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Press Conference Alert

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Who: GBRA and The Aransas Project (TAP) Officials
When: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016
Where: Meadows Center at Spring Lake in San Marcos, TX

GBRA and The Aransas Project Collaborate for the Benefit of the Guadalupe River System

SAN MARCOS — Two entities that spent years in litigation over Guadalupe River water use and how it affects the wintering population of the endangered whooping cranes are finding common ground and on Wednesday plan to announce their collaboration for the benefit of the unique Guadalupe River system, including the San Antonio Bay and Estuary.

GBRA General Manager Bill West, Jr., and Jim Blackburn, a board member and former attorney of record for The Aransas Project (TAP), will participate in a press conference at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, hosted at the Meadows Center at Spring Lake in San Marcos, TX, to explain how the two organizations are joining forces.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2010, The Aransas Project (TAP), using the federal Endangered Species Act, sued the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in U.S. District Court in Corpus Christi alleging mismanagement of the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers harmed the whooping cranes that winter at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. GBRA filed to join the case as intervenor defendants. In March 2013, the federal judge over the case ruled in favor of TAP. In a June 30, 2014 decision, a United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit panel agreed with defendants that the plaintiff failed to prove its case. After the Fifth Circuit in December 2014 denied a Petition for Rehearing En Banc requested by TAP attorneys, the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the case. As a result, defendants in the case prevailed.