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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) 4131, as Filed by Representative Gene Wu - Relating to competitive bidding procedures and election requirements for the Westchase 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 amends Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 3802, the enabling act of the Westchase District, (the "District") as follows: deletes the requirement that the District hold an election to obtain voter approval before the District may issue bonds payable from assessments; stipulates that the District's board may not call an election to issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes unless a written petition requesting said election is filed with the board; and deletes the requirement that the District follow the competitive bidding requirements within Chapter 375 Local Government Code (municipal management district chapter) for contracts more than \$10,000.

Sincerely,

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

Linda Brookins, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Carol Alvarado, Chairman, House Committee on Urban Affairs
Representative Gene Wu, Texas House of Representatives

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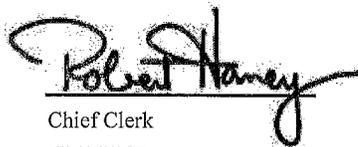
Bill Number

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.

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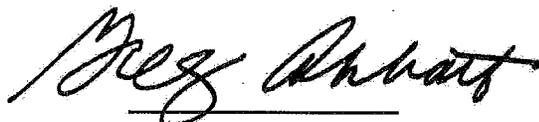

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TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House
The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

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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