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GBRA Announces New Surface and Groundwater Conjunctive Use Project

Water permit application filed to meet the demands of growth along IH-35 and Hwy. 130

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SEGUIN----At the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's (GBRA) 75th anniversary celebration Friday, October 24, General Manager Bill West announced a significant new water project to address the needs of the Interstate 35 and Highway 130 corridors. This area is experiencing major growth and the new project could yield as much as 25,000 to 30,000 acre-feet of water per year to help meet the water demands in the area.

Along with partners, GBRA is working on a new surface and groundwater conjunctive use project.

"GBRA filed a water permit application for diversion of unappropriated water out of the Guadalupe River at Gonzales," said West. "This new water right, along with water from other sources, including groundwater, will help meet the water demands where major growth is occurring."

According to West, the project could come online in the next five to seven years.

Speaking before an audience of about 300, West also announced the establishment of the new San Antonio Bay Foundation which will serve as a vehicle for the protection and preservation of the Bay and Estuary at the end of the Guadalupe River Basin. He also announced the upcoming publication of a three-volume book detailing the 75-year history of the GBRA written by board member emeritus John Taylor.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones recognized GBRA's 75th anniversary on behalf of Governor Rick Perry and GBRA officials recognized Texas State Senators and Texas State Representatives who have worked to preserve the water resources of the State of Texas throughout GBRA's 75-year history.

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.