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Lake Advisory Committee holds first meeting as part of Canyon Reservoir Economic Benefit Study

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SEGUIN – The Canyon Lake Advisory Committee held its first meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 21 at the Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative office in Sattler. The Committee was formed by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to provide input and advice for an Economic Benefit Study that will quantify the many aspects of Canyon Lake to the entire river basin.

The study began this month with preparation of a Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work. Once a study contract is awarded, the overall project should be completed within one year at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Major study issues will include flood control and water supply reliability, operating scenarios, upstream and downstream recreation, public safety, public access at ramps and marinas, economic issues, and a comparison to other Texas water supply lakes.

Members of the Advisory Committee include Jack Olrich, Bob Mehall, Maria Carson and Stovy Bowlin appointed by the Comal County Commissioner's Court; David Welsch from GBRA; Dennis Heitkamp representing the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce; John Guenzel appointed by the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Brite from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bob Wickman representing Friends of Canyon Lake; Larry Ratliff from Canyon Lake Water Supply Corporation; and Charles Stephens appointed by the Water Oriented Recreation District (WORD).