water quality-related activities, economic and community development reports including reports on the River Heritage Tour Project, Moonlight in the Gorge, reports on various community meetings, community outreach activities in the Guadalupe Basin, reports on demolition of structures at certain locations around Lake Wood/H-5, a Boy Scout project on Lake Wood/H-5 in the cleared areas, budget meetings with customers, project development reports relating to Johnson Ranch, Bulverde, Park Village and 4-S Ranch, Dunlap Area Utilities, Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Canyon Lake wastewater master plan development, water and wastewater agreements and services provided in various communities throughout the Guadalupe Basin, GBRA's Lower Basin Project, property management reports, water supply studies in the Basin, Western Canyon reports, water supply studies in the middle Guadalupe Basin, resource protection issues, lake management, water safety issues and ordinances, Zebra Mussels, flood management and recovery issues, issues related to logjams, reports from the Canyon Lake/Sattler office and the Gorge Preservation Society, reports on Lerin Hills and other subdivisions in and around Kendall County, public affairs reports including media reports, public outreach and social media, new website development, education reports, reports on the activities of the Environmental Learning Center, publications, Geographic Information Systems projects, special projects including outreach to various schools and presentation to students, planning for newly acquired property at Coletto Creek, reports on marketing efforts, GBRA publications, grants, Board relations and public events,

administrative reports, information technology reports, Human Resource reports, personnel matters, accounting, and finance reports, water supply and wastewater treatment contract activities.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

7. Consideration of and possible action approving the selection of one or more firms to provide Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Employee Benefit Plans and Services for calendar year 2016 including Plans for health insurance, dental insurance, group term life insurance, long-term disability insurance, and others.

8. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority General Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, to be purchased by the Texas Water Development Board through the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) Program; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and an Escrow Agreement; and authorizing all other instruments and procedures related thereto.

9. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to open a bank account at Frost National Bank for funds associated with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's Integrated Water Power Project Study Project.

10. Consideration of and possible action approving a Reservation Agreement for the Lower Basin Storage Project.

11. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for Engineering Services with the most qualified respondent(s) for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Lower Basin Storage Project and the Lower Basin Pipeline Project.

12. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Invenergy Thermal Development LLC, to jointly explore the possibility of siting a large-scale desalination water production and electric generation project employing sea water reverse osmosis technology and natural gas-fired combustion turbine technology at a location to be determined near the Texas Gulf Coast.

13. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with the most qualified respondent for consulting service to assist in the updating of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

14. Consideration of and possible action authorizing funding assistance for the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

15. Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.

16. Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, the San Antonio Bay Foundation, the Gorge Preservation Society, and the Guadalupe River Foundation.

17. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.

18. Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.

19. Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.

## ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. The Board may meet in Executive Session as authorized by the listed sections of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following matters:

- a. seek advice from legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation including, without limitation, the following matters: *LULAC v. Edwards Aquifer Authority* Civil Action No. 5:12-CV-00620 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division; *Ex Parte Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority*, on appeal to the Texas Supreme Court *sub nom.*, *Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority v. Attorney General of Texas, et al*; and pending administrative proceedings that may impact GBRA's Lower Basin Storage Project and/or the bonds issued for the Project; relationship and impact of pending or contemplated legal proceedings and litigation strategies on GBRA projects and proposed projects, matters relating to the regulation of withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer for protection of historic uses, endangered species, and springflow to the Comal, San Marcos, and Guadalupe Rivers, including proposals for the supply of water from alternative sources; matters related to the supply of water from Canyon Reservoir and other water sources available to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, pending water reuse applications that may impact GBRA's existing water rights or its pending Mid-Basin surface water permit application, the acquisition of groundwater rights relating to GBRA's Mid-Basin Project; matters relating to existing and/or proposed water rights and/or amendments of water rights (including without limitation, applications relating to GBRA's Mid-Basin Project and Lower Basin Project) and agreements relating to water rights; matters relating to charges for water and wastewater services by GBRA; matters relating to water re-use impacting the Guadalupe River Basin (including without limitation, applications by San Antonio Water System, New Braunfels Utilities and others for bed and banks authorization); matters relating to real property within GBRA's statutory district; matters relating to the solicitation, receipt, opening, and/or evaluation of bids, including without limitation the Lower Basin Project and other bids for the construction of any facilities and/or the performance of any work or service, and relating to the actions taken or supposed to be taken by GBRA on such bids; and possible settlement of all such matters; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;
- b. consult with legal counsel on matters within Section 551.071(2), Texas Government Code;
- c. discuss or deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property including surface and groundwater rights, including, without limitation the acquisition of groundwater rights for GBRA's Mid-Basin Project and the purchase of surface water rights in the Guadalupe River, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code;
- d. discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information, Section 551.087, Texas Government Code;
- e. deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

The Board may take final action on any of the before mentioned matters while convened in open session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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