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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3494 by Corte (Relating to the establishment of desired future conditions of groundwater resources and revision of those conditions by the Texas Water Development Board.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Water Code to require groundwater conservation districts to amend the desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area between January 1, 2012 and November 1, 2012, and every five years thereafter. The bill would require the Water Development Board (TWDB) to revise the desired future conditions of the groundwater resources of a groundwater conservation district if it is found that the conditions require revision, and it would make the new desired future conditions final and nonappealable.

TWDB anticipates that any costs associated with this bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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