IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA), WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS IN THE CITY OF SEGUIT, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A MEETING OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD AT THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY WILLIAM E. WEST, JR., ANNEX BUILDING, 905 NOLAN, SEGUIT, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS, AT 10:00 A.M., ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017.

SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DISCUSSION AT SUCH MEETING INCLUDE:

CALL TO ORDER
Chair’s consideration of posted notices. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome guests. Comments from public.

CHAIR ITEMS
1. Recognition and presentation to Tommy Mathews for his dedication and service as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.
2. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the Texas Water Development Board Water for Texas 2017 Conference in Austin, Texas on January 23–25, 2017.
3. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the 2017 Texas Water Conservation Association Texas Water Day in Washington, D.C. on February 8–10, 2017.
4. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association Annual Convention March 1–3, 2017, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel in downtown Austin, Texas.

CONSENT ITEMS
5. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the December 14, 2016, Board meeting.
6. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for December 2016.
7. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for December 2016.
8. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors’ expense vouchers.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ITEMS
9. The General Manager/CEO and staff may report on, and the Board may discuss, executive reports and/or issues relating to GBRA activities including without limitation, the following: GBRA Strategic Planning; Water Resources and other Project Planning; Water Resources Operations activities; Water Quality Division and GBRA Laboratory activities; Community and Economic Development activities; Communications and Public Affairs activities; Finance and Administrative Services activities (including Information Technology, Human Resources, and Accounting and Finance); weather and climate; river flows and other scientific issues; endangered species issues; and activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, the San Antonio Bay Foundation, the Gorge Preservation Society, the Guadalupe River Foundation, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.

ACTION ITEMS
10. Consideration of and possible action approving Board Policy – 403 Investment Policy as written and the investment strategy contained therein.
11. Consideration of and possible action approving a list of security broker/dealers with whom GBRA may conduct security transactions in accordance with GBRA Board Policy 403 – Investment Policy.
12. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his designee to be the representative(s) of GBRA for the purpose of furnishing information and executing documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in regards to the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) funding opportunity for Fiscal Year 2017.
13. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute the San Antonio Bay System Monitoring Agreement between Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and GBRA for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

14. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute the transfer/conveyance of the Lockhart FM 20 Wastewater Treatment Plant to the City of Lockhart pursuant to Section 11.1 of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Contract between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and City of Lockhart, Texas dated June 15, 1994.

15. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate terms and approve Texas Water Alliance’s execution of the Joint Monitor Well Agreement between transportation permit holders and Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

16. Quarterly status report on grant activities.

17. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin and presentation of El Nino/La Nino conditions and impacts on hydrologic conditions in Texas by Dr. Robert E. Mace, Deputy Executive Administrator-Water Science and Conservation with the Texas Water Development Board

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. The Board may meet in Executive Session as authorized by the listed sections of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following matters:

a. advice from legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation, proposed settlements, and the impact of pending or contemplated litigation on GBRA projects and proposed projects. This includes without limitation, the following matters: LULAC v. Edwards Aquifer Authority (United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division); City of Luling v. GBRA, (Austin Court of Appeals) NBL-300 Group v GBRA, (District Court, Comal County) Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by GBRA for GBRA’s Mid-Basin surface water permit (State Office of Administrative Hearings); Applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for bed and banks permits in the San Antonio and Guadalupe River Basins, including applications filed by New Braunfels Utilities and San Antonio Water Systems; Other contested applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by GBRA for water rights or amendments to water rights; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;

b. briefing and advice from legal counsel relating to ongoing negotiations, potential liabilities and other matters covered by legal counsel’s duty of confidentiality; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;

c. advice from legal counsel on matters relating to real property interests, including without limitation issues relating to rights and obligations under the agreement to purchase groundwater rights in Gonzales and Caldwell Counties for GBRA’s Mid-Basin Project, legal and regulatory issues relating to the acquisition and ownership of those water rights, and other groundwater and surface water rights owned by or contemplated for purchase or lease by GBRA; Sections 551.071 and 551.072, Texas Government Code;

d. advice from legal counsel on matters relating to the solicitation, receipt, opening, and/or evaluation of requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, and bids, and relating to the actions taken or supposed to be taken by GBRA on such bids; and possible settlement of all such matters; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;

e. commercial or financial information, including without limitation GBRA’s Lower Basin Project, GBRA’s Mid-Basin Project; Section 551.087, Texas Government Code;

f. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee; Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

The Board may take final action on any of the above mentioned matters while convened in open session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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