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Waterhyacinth Treatment at Gonzales Lakes Begins

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SEGUIN- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), in partnership with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC), Friends of Lake Wood and Lake Gonzales, Bill Hyman, and Lake Wood Park have initiated a vegetation management program to control waterhyacinth in Lake Gonzales (H-4) and Lake Wood (H-5). The program is designed to help control or remove excessive vegetation and improve navigation on the two lakes.

Inclement weather prevented aquatic herbicide treatment on Lake Gonzales, but has been rescheduled for the week of June 2. "We will wait until after Memorial Day so there won't be any restrictions to hinder the public from enjoying the lake over the holiday weekend," said Debbie Magin, GBRA director of water quality services. Public signs identifying restricted areas after treatment will be posted by the crews as they are applying the herbicide.

In late April, crews used a mechanical method and successfully shredded approximately 35 acres of waterhyacinth on Lake Wood and over 50 acres on Lake Gonzales. By mid-May, more than 15 acres of the remaining, invasive plant at Lake Wood were affectively treated with the herbicide with the active ingredient glyphosate. GBRA and partners worked with Gonzales County Water Supply to have the county water system diverted from surface water for a period of 48 hours.

GVEC joined the treatment program by contributing to the cost of the vegetation treatments. "We would like to thank GVEC for donating to this program. It truly shows that the organization cares not only for its customers' communities but for the watershed as well," said Magin.

Additional information about the Gonzales area treatments and the Statewide Vegetation Management Plan are available at the GBRA General Office, 933 East Court Street in Seguin. For specific information about the project or the aquatic herbicides, contact Magin at 830-379-5822.