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Ribbon Cutting Held for Water Transmission Project

Luling and Lockhart Create Partnership For New Water Supply

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SEGUIN – State and local elected officials, invited guests and Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) staff gathered on Thursday, September 29 at the Luling Water Treatment Plant for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Luling-Lockhart Treated Water Transmission Project.

The city of Lockhart joined in partnership with the city of Luling and GBRA to create the Luling-Lockhart Treated Water Transmission Project to supplement the city of Lockhart's municipal water supply with treated surface water. Former Lockhart Mayor Ray Sanders spoke on behalf of the city and thanked the city of Luling and Mayor Mike Hendricks " for sharing this precious commodity with us. Hopefully this partnership will extend beyond 25 years," Sanders said.

Cost estimates and a blended water study were completed, and cooperative efforts began between GBRA and the two cities allowing Lockhart to receive its first water delivery in March, 2005. Using excess treatment capacity at the GBRA Luling Water Treatment Plant, the project delivers treated drinking water through a 15-mile pipeline to Lockhart's water system. This water is blended with Lockhart's existing well water to reduce mineral content and also provides a surface water supply for Lockhart's citizens. The project is estimated to deliver 80% treated water from Luling blended with 20% water from the Lockhart wells on an annual basis.

GBRA obtained permits and financing for the \$5-million project, and designed and constructed the operation to include an additional pump station at the Luling Water Treatment Plant. GBRA commended both cities for their decision to ensure that Lockhart residents have a treated water supply to meet their current and future needs. "GBRA is proud to have been able to help provide this enhanced water supply for one of the cities in our statutory district," said Bill West, GBRA's General Manager.

"This is an outstanding example of regional cooperation. It is important that we wisely manage our water resources – both ground water and surface water - not only for the good of the two cities involved in the project, but for the region as well," said West.

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Officials and guests from the cities of Luling and Lockhart cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the Luling-Lockhart Interconnect Water Transmission Project. (L-R) H. T. Wright – Caldwell County Judge; Clovia English - Lockhart City Manager; Ray Sanders – former Mayor of Lockhart; Mike Hendricks - Mayor of Luling; Connie Ortiz - Lockhart City Secretary; Ruby White –Luling City Secretary; Bill West - GBRA General Manager; and Jack Gary – GBRA Hays County Director.

