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Assistant AG to Join GBRA as General Counsel

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SEGUIN – After an extensive career with the state, George Thomas “Tom” Bohl, an assistant attorney general for the Environmental Protection Division with the Office of the Attorney General (AG) will join the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) as its General Counsel and member of the Executive Team.

GBRA officials announced Bohl’s hiring during its November Board of Directors meeting Wednesday , Nov. 20, 2013, although Bohl officially begins his general counsel duties in January 2014.

Bohl, who earned his law degree from Baylor University School of Law, and his bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Texas, will render legal advice to GBRA’s Board of Directors and management staff; prepare legal opinions, briefs and other documentation; review contracts; interpret regulations; help resolve disputes; and manage other legal affairs.

“Bohl has the right blend of experience in water and environmental law to be a tremendous asset to GBRA and to do so quickly,” Bill West, GBRA general manager said. “We are looking forward to him sharing his expertise and talent with our team. GBRA has numerous initiatives underway that Tom’s expertise will be of tremendous value .”

He worked for more than 20 years with the Office of the Attorney General where he prosecuted civil cases for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Department of Health and Texas Department of Agriculture arising from violations of petroleum storage tank, municipal solid waste, safe drinking water, water district audit, dam safety and related issues. He also defended state agencies in appeals of permitting and enforcement cases and related matters. His consulting experience includes having served as Texas’ legal representative to the Sabine River , Red River, Canadian River, Pecos River and Rio Grande compact Commissions and as legal counsel to the Texas Compact Commissioners .

Prior to his work with the AG’s Office, Bohl worked in attorney positions for the Texas Water Commission (a predecessor agency of the TCEQ) dealing with water rights and uses and petroleum storage tanks and contracts. He also previously served as an assistant county attorney for Travis County’s Civil Section .

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.