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GBRA Hosts Basin-Wide Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting in Seguin

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SEGUIN-The annual Guadalupe River Basin Steering Committee meeting for the Clean Rivers Program will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at the Seguin I.S.D. central office building staff development room at 1221 East Kingsbury Street in Seguin, Texas.

The meeting is sponsored by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) and is open to the public said Debbie Magin, GBRA director of water quality services. Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Magin at 830/379-5822 and those attending are asked to RSVP to GBRA at the same phone number.

The Steering Committee is composed of local leaders and community representatives from throughout the Guadalupe River Basin. Each year, GBRA and UGRA convene the meeting to provide direction for the general Clean Rivers Program activities in the Guadalupe River Basin, as well as development of the work plan, monitoring plan and major reports.

The tentative meeting agenda includes a review of the spring 2001 Basin Highlights Report and 2002 monitoring schedule; a report on the status of the current CRP projects; discussion on basin sites listed on the 303d list of impaired water bodies; discussion about the work plan for the 2002-2003 biennium; and a Steering Committee Feedback session.

GBRA and UGRA began conducting ongoing assessments in the Guadalupe River Basin and the Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin in 1992 following passage of S.B. 818 – The Texas Clean Rivers Act. This law requires river authorities and other agencies to conduct assessment reports in each watershed and river basin in the state, under the supervision of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

It also encourages public input by requiring agencies to establish basin-wide steering committees to gather community input and identify water quality issues in their local areas. Through these efforts, citizens and communities gain a greater appreciation for their natural resources and the importance of making water quality protection a part of their daily lives.