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GBRA Will Treat Pond Below Dunlap Dam To Control Hydrilla

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SEGUIN- During the week of May 24 the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), in partnership with the Friends of Lake McQueeney, will apply the aquatic herbicide, Aquathol K, to 0.1 acres of hydrilla in a pond located below the Dunlap Dam and above the river channel. Aquathol K, whose active ingredient is endothall, is approved for aquatic use by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and is routinely used at a number of sites in Texas for aquatic vegetation control, said GBRA director of water quality services Debbie Magin.

Signs will be posted to designate the treatment area and describe the use restrictions that will be in place. As use restrictions are lifted for the pond, advisory signs will be removed and GBRA will notify the public through the local media. Until then, water from the treated areas should not be used for domestic purposes, irrigation or contact recreation.

The application of this herbicide will comply with policy guidelines adopted by GBRA's Board of Directors governing the treatment of nuisance aquatic vegetation in lakes and reservoirs operated by GBRA. "The policy creates the general framework necessary to manage nuisance aquatic vegetation to protect water access, quality, and public health and safety while balancing the needs of a healthy aquatic ecosystem," said Magin. The treatment proposal has been submitted to and approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in compliance with the new Statewide Vegetation Management Plan.

The GBRA vegetation management policy also provides for review by a public advisory committee. The treatment plan for the pond has been presented to the Lake Management Advisory Committee, a committee of residents from area lakes, and representatives from area water supply corporations, lake user groups and organizations.

Additional information is available at the GBRA General Office, 933 East Court Street in Seguin. For specific information about the project or the aquatic herbicide, contact Magin at 830/379-5822.