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**Deposit Made to the State's Water Trust
33,108 acre-feet deposited**

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has approved a significant deposit into the Texas Water Trust by Texas State University. Texas State deposited 33,108 acre-feet of Guadalupe River Basin water in perpetuity to the trust as part of an amendment adding an in-stream use to the university's existing water rights permit. The university is only the second water rights holder in the state to deposit water into the Texas Water Trust since its implementation in 1994. Prior to this, the only other deposit into the trust was a deposit in August 2003 of 1,236 acre-feet of Rio Grande agricultural water rights by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"The Texas Water Trust is an excellent mechanism that water rights holders can use to benefit the environmental quality and viability of our Texas water basins," said Larry R. Soward, TCEQ commissioner. "The TCEQ strongly supports and encourages the use of the trust to protect vital riverine water flows," Soward says.

The trust was established by the 75th Legislature within the state's Water Bank to hold water rights dedicated in perpetuity to environmental needs and to protect fish, wildlife, and recreational uses, wildlife habitat and flows into bays and estuaries. The dedication of any water right placed in the trust must be reviewed and approved by the TCEQ.