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**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES
A \$4,400,000 LOAN TO THE GUADALUPE BLANCO
RIVER AUTHORITY TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT
COSTS OF A WATER SUPPLY PROJECT**

AUSTIN – (December 16, 2010) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a loan in the amount of \$4,400,000 from the Water Infrastructure Fund to the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Gonzales, Caldwell, Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, and Kendall Counties) to finance development costs of the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project.

With these funds, the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Authority) will perform a study of the proposed Mid-Basin Water Supply Project (Project). As part of this feasibility and planning study, the Authority will identify transmission and delivery options for an intake and pump station on the Guadalupe River below Gonzales, options for an off-channel reservoir, major raw water transmission lines, storage facilities, booster pumping stations, possible additional groundwater supply and expansions and possible enhancements to treatment facilities in Luling and San Marcos.

The Authority was created by the Legislature in 1935 charged with the responsibility for the development and protection of the surface water resources of the Guadalupe River and its tributaries. The Authority provides service to Caldwell, Calhoun, Comal, DeWitt, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Refugio, and Victoria counties. The Authority's service area has an estimated population of 463,946.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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