AN ACT
relating to certain exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed by the
Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Sections 3.0111(f) and (h), Chapter 966, Acts of
the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, are amended to read as
follows:
(f) The district may adopt rules providing for granting exemptions from ad
valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented as provided by Section 11.32, Tax Code. [The
district shall adopt rules to implement this Subsection. A retail
public utility shall receive the same exemption or relief from ad
valorem taxes on property as any other customer of the district
would receive.]
(h) The total amount of the exemption from ad
valorem taxes may not exceed one-half of the tax imposed by the
district.

SECTION 2. Sections 11(f) and (i), Chapter 1349, Acts of the
77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, are amended to read as
follows:
(f) The district may adopt rules providing for
granting exemptions from ad valorem taxes on property on which a
water conservation initiative has been implemented as provided by
The rules adopted by the district must be consistent with the rules adopted by the comptroller to implement Section 11.32, Tax Code.

(i) The total amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxes may [shall] not exceed one-half of the tax imposed by the district.

SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

(1) Section 3.0111(g), Chapter 966, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001; and

(2) Sections 11(g) and (h), Chapter 1349, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed by the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

SECTION 5. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.
(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
H.B. No. 4713

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4713 was passed by the House on May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4713 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: ________________________

Date

Governor