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GBRA FACILITIES AFFECTED BY FLOOD EVENT

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SEGUIN-At least one flood gate at a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority dam on the Guadalupe River was damaged while record flood waters passed over it last weekend, said GBRA general manager Bill West. "Along with our friends and neighbors in the Guadalupe River Basin, GBRA will also be facing some cleanup and repairs to its facilities."

Attempts to raise both floodgates at Lake Placid, known as TP-4 or Red Mill Dam, have been unsuccessful to date, despite round-the-clock efforts by GBRA hydroelectric employees. "Our initial evaluation indicates there is some damage to one gate and possibly some to the second," said West.

All gates at Dunlap and McQueeney Dams are raised and operational, and the McQueeney Hydroelectric Plant is generating electricity. Two gates at Nolte Dam are raised but there is a possibility the third gate may also have suffered some damage due to difficulty raising it, said West.

Water levels at the H-4 and H-5 (Lake Wood) dams outside Gonzales are still too high to permit gates to be raised and inspected.

"As soon as river flows permit our employees to safely access the non-functioning gates, we will perform a visual inspection to assess the situation and determine what repairs will be necessary," West said. "Lake residents should expect fluctuations in lake levels now and during the repair process."

"We know people are anxious to begin working on damage to their boat houses, docks, retaining walls and other structures. We will be issuing public notices through local newspapers and radio stations as soon as the dates for repairs are confirmed," said West. "Until then, GBRA appreciates everyone's patience and understanding during this difficult time for all of us."