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## **GBRA BOARD ENDORSES ACTION**

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SEGUIN, TX – August 20, 1999. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's Board of Directors has endorsed that agency's decision to place a hold on further action in the northern Hays County/Dripping Springs water services project until a regional plan can be developed.

"The GBRA Board assures its constituents in Hays County that we intend to continue pursuing all available options to supply surface water to meet their future growth needs and protect the Trinity and Edwards aquifers, and will do so while respecting and observing all environmental laws and regulations," said Board chair Kay McHaney.

McHaney said the Board believes that placing a hold on actively pursuing the joint GBRA/LCRA pipeline project is prudent and in our constituents' best interest. "We are charged by the Texas Legislature to 'develop, conserve and protect' water resources. We cannot choose development while ignoring conservation and protection. All three elements must be in place before this project should proceed."

Expanding on the reasons behind GBRA's decision, general manager Bill West said there was a strong feeling that "it would be irresponsible to spend money, time and resources on a lawsuit, when these resources should be spent protecting the Trinity and Edwards aquifers and providing cost-effective and reliable water supply options for rapidly-growing portions of Hays County, which is one of ten counties in the GBRA statutory district."

"We regret that our decision has been interpreted in some circles as withdrawing or abandoning this project. Nothing could be further from the truth. We intend to stay the course, but we will do it within the letter of the law," said West.