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## **GBRA Adjusts Lake Dunlap Lowering Schedule to Allow More Summer Access**

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SEGUIN – After a meeting on May 12 between the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) staff and the Preserve Lake Dunlap Association board members about the lowering of Lake Dunlap throughout the summer for contracted repair work on the dam, GBRA officials adjusted the repair schedule to be responsive to lake residents' concerns, yet maintaining a responsible timeline for the much-needed repairs.

On May 18, the GBRA's Board of Directors authorized GBRA's general manager to enter into an agreement with the lowest project bidder to conduct repairs on the dam at Lake Dunlap. Initially, the repairs would have commenced around the Memorial Day weekend. However, the adjusted schedule will allow the repair work to begin on or about July 11, 2011, continuing for an approximate 60- to 90-day period.

James Murphy, GBRA's executive manager of Water Resources and Utility Operations, said that GBRA staff has a myriad of factors to consider in scheduling such repairs, including but not limited to:

the condition of the gates on the 80+ year old structure,  
low flow conditions that are more conducive to making repairs in a safe manner,  
manpower,  
work conditions,  
the schedule of repairs on the next hydroelectric dam given fiscal year budgeting,  
fisheries and recreation, and  
maintaining safe drinking water supplies.

"The adjusted schedule gives lake residents the full enjoyment of recreational activities throughout the month of June, as well as over the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays," Murphy explained, adding, "We hope this is a positive step in our continued efforts to be good stewards of the river, hydro lakes, and in working with the residents along the affected hydro lakes."

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.