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GBRA ASKS PUBLIC TO HELP DOCUMENT FLOOD EVENT

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SEGUIN.....As flood waters recede, evidence that may be crucial to documenting this flood event may also disappear. How can you help?

“We are asking anyone near a permanent structure with a high water mark to drive a nail into it and attach a waterproof tag or other identification marked October Flood 1998,” said GBRA general manager Bill West. Telephone poles, or buildings that received water damage and will not be altered should be marked as soon as possible.

Teams of surveyors are attempting to set high water marks throughout the Guadalupe River basin but will be overwhelmed by the area to be covered, West said. “It is crucial to mark these locations while water levels are still visible so that we have a record for future flood planning.”

GBRA is also establishing a photo and video library of the flood event. “We would appreciate donations of duplicate photos or video tapes that show the river flooding anywhere in the Guadalupe River basin. Pictures with landmarks, or videos taken during rising water or rescue efforts, are especially important,” said West.

Prints or duplicate videotapes should be mailed to GBRA, Public Communications, 933 East Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155. If you have questions or would like more information about whether your photos or video can be used by GBRA, please call Judy Gardner at (830) 379-5822 or email jgardner@gbra.org.

“Aside from the historical value, this visual evidence may be very important as we work together to restore the Guadalupe River Basin,” said West. “GBRA will be actively involved in this process with our friends and neighbors for as long as it takes. Our prayers and sympathy go out to everyone affected by this event.”