

Amend SB 1297 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, lines 19 and 20) and substitute the following:

SECTION 2. Section 7.176, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 7.176(a), Water Code (page 3, between lines 5 and 6), insert the following:

(e) For purposes of this section and Section 11.086, "surface water" means any water resulting from precipitation or from naturally or artificially produced groundwater as the water flows on the surface of the earth in sheet flow or in a natural or manmade conveyance until the water evaporates, flows in to a bay, estuary, sea, or ocean, or returns underground by recharge, absorption, or other natural means.