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Releases from Canyon to Flow at 400 CFS Through Memorial Day Weekend

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SEGUIN - Memorial Day Weekend is traditionally one of the busiest weekends on the calendar for water sports enthusiasts, and visitors to the Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake. The area below Canyon Dam will enjoy a release rate of 400 cubic feet per second (cfs) through Monday, May 31. This rate is enhanced by additional water from a 'seasonal pool variance,' and is contingent on current weather conditions. According to GBRA Chief Engineer, Tommy Hill, the rate will be re-evaluated the evening of Monday, May 31, with consideration to increase the flow to 600 cfs.

"This release rate is possible because of an agreement with the Corps of Engineers granting a 'seasonal variance' to the GBRA of one foot of water in the Reservoir's flood pool through Labor Day 2010 to improve recreational flows," said GBRA General Manager Bill West. "This additional water is only available as a result of adequate rainfall, and raises the reservoir's elevation from 909 feet mean sea level (msl) to 910 feet msl during the variance period. The agreement is the result of a cooperative effort among GBRA, the Comal County Commissioners Court, the Water Oriented Recreation District and the Corps of Engineers."

Recreational enthusiasts should observe water safety rules at all times. GBRA officials urge recreationalists to use life jackets while boating, tubing, rafting or canoeing, and to wear protective shoes, hats and sunblock. Glass and foam containers are prohibited on many rivers and lakes. Do not mix alcohol and water recreation.

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.