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New Watershed Kiosk at Boerne Library

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SEGUIN – Want to know more about your local water sources, geology, watersheds, and see sustainable practices in action? Then plan to explore a new watershed kiosk at the Patrick Heath Public Library. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the City of Boerne invite the public to view the new interactive kiosk, and learn more about the serious subject of water. The kiosk will be unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 1 at the new library, located at 451 North Main Street.

Designed by skilled professionals at GBRA and the city of Boerne, the kiosk displays educational topics by touch screen.

Users can explore mini-lessons on a myriad of water subjects, such as watersheds, local geology, the water cycle, groundwater management, wildlife habitat, wells, rainwater harvesting, sustainable practices and the history of the library site.

“Our library is designed to serve as a teaching tool on sustainable building and landscape practices for our region,” said Mayor Mike Schultz. “A partnership on water education with GBRA at our new library is a perfect complement to the ongoing education efforts the City implements with residents. It is very important for all of us to be aware of practical and sound conservation in our semi-arid climate.”

“The kiosk will include links to the City of Boerne’s website, Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District, GBRA and numerous other water-related agencies,” said Cinde Thomas-Jimenez, GBRA environmental education administrator. “The more citizens learn about their local water resources, the more likely they are to conserve and protect water. This educational kiosk is a great window to understanding Cibolo Creek, the city of Boerne, and the Guadalupe River.”

The kiosk is a donation from GBRA as a part of a watershed protection/interpretation grant. The city of Boerne, the library and GBRA have been working on development of interpretive signs which are located outside of the library. The kiosk replicates the signs on the touch-screen kiosk, giving patrons an opportunity to further explore water topics as well as the history of the library site, and sustainability practices. The final component of the grant will be a watershed map focusing on watershed protection and water conservation, which will be available for use by teachers, patrons and citizens.

“This has been a dynamic collaboration between GBRA, Boerne Independent School District and the City of Boerne that has taken almost two years to come to fruition,” said Paul Barwick, City of Boerne Special Projects Director. “I am pleased to say many of the watershed protection, water conservation and sustainable building strategies described in this interpretive program were utilized in the design and construction of the new library.”

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.



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