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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) 1798, as Filed by Representative Tom Oliverson - Relating to the powers of the Harris County Improvement District No. 17.

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.

This bill amends Subchapter C, Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code relating to Harris County Improvement District No. 17 (District) by authorizing the District to enforce a real property restriction in the manner provided by Section 54.237, Water Code, if necessary. The bill also: amends Subchapter D, Chapter 3891, Special District Local Laws Code relating to the District by granting the District the powers of a Municipal Utility District under Subchapter J, Chapter 54, Water Code, including the power to implement a plan, issue bonds, and impose a tax in a defined area established under that subchapter: and this bill is a duplicate of House Bill 1800 by Oliverson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cari-Michel LaCaille".

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Jim Murphy, Chairman, House Special Purpose Districts Committee
Representative Tom Oliverson, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1798

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.

2/15/2017

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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