

W. E. "Bill" West, Jr.

W. E. "Bill" West, Jr., joined the GBRA as its new General Manager on February 1, 1994 and assumed overall management responsibility for GBRA's eleven operating divisions throughout the Guadalupe River Basin. Under his leadership, GBRA has embarked on a new era of economic and natural resources development.

West began his water resources career in 1970 at the Lower Colorado River Authority. He was promoted to System Operations Manager in 1974, to Water Resources Director in 1984, and in 1986 was named Executive Director of Natural Resources. At LCRA, Mr. West participated throughout the Texas Water Commission adjudication of the Colorado River initiated in the early 1970's.

He was a key negotiator in the Stacy water right dispute and the City of Austin/Texas Water Commission/Lower Colorado River Authority Settlement. He developed the Water and Drought Management Plans, the Colorado River Trail, and served on various State Water Oversight Committees. Mr. West has also participated in the development of the Balcones Canyon Conservation Plan in Travis County for the issuance of an Endangered Species Act 10-A permit.

Mr. West graduated from Texas A&M University in 1970 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering. He is a past president of the Texas Water Conservation Association and a member of the TWCA Board, chairman of the Texas Water Forum, and a member of the National Water Resources Association and the Senate Bill 1 Region L Water Planning Committee. West and his wife Alexis have two children, Shemyn Warren and Clint West.