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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 27, 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) 1982, as Filed by Representative Wil Metcalf-relating to the board of directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation 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 Chapter 1321, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, changing the number of directors on the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District board from nine appointed directors to five elected directors. One director is elected from each of the four commissioner's precincts of Montgomery County by the voters and designated as the director whose place number matches the applicable precinct number. One director is elected by the voters of the district at large to be designated as the director for place number five. New directors are to be elected on the uniform election date for November 2018. Existing directors will remain in office until the time that elected directors are qualified. The bill also provides that a director may not serve more than three full terms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Wilson".

Kim Wilson, Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Jim Murphy, Chairman, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts
Representative Wil Metcalf, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Mark Keough, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Cecil Bell, Texas House of Representatives

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1982

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.

2/24/2017

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.

March 3, 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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