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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and Consider Participating in a Memorandum of Understanding Between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and New Braunfels Utilities for the WaterSECURE Project

BACKGROUND

In May of 2025, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority ("GBRA") extended an offer to New Braunfels Utilities ("NBU") to participate in GBRA's regional water supply project titled WaterSECURE (the "Offer"). The initial terms of the Offer were outlined in a draft Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). The purpose of the MOU is an effort by GBRA to gain an understanding of who may be interested in participating in their WaterSECURE project (the "Project") and to promote collaboration on the Project.

The Project proposes integrating raw and treated water sources, utilizing GBRA's existing run-of-river water rights. It will include new river diversion infrastructure, one or more off-channel reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery systems, water treatment and delivery facilities, and the blending of brackish and fresh groundwater. GBRA believes this comprehensive solution offers the most effective approach to meeting a portion of the region's water demands.

The 2025 Water Resource Plan does not show a need for NBU to acquire water supplies from the Project. Therefore, NBU Staff recommends that we respectfully and formally decline the offer through Board action.

This item is being presented to the Board due to its significant implications for guiding future water supply planning efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with declining the Offer.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship

EXHIBITS

1. Presentation – WaterSECURE
2. Draft MOU