



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

AUSTIN – (December 15, 2011) – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$4,400,00 loan from the Water Infrastructure Fund to the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Gonzales, Lee, Caldwell, Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, and Kendall Counties) to finance development costs of the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project.

The Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (Authority) will use these funds to perform a feasibility study for the Authority's Mid-Basin Water Supply Project to identify surface and groundwater supplies and transmission delivery options to meet the needs for entities in Hays, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe and Kendall Counties. The study will include population and water demand projections, customer identification, evaluation of alternative water management strategies, and evaluation of infrastructure configurations to deliver the water supply. The project is a strategy recommended in the 2011 South Central Texas Regional Water Plan.

The Authority was created by the Legislature in 1935 and is charged with 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, Lee, 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.