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New Guadalupe and Comal County Directors Appointed to GBRA Board

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SEGUIN- Grace G. Kunde of New Berlin and Tilmon Lee Walker of New Braunfels are the newest members of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Board of Directors, following administration of their oath of office on Wednesday, June 21 by State Representative Edmund Kuempel. Kunde and Walker were appointed by Governor Rick Perry.

Grace G. Kunde, a civil law attorney in Seguin, will represent Guadalupe County, replacing former director Frederick 'Fritz' Schlather. Kunde graduated from Texas Lutheran College in 1985 with a B.A. in accounting, and from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1990. Upon graduation from law school, she served a two-year as a Briefing Attorney at the 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio. She began her private practice in 1992 representing individuals, landowners, locally owned banks, and small businesses throughout South Central Texas.

Kunde is a member of the State Bar of Texas, College of the State Bar of Texas, the San Antonio Bar Association, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, Guadalupe County Bar Association and Guadalupe County Republican Women. She is also a member of the Seguin Rotary Club, and formerly served as treasurer and president of the Comal County Children's Shelter Board.

Kunde and her family are active members of the Redeemer United Church of Christ, where she previously served on the Christian Board of Education.

Kunde's term will run through February 1, 2009.

Tilmon Lee Walker, a retired banking executive from Wells Fargo Bank in New Braunfels, will represent Comal County once again after previously serving on the GBRA Board from 1994 through 1999. He will replace former director Kathleen A. Devine.

Walker received a commercial banking degree from the American Institute of Banking and a graduate degree in commercial banking from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. He is a former member of the American Institute of Banking, the Bank Administration Institute, the American Bankers Association and the Texas Bankers Association.

Walker currently serves as the Comal County representative on the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee. He is a board member and past president of the New Braunfels Industrial Foundation, member and former director of the Comal County Community Fund United Way, and committee member and past board member of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Walker's term is effective through February 1, 2011.

GBRA is governed by a board of nine directors, appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas and confirmed by the Senate. The ten counties in GBRA's statutory district are represented on a rotating basis. Each director serves a six-year term with three directors appointed or re-appointed every two years. Previously appointed directors who currently serve include chairman, Myrna P. McLeroy, Gonzales County; vice-chairman, John P. Schneider, Jr, Caldwell County; secretary/treasurer, Margaret Grier, Kendall County; Frank J. Pagel, Refugio County; Jack R. Gary, Hays County; Stephen F. Wilson, Calhoun County and Clifton L. Thomas, Victoria County.