

**NOTICE OF MEETING
GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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 Seguin, 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, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.**

Subjects to be considered for discussion at such meeting include:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair's consideration of posted notices. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome guests.

CHAIRMAN ITEMS

1. Report from the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers of the Board of Directors for calendar year 2018.
2. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution honoring Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority 2018 retiree David M. Welsch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Comments from the public. **NOTE:** This portion of the meeting is intended for comments on non-agenda related topics. Please limit comments to **3 MINUTES**. To address the Board please sign and completely fill out the Attendance Sheet maintained at the entrance to the building where meeting is being held. **NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

CONSENT ITEMS

4. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the December 13, 2017, Board meeting.
5. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for December 2017.
6. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for December 2017.
7. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.

GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ITEMS

8. 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: utility operations, GBRA Lab, water quality, safety, water resources planning and operation, construction management, economic and community development, project development, resource protection, weather and climate, river flows and other scientific issues, education programs, social media and community relations, media and public affairs, Board relations and events, publications, policy and stewardship, endangered species issues, information technology, human resources, accounting, finance, records management, grants and financial assistance.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Consideration of and possible action approving Board Policy 403 - Investment Policy as written and the investment strategy contained therein.

10. 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.

11. Consideration of and possible action approving Oscar Ramirez as a GBRA Investment Officer pursuant to Board Policy 403 - Investment Policy, Board Policy 413 - Depository Accounts and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

12. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute the renewal and extension of the inter-local agreement regarding the implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.

13. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of certain water pipeline easements and temporary construction easements engaging the use of eminent domain related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water pipeline for the public use of providing treated water to customers of Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. The pipeline shall be located in portions of Kendall County, over, across, and upon private property and public property and beginning at a point near the Cordillera Trace/Cordillera Ridge intersection within the Cordillera Ranch Subdivision and extending to a water delivery point southeast of the intersection of State Highway 46 and Farm-to-Market 3351. Such easements are to be located over, across, upon and under certain parcels of real property located in parts of R H Wynn Survey 242 (Abstract 10525) and A Dodd Survey 247 (Abstract 10144) in Kendall County, Texas. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority shall designate the General Manager/CEO as the chief administrative official with authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings. This Resolution shall authorize any and all lawful, necessary, incidental and appropriate action by the General Manager/CEO, staff, agents, attorneys (retained and in-house), and engineering and technical consultants, in the institution, prosecution and conclusion of condemnation proceedings to acquire any such needed easements, temporary construction easements and related rights of ingress and egress that cannot be acquired through negotiation with the landowner which shall include surveying for archaeological, environmental and linear purposes to define, specify and secure such property interests and ratifying and affirming all acts and proceedings heretofore done or initiated by the chief administrative official, employees, agents and attorneys of GBRA to acquire such property interests.

14. 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, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

15. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Water Supply Agreement with Canyon Regional Water Authority, the City of Cibolo, the City of Marion, East Central Special Utility District, Green Valley Special Utility District, Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation and San Antonio Water System to update, modify, and replace the existing agreement.

16. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Water Supply Agreements with New Braunfels Utilities, Goforth Special Utility District, and/or the City of Lockhart.

17. Consideration of and possible authorization for the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) in the matter of NBU's application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a water use permit and bed and banks authorization, State Office of Administrative Hearings Docket No. 582-16-6164 / TCEQ Docket No. 2016-0162-WR.

18. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to be the designated representative of GBRA for the purpose of furnishing information and executing documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of an application for the Texas Water Development Board's State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) for financial assistance not to exceed \$220 million.

19. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for owner's representative for building construction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

20. Discussion regarding the dissolution of the Guadalupe River Foundation.

21. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. 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); *NBL-300 Group v GBRA*, (4th Court of Appeals, San Antonio) 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; GBRA application to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 18-3863; 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, including without limitation, legal and regulatory issues to GBRA groundwater leases and permits in Caldwell and Gonzales Counties and legal and regulatory issues relating to GBRA surface and groundwater rights and permits throughout the Guadalupe River Basin; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;

c. deliberation on matters relating to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property interests and advice from legal counsel on those matters, including without limitation issues relating to acquisition of additional office space for GBRA in Comal County, issues relating to the acquisition, lease or ownership of groundwater and surface water rights in the Guadalupe River Basin and/or within the boundaries of GBRA; Sections 551.071 and 551.072, Texas Government Code;

d. advice from legal counsel on matters relating to safety regulations, and construction regulations associated with GBRA-owned or operated reservoirs; Section 551.071 and 551.072, Texas Government Code;

e. 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;

f. commercial or financial information, including without limitation GBRA's Lower Basin Project, GBRA's Carrizo Groundwater Project; Section 551.087, Texas Government Code;

g. 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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