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Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust and Partners Launch the Guadalupe River Basin Monitoring Network

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SEGUIN, TX - The Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the U.S. Geological Survey are partnering to launch the Guadalupe River Basin Monitoring Network (Network). The kick off meeting will be held at the GBRA River Annex (933 E. Court St., Seguin, TX) at 2 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2008.

The Network will be a system of water quality monitors in streams and rivers in the Guadalupe River Basin that collect data at regular intervals, some as often as every 15 minutes. This data will be used for flood-control planning, water quality regulation, and to allow the TCEQ and the partners in the system to detect water quality events in near-real time. Accessing such data allows agencies to take immediate action to remediate problems, thereby minimizing the impact to the environment and people of the area. The Network will be accessible over the Internet as will the data that the network collects.

The kickoff meeting will feature opening remarks by Chairman Buddy Garcia, of the TCEQ. In addition, Bob Joseph, Director of the U.S. Geological Survey's Texas Water Science Center and Bill West, General Manager of the GBRA will be participating in the event. There will also be a presentation on the Guadalupe River Basin Monitoring Network and information on how industries, schools and other organizations, as well as individuals, can participate in this effort throughout the entire Guadalupe River Basin. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust organization, works with landowners, primarily within the Guadalupe River Basin, to help them preserve their property and leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy. The mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust is to promote and encourage the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of the land and water resources of the Guadalupe River Watershed, while maintaining its unique and irreplaceable natural heritage. To learn more about the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust please visit the website at www.gbrtrust.org.

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.