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New Team Takes the Reins at the GBR Trust

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SEGUIN, Texas — The Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (GBR Trust) Board of Trustees recently named two staff members to take the reins of the GBR Trust. Todd Votteler, Ph.D., will step into fill the position of Executive Director. Votteler was named the first Executive Director of the GBR Trust in 2001. The GBR Trust Board of Trustees also appointed Carrie Kasnicka as the organization's new Conservation Director.

Votteler, who also holds the position of GBRA Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy, is the past Chairman of the Texas Land Trust Council and the current Chairman of the Guadalupe Basin Coalition. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Texas Water Journal*. Votteler has a substantial history with and dedication to protecting the Guadalupe River Basin and the Edwards Aquifer, and currently serves on the Implementing Committee for the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan. Votteler has a bachelor of science degree in Natural Resources from The University of the South, a master of science degree in Natural Resources from The University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Geography from Texas State University.

As a graduate of Benedictine University (Chicago, IL) with a bachelor of science degree in Biology, Kasnicka brings passion and experience in wildlife management and land stewardship to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. Kasnicka has spent the past year serving as the Grant Writer/Administrator for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority helping to secure over \$8.4 million in federal and state funding.

Prior to Kasnicka's move to Texas, she spent 20 years in the field of wildlife and land management while residing in the Midwestern United States. Her first 10 years post-graduation were spent caring for and studying wildlife in both captive and free ranging habitats around the world. She spent eight years with the City of Indianapolis as the Environmental Education and Land Stewardship Administrator where she oversaw 6,000 acres of public land.

"I value environmental education, protecting water quality, and preserving native habitat by connecting stakeholders and assisting with thoughtful planning," Kasnicka said, adding, "I feel grateful and privileged to join the talented GBR Trust team and I look forward to the continued success of this incredible organization."

The GBR Trust is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established to conserve the land and water of the Guadalupe River watershed for its natural, recreational, scenic, historic, and productive value. Its mission is to promote and encourage the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of the land and water resources of the Guadalupe River watershed, while maintaining its unique and irreplaceable natural heritage. To date, more than 10,000 acres are preserved in perpetuity, spanning 10 counties. Additional information about the Trust is available at www.gbctrust.org.



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