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**GBRA’s Application to Amend an Existing Water Right**

SEGUIN—In response to questions, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is providing information on its application pending with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). GBRA has requested to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 18-3863 which is an existing GBRA water right. The existing water right allows for GBRA to divert and use 3,000 acre feet of water in the lower Guadalupe River basin south of Victoria. GBRA is seeking to expand the area from which it can divert the water from the Guadalupe River as well as how the water can be used in the future. GBRA is not requesting additional water be diverted from the Guadalupe River.

The existing water right is designated by the TCEQ for municipal, industrial and agricultural use. In 2011, GBRA applied to TCEQ to add mining use in response to increased oil and gas exploration over the Eagleford Shale in DeWitt and parts of Gonzales Counties. Later, GBRA amended its application to add domestic water use to the existing authorization. At the same time, GBRA also requested authorization to expand the area upstream to IH 35 from which it can divert the water for this use. This amendment will provide GBRA flexibility to use the water to meet growing municipal and domestic water demands in parts of Guadalupe and Comal County.

As the diversion point is moved upstream from the lower basin to the middle basin, the TCEQ staff has proposed limitations on when water can be diverted. These limitations become more stringent as the point where water is taken out of the river moves upstream.

The existing water right and the proposed amendment will not impact lake levels on GBRA’s series of hydro-lakes located in Comal, Guadalupe, and Gonzales Counties. These lakes do not provide storage for water supply.

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**About the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority**

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. GBRA provides services that include hydroelectric generation; water and wastewater treatment; municipal, industrial, and agricultural raw water supply; and recreational operations.