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Media Advisory

GBRA Provides Update on NRCS Debris Removal Program

The following memo was issued yesterday by GBRA, and is being provided to update you on the current status of NRCS flood cleanup planning efforts:

TO: GBRA Employees
Guadalupe County, City of Seguin, City of New Braunfels, Lake-Wide Homeowners Association Presidents

FROM: David Welsch, GBRA Director of Project Development

RE: Status of Debris Removal Program

During the past two weeks GBRA, on behalf of the other local sponsors, has prepared the bid documents which are needed to conduct the debris removal program. We were able to hire a temporary consultant with experience in writing contracts that comply with the NRCS requirements. In addition, we diverted a number of people to work on this effort either full-time or part-time. Additionally, numerous employees and volunteers from the lake-wide homeowners associations made contacts and obtained entry permits from adjacent landowners to allow access for the project as required for the bid documents. The documents were completed on schedule.

This has been a substantial cooperative effort by local and federal agencies and homeowners representatives.

The following schedule is being followed:

April 7th

Potential Contractors picked up the bid packages and attended an orientation meeting with GBRA. This was a good meeting. There were 19 contracting firms that attended the meeting.

Additional easements may be obtained, and state and federal permits continue to be obtained.

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- April 14th Bids are due. The project has been divided in to seven separate bid sections.
- April 21st Bids will have been evaluated by GBRA and the other local sponsors and a recommendation made to the GBRA Board for action. Thereafter contract documents must be signed and a notice to proceed will be issued.
- April 29th This is the potential start date (pending permits).
The work has been broken out so that work should begin on all lakes at the same time. The total work days (6 days a week) for the water related portion is 20 days, and the land portion 30 days. There will be some carry over for burning of water-saturated debris. GBRA will have inspectors assigned to each of the work areas.

Regarding lowering the lakes for repairs and landowner shoreline clean up—

We have discussed how we will handle the water during construction with several of the potential contractors. Several have indicated that they may work with the lake(s) full, or only a foot or two low. Until the contractor has been selected and he has provided us with his work plan we will not know when the lake(s) will be lowered. Once we know it will be announced with great fanfare! As an additional note, we will still lower the lake(s) for repairs and shoreline work by homeowners (assuming the contractor does not need the lakes lowered during his work) at a different date. If this is necessary we will seek advice from the lake-wide homeowners associations regarding depths and timing.