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Welsch and Wasinger Join GBRA Executive Management Team

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SEGUIN - The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) recently added David Welsch, a veteran employee of GBRA, and Bruce Wasinger to its executive management team.

Welsch will serve as GBRA Executive Manager of Business Development and Resource Management. Wasinger, former partner with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, was hired as GBRA's General Counsel.

Executive Manger of Business Development

Welsch's responsibilities at GBRA will include evaluating and expanding strategic business alliances and the development of new projects and services. He also will manage water quality and environmentally related services. Welsch will be the principal contact for chamber relations, new customers, economic development partners, and grant funding partners, and will participate in GBRA's strategic planning activity.

After receiving his bachelor of arts in business from Texas Lutheran University in 1973, Welsch started his career with GBRA and earned the positions of Assistant Director of Project Development, Director of Planning and Development, and Director of Project Development.

Welsch managed the development and negotiation of new projects and services, the development of grant applications and management of planning and studies, and the negotiation of water and wastewater agreements, management and acquisition of property rights, management of state and federal permits, and development of community and public initiatives.

"As a long standing employee of GBRA, few people know the ins and outs of this organization like David Welsch. He has worked with the business community throughout our 10-county statutory district and has developed an excellent rapport with their leadership over the years. He will continue to be a strong asset for GBRA in his new capacity," Bill West, GBRA general manger said.

Welsch is a member of the Texas Water Conservation Association, the National Water Resources Association, and the American Public Power Association. He is active in many community organizations including president of the Comal County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), and serves on the United Way of Comal County, the New Braunfels Wurstfest Association, and the Seguin Youth Leadership Academy boards.

General Counsel

Wasinger, who earned his juris doctorate degree from Washburn Law School in Kansas in 1977, and his bachelor of arts degree in political science from Fort Hays State University in Kansas 1974, will render legal advice to GBRA's Board of Directors and management staff; prepare legal opinions, briefs and other documentation; review contracts; interpret regulations; help resolve disputes; and manage other legal affairs.

With expertise in water and environmental law, as well as public and administrative law, Wasinger is adept in representation of districts, river authorities, counties, municipalities and private entities before state and federal agencies on matters relating to acquisition, sale and permitting of surface and groundwater water rights; wholesale and retail water supply contracts; and the design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities.

"Wasinger's experience in water and environmental law will be a tremendous asset to GBRA. While he was a partner with the Bickerstaff firm, he handled a number of issues for our organization. It is nice to have him on staff in a full-time capacity," West said.

Prior to his partnership with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Wasinger served as associate general counsel for the Lower Colorado River Authority and was a staff attorney for the Texas Department of Water Resources. He formerly worked as staff attorney for the Kansas Department of Revenue, and was an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of Kansas.

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.