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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

May 8, 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) 4203, as Filed by Representative Mike Schofield- Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes

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 enacts legislation related to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 (the "District") as detailed below.

The bill specifies that after the District is organized and has obtained voter approval for the issuance of, or has sold, bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, land within the District boundaries subject to taxation that does not need or utilize the services of the District may be excluded and other land not within the boundaries of the District may be included within the boundaries of the District without impairment of the security for payment of the bonds or invalidation of any prior bond election.

Sincerely,

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

Linda Brookins, Director  
Water Supply Division

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

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4203

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.

4/21/2015

Date transmitted to  
Governor's Office



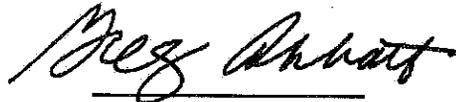
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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.

April 23, 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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