

**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 **GBRA River Annex, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.**

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. Welcome new and re-appointed Directors and administer the *Oath of Office* to Thomas O. Mathews, II, Dennis L. Patillo, and Ronald J. Hermes.
2. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution honoring Grace G. Kunde for her outstanding leadership during her service as a Director and Officer of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Board of Directors.
3. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution honoring 2016 Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority retiree W. E. "Bill" West, Jr. for his twenty-two (22) years of meritorious and faithful service as General Manager.
4. Consideration of and possible action renaming the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority River Annex building to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority William E. West, Jr., Annex Building.
5. Presentation of Gavel from the Governor's Office honoring W. E. West, Jr., for his twenty-two (22) years of meritorious serve as General Manager of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.
6. Presentation of a Proclamation from the Governor's Office honoring W. E. West, Jr.
7. Presentation of a Proclamation from Senator Donna Campbell's Office honoring W. E. West, Jr.
8. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association fall meeting, October 12-14, 2016, at The Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

9. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the August 10, 2016 Strategic Plan Work Session and the August 17, 2016, Board meeting.

10. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for August 2016.
11. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for August 2016.
12. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.

## **GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS**

13. Discussion of the executive report addressing various matters relating to WATER RESOURCES PLANNING including reuse of reclaimed effluent and GBRA policy, GBRA's Mid Basin Project (Groundwater and Surface Water); GBRA's Integrated Water-Power Project, GBRA participation in events relating to water and water-related organizations (including without limitation, Texas Water Day, Texas Water Conservation Association, National Water supply Alliance, and the Multi-State Salinity Coalition), GBRA's Lower Basin Surface Water Project, the Hydropower Regulatory Efficient Act; engineering items including without limitation, meetings with federal agencies, debris removal in the upper and lower basin, studies relating the Mid-Basin water supply, Canyon Lake disinfection by-products, and repair of gates on hydro-electric dams, construction management within GBRA's statutory district, safety-related issues, utility operation; WATER QUALITY DIVISION AND REGIONAL LABORATORY ACTIVITIES including Regional Laboratory achievements, audits, and other activities, Water Quality related issues and activities, economic and community development activities, project development activities, resource projection activities including watershed protection programs, debris removal, lake and property management, Gorge Preservation Society activities; COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS including Media and Public Affairs, publications, Geographic Information Systems, and Special Projects, Social Media and Community Relations, Board Relations and Events, Grants, Education and the Environmental Learning Center; FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION including information technology reports, Human Resource reports, and accounting and finance reports.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

14. Consideration of and possible action approving Cindy Demers as a GBRA Investment Officer pursuant to Board Policy – 403 Investment Policy, Board Policy – 413 Depository Accounts and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.
15. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO and Cindy Demers as the Executive Manager of Finance and Administration/CFO to execute all financial institution forms consistent with the responsibilities delineated in Section 6.09 Chief Financial Officer of the GBRA By-Laws.
16. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Reserve Fund Surety Policy from Assured Guaranty Municipal Corporation in connection with the issuance of the Authority's Contract Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 (San Marcos Water Treatment Plant Project), and approving and authorizing the execution of an Insurance Agreement related thereto.
17. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Costs Incurred to Make Improvements to the Western Canyon Regional Water Supply Project.

18. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Joint Funding Agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the period October 2016 through September 2017.
19. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Emergency Watershed Protection River Debris and Obstruction Removal/Disposal San Marcos River project in Caldwell County.
20. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) regarding NBU's Gruene Wastewater Treatment Plant.
21. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and the San Antonio River Authority for a river debris removal project in Victoria and Refugio Counties.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

22. Presentation on the 2016 Texas Water Safari.
23. Quarterly status report on grant activities.
24. Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.
25. Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, the San Antonio Bay Foundation, the Gorge Preservation Society, and the Guadalupe River Foundation.
26. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.

## **ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

27. 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. seek 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* Civil Action No. 5:12-CV-00620 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division; *City of Luling v. GBRA*, Cause No. 15-O-544 in the 421<sup>st</sup> District Court of Caldwell County, *NBL-300 Group v GBRA*, Cause No. C2015-1988C in the District Court of Comal County, Texas, Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by New Braunfels Utilities for renewal and enlargement of its Gruene Wastewater Treatment Plant permit; Application to the TCEQ by GBRA for GBRA's Mid-Basin surface water permit; Applications to TCEQ 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; Applications to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and to TCEQ relating to Zipp Road Utilities; Other contested applications to

TCEQ by GBRA for water rights or amendments to water rights; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;

b. seek 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 issues relating to the acquisition 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;

c. seek 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;

d. discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information, including without limitation GBRA's Lower Basin Project, GBRA's Mid-Basin Project; Section 551.087, Texas Government Code;

e. deliberate the 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.

**ADJOURN**