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Mr. Darrell Nichols
Acting General Manager/CEO
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) would like to extend and express our support to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) in its application for funding from the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership and the Friends of Reservoirs foundation through the Small Grant Program. GBRA will use this grant to continue objectives to increase and enhance the existing littoral shoreline habitat available for native fish species; improve the water quality; prevent the spread of nuisance vegetation species; and improve recreational fishing opportunities in Coletto Creek Reservoir. The project initiative and objectives of the Coletto Creek Reservoir Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project will address identified reservoir impairments and management needs, including loss of physical habitat and substantial documented losses in vegetative habitat since 2015.

This project is a part of a coordinated effort between the TPWD, the local Coletto BassMasters Friends of Reservoir Chapter, Texas B.A.S.S. Nation, and the Coletto Creek Power Plant to make long term habitat and water quality enhancements at Coletto Creek Reservoir. Phase I of the Coletto Creek Reservoir Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project was initiated in February 2020 with the building and deployment of artificial fish habitat structures. Phase II to restore and increase native aquatic vegetation was executed in November 2021 with the planting of 2,400 native plants from multiple vegetation species. The grant funding will allow for the project continuation to build on the success of previous enhancements by adding additional fish habitat sites and native aquatic vegetation plantings in the reservoir.

TPWD will commit to provide volunteer labor and technical services for the project. I look forward to continuing our collaboration with GBRA and other project collaborators on the Coletto Creek Reservoir Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project and fully support GBRA's efforts in the application for this grant.

Sincerely,

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