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GBRA Hires New Executive Manager

James Murphy, former Trinity River Authority executive, to head GBRA water

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SEGUIN - The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) recently hired James "Jim" L. Murphy, former staff attorney, ethics officer, and secretary board of directors at Trinity River Authority (TRA), as its new executive manager of water resources and utility operations.

"The breadth of experience Jim Murphy brings to our team is incredible. Certainly, we are pleased that he is joining us and we look forward to the many contributions I know he will make for GBRA and all of its constituents," Bill West, GBRA general manager said.

"Murphy's experience in running TRA's legal services division and land rights department are a tremendous benefit for GBRA," West added.

Murphy will oversee the GBRA water resource division's planning, budgeting, programming operations and engineering. Among his many duties, Murphy also will be responsible for managing existing operations as well as implementing new water, wastewater, and related utility projects.

"My background with the TRA has prepared me for the challenge to lead GBRA's largest division; an opportunity I readily embrace," Murphy said, adding, "And I feel like this is the right move for me and my family at this time."

Murphy earned his bachelor of arts degree from Tulane University and his juris doctorate from Tulane University School of Law.

In addition to his work at TRA, Murphy has been an attorney for the Texas Department of Banking and the Texas Water Commission.

He has served on the Administrative Law Advisory Commission for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Trial Board, the Dallas County Bar Association Fee Committee, and the Tarrant County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Committee.

Murphy also received the "Tribute of Achievement Award" from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association, the Tarrant County Bar Association, and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern District of Texas.

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.