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GBRA schedules spraying to control nuisance aquatic plants in Calhoun County canal system

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SEGUIN.....The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority will be applying the aquatic herbicide Rodeo in late September or early October to water hyacinth in the main canal of the Calhoun Canal System, to control the growth and spread of this nuisance aquatic plant.

Application dates will be determined based on optimum weather conditions. Area water systems and other officials will be notified prior to treatment, said Herb Wittliff, manager of GBRA Port Lavaca Operations.

“The application of herbicides in the main canal is a periodic event and attention to the herbicide label instructions and its restrictions will continue to be strictly followed,” said Wittliff.

The herbicide application will be supervised by Darel Ball, chief operator of GBRA’s Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant. Ball, a licensed applicator certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture, said that “samples of water will be taken during and after application and tested for the concentration of herbicides.”

Ball said a letter explaining the spraying program has been sent to each system that diverts water from the main canal for drinking water purposes. Dave Dodd, GBRA chief water tender, will provide advance telephone notification of spraying dates to each of these systems.

“We are recommending that these systems discontinue diverting water during the herbicide application process until we receive the results of water analyses to determine the concentration of aquatic herbicide in the raw water. All systems will be notified that they can resume diverting water as soon as test results indicate levels are below the maximum allowable concentration limits for drinking water as established by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act,” said Ball.

Questions about the herbicide treatment process may be directed to the GBRA Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant at (512) 552-9751.