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Guadalupe Basin Coalition Urges Voters to Support Proposition 6 Creating the State Water Infrastructure Fund for Texas on the November 5th Ballot

SEGUIN - On Friday, September 13th, the Guadalupe Basin Coalition (GBC) unanimously endorsed a proposed constitutional amendment that would provide \$2 billion for projects in the State Water Plan if voters across Texas approve the measure on the Nov. 5th ballot. The full resolution can be found at www.guadalupebasincoalition.org.

Proposition 6 would amend the state constitution to establish the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan, which would take approximately 50 years to finish. Proposition 6 would help Texas safeguard the future of one of our critical resources – water – without incurring debt in the process through a one-time allocation from the Rainy Day Fund. The SWIFT is a critical component necessary to fund the \$53 billion State Water Plan.

“The November 5th vote will be a milestone for the future of Texas. It will prove that Texas is committed to addressing our water needs and maintaining economic growth,” said Jerry James, Director of Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Victoria. “This vote will send a strong signal across America that Texas is doing what is necessary to provide the water needed for our state to remain a great place to do business,” noted Gena’ Leathers with The Dow Chemical Company.

“After years of disagreement about how to fund our current and future water needs this vote provides an historic opportunity for Texas,” explained Tom Taggart, Executive Director of Public Services for the City of San Marcos. “The drought has provided Texas with a grim reminder of how vulnerable our current water supplies have become as we stopped developing major new supplies decades ago and have focused on stretching our current supplies and reallocating water from farms to cities,” remarked Guadalupe Basin Coalition Chairman, Todd Votteler, Ph.D. As GBC Treasurer, Roger Biggers, stated, “We all know the value of water because of this drought. It is time for our state to reinvest in our water and our future.”

Guadalupe Basin Coalition is a voluntary association of businesses, chambers of commerce, lake associations and governmental entities in counties along the Guadalupe River Basin (including all of its tributaries and springs) that are bonded by a common concern for the economic and environmental sustainability of the Guadalupe River Basin and San Antonio Bay. The Guadalupe Basin Coalition’s mission is to protect and enhance the quality and quantity of the waters of the Guadalupe River Basin from the headwaters to San Antonio Bay.