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GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
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Media Advisory

WHO: GBRA general manager Bill West
WHAT: Flood debris removal briefing and photo opportunity
WHEN: 10 a.m., Thursday, May 20
WHERE: Guadalupe River at the 123 Bypass bridge
(IH-10 East from San Antonio to Exit 610. Take Highway 123 south through 5 traffic lights – fifth light is at Wal-Mart. Continue south past Green Gate Nursery on right. Cross the Guadalupe River bridge and immediately slow down to turn left across highway into field parking area along right-of-way).

SEGUIN-Contractors hired to remove and dispose of flood debris from four lakes from New Braunfels through Seguin are making good progress since beginning work on May 5. GBRA general manager Bill West will explain the background of the debris removal project in conjunction with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and respond to questions.

The NRCS project is removing natural debris deposited in the river by the flood of October 1998. Contractors are separating the debris into several groups, including dry materials that can be burned according to Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) rules and regulations and non-burnable items that will be hauled to landfills or other approved sites.

Area lakes were lowered in January to conduct a debris reconnaissance, and the portion of the river to be cleaned was divided into seven segments for contract bidding purposes. At their April 21 board meeting, GBRA directors awarded contracts to:

- Mid-Gulf Industrial of Houston for Lakes Dunlap and McQueeney;
- DRC Incorporated of Mobile, Alabama for the river portions below Lake Dunlap and Lake Nolte;
- U. S. Demolition, Inc. of Houston for Lake Placid;
- Rimrock Enterprises, Inc. of Austin for the river portion from Lake Placid to Glen Cove;
- Regency Construction, Inc. of Slidell, Louisiana for the area from Glen Cove to Lake Nolte.

The approximately \$1.2-million debris removal project is funded through a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) program that provides up to 75 percent of the project cost, with the remaining 25 percent coming from local sponsors. Local commitments include \$50,000 from the City of Seguin, \$50,000 from the City of New Braunfels, a pledge of up to \$400,000 from Guadalupe County, and \$100,000 plus project administration responsibility from GBRA.