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### UGRA Board Approves Lower Tax Rate, Honors Retiring GM, and Elects Officers

During the regular board meeting on September 21, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023 budget and tax rate. The tax rate was set at \$0.0159/\$100 of value and is a 16.32% decrease from the fiscal year 2022 rate, which was \$0.0190/\$100. "I am proud of this board for putting forth the largest tax rate decrease in UGRA's history," said Aaron Bulkley, UGRA Vice-President. UGRA Treasurer Maggie Snow pointed out the authority's history of adopting conservative tax rates. "During Ray Buck's tenure at UGRA, the tax rate has either remained the same or decreased," said Snow.



Pictured left to right: Retiring UGRA GM Ray Buck, UGRA Board members Aaron Bulkley, Dick Eastland, Diane McMahon, Maggie Snow, and Austin Dickson.

The September board meeting agenda also included an opportunity to honor retiring General Manager Ray Buck who will finish his seventeen year career at UGRA on September 30<sup>th</sup>. "The UGRA Board and staff present this beautiful photo of the Guadalupe River in gratitude and respect for your integrity and leadership. You pass the reins of UGRA in a fine and stable condition for us to move forward in fulfilling our mission," said Diane McMahon, UGRA President. In addition to the framed photo of the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Guadalupe River, a goldenball leadtree and commemorative plaque were also unveiled in the UGRA EduScape as a tribute to Buck. The native tree will be an additional educational component in the demonstration garden to promote water conservation and the use of native plants.

The UGRA Board of Directors also unanimously elected to continue their current slate of officers for a second term to expire September 30, 2023. Diane McMahon will continue her leadership as President along with Aaron Bulkley as Vice-President, Bill Rector as Secretary, and Maggie Snow as Treasurer.

Learn more about the UGRA Board of Directors at <http://www.ugra.org/public-information/board-of-directors>

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