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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 16, 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) 4130, as Filed by Representative Larry Gonzales - Relating to the qualifications and method of electing directors of the Jonah Water Special Utility District

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 codifies Jonah Water Special Utility District (the "District") as Chapter 7218, Special District Local Laws Code, to specify the following:

The District is governed by a board of nine directors. To be eligible to be listed on the ballot as a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person must be: (1) a resident of the District; and (2) a retail water or sewer service customer of the District.

The board by rule may provide for the election of some or all of the directors from single-member districts. In addition to the qualifications listed above, if the board provides for the election of some or all of the directors from single-member districts, to be eligible to be listed on the ballot as a candidate for or to serve as a director from a single-member district, a person must be a resident of that district.

Sincerely,

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

Linda Brookins, Director  
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
Representative Larry Gonzales, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4130

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.

3/24/2015

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.

03/27/2015

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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