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Agency: GUADALUPE BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

My Comments pertaining to the 3 staff recommendations:

Issue 1: GBRA's Aging Infrastructure and Inadequate Asset Management Put Some Utility Operations at Risk. As a property owner on Lake Wood (H5) operated by GBRA, I can attest to GBRA's lack of maintenance on their infrastructure as was demonstrated on March 16, 2016, when a normal rain event ripped one of the gates from the dam and caused Lake Wood to cease to exist. Damage to flora and fauna is immeasurable, notwithstanding the personal losses of all property owners and stakeholders. The planning of a repair and restoration effort has moved very slowly (another example of inadequate asset management and planning), and I have to assume part of that is due to the fact that Gonzales County (location of Lake Wood) has not been provided with GBRA Board of Directors representation for over 2-1/2 years (it is an appointed position by the Governor of Texas).

My primary concern and complaint is GBRA has stated publicly, that they are prohibited (statutorily) from using revenues from various divisions of the Authority to fund repairs and restoration of Lake Wood. And, after allocating monies in the FY2017 budget for repairs, that money was reassigned to all of their other lakes and dams to perform precautionary repairs to mitigate a duplication of this gargantuan accident due to ISSUE 1: GBRA's Aging Infrastructure and Inadequate Asset Management. I would like for someone to document the accuracy of GBRA's allegation of dam repair funding.

In summary: I support the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation to Require GBRA to develop and maintain a comprehensive asset management plan and to ensure the process is linked to the authority's public messaging and communications, with increased affectability. With the restoration of Lake Wood as a first tier Priority. These efforts hopefully will prevent another environmental catastrophe similar to the one we are still living with.

Issue 2: GBRA's Procurement and Contracting Efforts Lack Coordination and Best Practices Needed to Ensure Adequate Expertise and Best Value.

I support all recommendations for issue 2.

Issue 3: GBRA Should Clarify and Better Manage Its Relationships With Associated Nonprofits.

I support all recommendations for Issue 3.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Since this agency (Authority) is experiencing a lack of board leadership and is currently on the other side of a major leadership transition; it is my personal recommendation that the Governor fully staff the board of directors as soon as possible in order to establish full representation of the affected customers, partners, and other stakeholders of the Authority. Yes, GBRA has begun identifying a long list of basic management practices and internal issues to improve or fix, but, in agreement with the Sunset Commission's recommendations, major efforts in developing an asset management planning process and improvement to internal management practices are needed immediately. This will require commitment of not just staff, but the governing board of directors, specifically a full board representing ALL affected by the decisions of that governing board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree