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**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVES  
A \$2,500,000 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 \$2,500,000 from the Water Infrastructure Fund to the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Comal, Bastrop, Lee and Kendall Counties) to finance development costs of the Simsboro Water Supply Project.

With these funds, the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Authority) will perform a study of the proposed Simsboro Water Supply Project (Project). As part of this feasibility and planning study, the Authority will evaluate the location of the well fields, available groundwater supplies, construction of major raw water transmission lines, storage facilities, booster pumping stations, possible additional groundwater supplies, and expansions and possible enhancements to treatment facilities in San Marcos. The proposed Simsboro Water Supply Project would directly supplement the water supplies for customers in Hays, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, and Kendall Counties and indirectly supplements supplies for all of the Authority’s customers.

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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