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GBRA SPONSORS WATER MEETINGS IN SAN MARCOS AND VICTORIA

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SEGUIN- A Drought Management Forum and discussion at the San Marcos Activity Center on Thursday, August 17th attracted a sizable audience of state, county and city elected officials, groundwater and surface water management district representatives and the general public.

The meeting was sponsored by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center at Southwest Texas State University (EARDC/SWT).

San Marcos mayor David Chiu provided the welcome for the meeting and Dr. Glenn Longley, EARDC director, moderated the meeting and panel discussion.

Panel members discussed a wide range of drought-related topics. Dr. Wayne Jordan, director of the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University, presented a general overview of drought management and Quentin Martin, manager of water and wastewater engineering at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), discussed drought cycles.

Participants from GBRA were general manager Bill West, who spoke about the overall management of the Guadalupe River; deputy general manager Fred Blumberg, who explained the watermaster operations of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC); and Dr. Todd Votteler, director of water policy, who discussed current drought indicators.

The meeting is one in a series sponsored by GBRA to present information about current water issues to its constituents throughout the Guadalupe River Basin. The next event will be held on Tuesday, August 29 at the Victoria College Student Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include the hydrology of the Gulf Coast and Carrizo Wilcox Aquifers and a panel discussion on groundwater management tools, groundwater districts, springflows and desalination.