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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

March 21, 2017

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) 549, as Filed by Representative Rodney Anderson - Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District of certain property subject to a tax abatement agreement with the district and to the validation of certain actions of the 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 Section 4B, Chapter 628, Acts of the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 regarding Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District (District) by adding Subdivision 16 which specifies that the tax assessor-collector for the exemption on behalf of the property owner with the chief appraiser for the appraisal district in which the property is located if the District enters into a tax abatement agreement with the owner of a single-family residential property to exempt a portion of the taxable value of the property from taxation. This bill is a duplicate of House Bill 1186 filed by Representative Rodney Anderson (Dallas).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cari-Michel LaCaille".

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director  
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee  
Representative Rodney Anderson, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 549

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.

12/21/2016

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.

February 22, 2017

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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