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GBRA Announces Establishment of New San Antonio Bay Foundation

Foundation to protect and preserve Bay and Estuary

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SEGUIN----At the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's (GBRA) 75th anniversary celebration Friday, October 24, General Manager Bill West announced the establishment of the new San Antonio Bay Foundation. In 2001, the GBRA created the Guadalupe River Trust, a 501(c) 3 organization, to preserve unique properties throughout the Guadalupe River Basin for future generations. Since its creation, the Trust has established land conservation easements, acquired properties for wetland preservation and provided leadership for the delivery of water to the Whitmire Preserve in Calhoun County where migrating birds, such as the endangered whooping cranes winter.

"I am pleased to announce that GBRA will build upon the success of protecting and preserving the habitats of these sensitive waterfowl through the newly established San Antonio Bay Foundation," said West. "The San Antonio Bay Foundation will serve as a vehicle for the protection and preservation of the Bay and Estuary at the end of the Guadalupe River Basin."

According to West, the Foundation's primary goals will be to promote understanding and appreciation of San Antonio Bay and the Guadalupe Estuary system and its immediate environs through education, research on San Antonio Bay and the Guadalupe Estuary system, and conservation.

"The Foundation will help maintain a high quality of life for those who depend on San Antonio Bay and the Guadalupe Estuary system through understanding, appreciation, research and conservation," said West.

The GBRA has sponsored bay and estuary studies with Texas A&M University and the University of Texas and will continue to sponsor the research necessary to maintain a healthy bay and estuary system according to West.

Speaking before an audience of about 300, West also announced a new water project to address the needs of the IH-35 and Hwy. 130 corridors which are experiencing major growth demands and 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.