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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) 3605, as Filed by Representative Poncho Nevárez - relating to the removal of directors of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District for missed meetings.

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 §8851, Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District (District), located in Pecos County. The bill provides that the District board of directors may remove a director only if that director has missed one-half or more of the regular meetings scheduled during the prior 12 months. A unanimous decision among the remaining members of the District board of directors is required for director removal.

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 Poncho Nevárez, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS


HB 3605  
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

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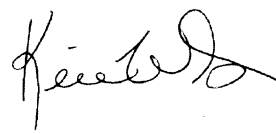
March 24, 2017

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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