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Western Canyon Water Supply Project Begins Delivering Water *Provides Reliable Supply Just in Time for a Dry Summer*

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SEGUIN---- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) announced today that the long-awaited Western Canyon Regional Water Supply Project is now delivering water to residents in Comal and Kendall County, as well as some areas of Bexar County. The City of Boerne was the first in-district customer to receive this important supply of treated drinking water from Canyon Lake.

Other customers including the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Cordillera Ranch and the City of Bulverde will begin receiving water in the next few months as they complete their receiving facilities. Johnson Ranch and Tapatio Springs Resort/ Kendall Utility Company are expected to be ready to receive water next year.

The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) also received some of the initial delivery of the treated drinking water. Under contractual agreements between GBRA and SAWS, the treated water not initially required by the GBRA district customers is delivered to SAWS and will be returned in the future as it is needed in-district. "This regional approach ensures that the entire plant capacity is utilized and is vital to producing a high quality water supply at a reasonable price," said Bill West, general manager of GBRA.

Currently, many residents and communities in Comal and Kendall counties depend primarily on wells drilled into the groundwater supplies of the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers. Many of these wells have limited supplies of water during low rainfall or drought. Western Canyon water will supplement these sources when they need it the most.

The Western Canyon facilities included in the Project are a water intake structure, a water treatment plant at Startz Hill near Canyon Reservoir, and a treated water delivery system. The water treatment plant is a membrane micro-filtration plant that will initially treat 10 million gallons per day (mgd) of water. The treated water delivery system includes two booster pump stations and approximately 45 miles of pipeline.

"This project provides a dependable supply of treated water to these counties and is a milestone in regional water resource development," said David Welsch, GBRA director of project development.