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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 18, 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) 3185, as Filed by Representative James Frank - relating to fees charged by the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing a fee.

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 Special District Local Laws Code §8867.103(a), Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District), located in Knox, Baylor, and Haskell Counties, by adding new §8867.103(a)(3), providing that the District may assess a fee for groundwater exported from the district of 150 percent of the maximum commercial water rate charged by the City of Wichita Falls. The bill also adds new Special District Local Laws Code §8867.103(c), providing that the District may use funds obtained from new §8867.103(a)(3) to enhance aquifer monitoring, modeling, data collection; and scientific research into the District's groundwater resources.

Sincerely,

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

Kim Wilson, Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
Representative James Frank, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 3185

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.

3/14/2017

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 24, 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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