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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 10, 2015

The Honorable Joe Straus  
Texas House of Representatives  
Capitol Station  
PO Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

House Bill (HB) 3152, as Filed by Representative Wayne Smith - Relating to the administration of the Port of Houston Authority

Dear Speaker Straus:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill amends various sections of Chapter 5007 of the Special District Local Laws Code related to the Port of Houston Authority (the "Authority") as detailed below.

Specifies that effective June 6, 1927, the Authority was established for the purpose of developing deep water navigation and the improvement of rivers, bays, creeks, streams, and canals within or adjacent to the authority, including the Houston Ship Channel, which extends into the Gulf of Mexico, and dredge material management areas.

Makes clarifying references to the Authority's ability to engage in activities/improvements related to the Houston Ship Channel.

Makes numerous clarification modifications to related to the Authority's activities/facilities.

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Specifies that effective August 30, 1971: the name of the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, is changed to the Port of Houston Authority of Harris County, Texas; the name of the Board of Navigation and the Canal Commissioners of the Authority is changed to the port commission, and the title of each member is port commissioner; and the title of general manager of the Authority is changed to executive director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Brookins".

Linda Brookins, Director  
Water Supply Division  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

cc: Honorable Doug Miller, Chairman, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts  
Representative Wayne Smith, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 3152

Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

3/13/2015

Date transmitted to  
Governor's Office



Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to forward to you a copy of a bill relating to conservation and reclamation district and a copy of the notice of intention to introduce the bill.

March 16, 2015

Date transmitted to  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Governor

TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House  
The Honorable President of the Senate  
The Honorable Governor of Texas  
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



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