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S.B. No. 1390

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Water Advisory Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 9.008(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The council shall:

(1) heighten the level of dialogue on significant water policy issues and, in an advisory role only, strive to provide focus and recommendations on state water policy [~~initiatives~~], including:

(A) [~~promoting flexibility and incentives for~~] water desalination, brush control, [~~regionalization,~~] weather modification [~~projects~~], reuse, and public-private partnerships relating to water projects;

(B) infrastructure improvement for water projects [~~promoting adequate financing for surface water and groundwater projects~~];

(C) [~~development of~~] water conservation and drought management practices [~~projects~~];

(D) status [~~implementation~~] of [~~approved~~] regional and state water plans;

(E) encouraging commonality of technical data and information such as joint agency studies, freshwater inflow recommendations, surface water and groundwater availability

1 models, and bay and estuary and instream flow recommendations
2 developed by the Parks and Wildlife Department, the commission, and
3 the Texas Water Development Board; ~~and~~

4 (F) encouraging the use of supplemental
5 environmental projects for water infrastructure needs and
6 enhancing the aquatic environment and habitat in enforcement
7 proceedings at a state agency or political subdivision;

8 (G) water marketing, speculation, and region of
9 origin impacts; and

10 (H) environmental and instream flows;

11 (2) encourage the enhancement and coordination of
12 state, interstate, and international efforts to improve
13 environmental quality and living conditions along the Texas-Mexico
14 border;

15 (3) coordinate a unified state position on federal and
16 international water issues; and

17 (4) advise the Texas Water Development Board on
18 developing criteria for prioritizing the funding of projects in the
19 state water plan.

20 SECTION 2. Section 9.011(a), Water Code, is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (a) In ~~Before~~ its five-year analysis under Section 9.010,
23 an authority shall report to the council a self-assessment of:

24 (1) how the authority is achieving its stated mission
25 and goals, including an identification of any barriers to achieving
26 the mission and goals;

27 (2) how the authority is providing service to its

1 customers, including mechanisms the authority provides to
2 encourage input from the public and its customers;

3 (3) how the authority is addressing issues raised by
4 its most recent management audit, if the audit is required by
5 commission rule to be performed, including its administrative
6 policies; and

7 (4) the authority's role in the regional water
8 planning process.

9 SECTION 3. Section 9.017, Water Code, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Sec. 9.017. DISSOLUTION OF COUNCIL AND ACCOUNT. Unless
12 extended by the 79th or 80th [~~78th~~] Texas Legislature, this chapter
13 and the interagency water advisory account expire on September 1,
14 2007 [~~2005~~].

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.