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Majority of Williams Plaintiffs' Claims Dismissed

Today, the Court granted GBRA's plea to the jurisdiction on all of the *Williams'* plaintiffs' claims except for two takings claims. With respect to those two remaining takings claims, the Court found that it was not appropriate to dismiss those claims at this time. However, the Court indicated that these claims would be subject to summary disposition if the case comes back to the trial court after appeal.

The Court acknowledged that the parties would appeal his decision to the San Antonio Court of Appeals. While this ruling is on appeal, all activity in the trial court will be stayed by statute and the previously scheduled October trial will not occur. It is expected that the appellate process will not be completed until sometime in 2021 or later. In the meantime, the current injunctions relating to water activities on the Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Lakes will remain in force.

"Today's results should encourage the lake residents to work with GBRA to find a sustainable solution in addressing the necessary replacement of the spill gates on the hydroelectric dams," says Kevin Patteson, GBRA general manager and CEO. "It is our firm belief that the viable way forward is to follow the path we are taking with the three Water Control and Improvement Districts (WCIDs) that have recently been created."

Preliminary agreements are already in place with the newly formed WCIDs on Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, and Lake Placid. GBRA continues to support the efforts of the lake associations, lakeside residents and property owners, as they work to determine the best path forward for each individual lake. Safety remains the Authority's top priority as these dams pose a life-threatening risk to anyone within the prohibited and restricted unsafe zones.

About

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority 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.