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GBRA To Host Basin-Wide Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee Meeting

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SEGUIN-The annual Guadalupe River Basin Steering Committee meeting for the Clean Rivers Program has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) River Annex, 905 Nolan Street, Seguin, Texas.

"The meeting, sponsored by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and the Upper Guadalupe River Authority is open to the public," said Debbie Magin, GBRA director of water quality services. Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Magin at [830] 379-5822. To attend, please RSVP to GBRA at the same phone number.

The Steering Committee is comprised of local leaders and community representatives from throughout the Guadalupe River Basin. Each year, GBRA and UGRA convene the meeting to provide direction for the general Clean Rivers Program activities in the Guadalupe River Basin, as well as development of the work plan, monitoring plan, and review of major reports.

This year's meeting agenda includes review of the 2007 draft Basin Highlights Report, status reports on the 2006 water quality assessments and total maximum daily load studies that are being conducted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, and a presentation by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board on the watershed protection planning effort in the Plum Creek watershed.

One of the most important objectives of the meeting is to receive feedback directly from the members of the Steering Committee for setting new basin priorities and monitoring activities. The Clean Rivers Program encourages public input by establishing basin-wide steering committees to gather community input and identify water quality issues in their local areas. Through these efforts, citizens and communities gain a greater appreciation for their natural resources and the importance of making water quality protection a part of their daily lives.