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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

March 30, 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) 2183, as Filed by Representative Mark Keough - Relating to the Woodlands Township.

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.

Chapter 289, Acts of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, and Special District Local Laws Code are amended relating to The Woodlands Township (District); this bill amends Section 8(e), Chapter 289 by removing the requirement for the TCEQ to, on petition of a resident of or owner of real property in the District, appoint the required number of qualified individuals to fill board vacancies if the number of directors for any reason is less than four; the bill amends Section 11C(p), Chapter 289 by specifying that a development zone created without a duration or date of termination may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors of the district or the governing body of a municipality or other form of local government other than the development zone succeeding to the principal assets, powers, functions, and liabilities of the District; the bill adds Section 14A to Chapter 289, which allows the District incorporate and dissolve; Special District Local Laws Code is amended by adding Chapter 11011 which allows the District to

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dissolve if at least 99 percent of the territory of the District is incorporated and the District is dissolved in the manner provided by Section 14A, Chapter 289, Acts of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1993.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cari-Michel LaCaille". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director  
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee  
Representative Mark Keough, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 2183  
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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