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## **GBRA to Treat Water Hyacinth at Lake Wood**

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**SEGUIN-** On Oct. 10, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) will apply a second treatment of the aquatic herbicide, Aquamaster, to 10 acres of water hyacinth in Lake Wood, including the GBRA Lake Wood Park, near Gonzales. High river flows from the upper Guadalupe River Basin have necessitated this second application.

“Aquamaster, whose active ingredient is glyphosate, is approved for aquatic use by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency,” said Debbie Magin, GBRA director of water quality services. “It will be used on 10 acres of water hyacinth infesting areas of Lake Wood. In addition to the area in and near the park, another area scheduled to be treated includes Kiefer slough. Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation will suspend pumping from the lake for up to 48 hours and use its alternative water sources.”

Weather allowing, the treatment of water hyacinths should be conducted in a day. Site-specific use restrictions will be posted in the treated areas in the lake.

The application of this herbicide complies 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 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), in compliance with the Statewide Vegetation Management Plan.

Magin said the TPWD Statewide Vegetation Management Plan requires anyone, including individual homeowners, to submit a treatment proposal to GBRA and TPWD before nuisance vegetation can be removed from their property or waterfront. Treatments could include mechanical means or the use of herbicides.

Additional information about the Lake Wood Park treatment and the Statewide Vegetation Management Plan is available at GBRA, 933 East Court Street in Seguin. For specific information about the project or the aquatic herbicide, contact Magin at 830-379-5822.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco Rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.