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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 20, 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) 4283, as Filed by Representative Tom Oliverson - Relating to the conversion of the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

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 the Special District Local Laws Code by adding Chapter 3949 which grants the conversion of the Grand Northwest Municipal Utility District to the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District (District) with the powers and duties of a standard municipal management district under Chapter 375, Local Government Code, and the powers and duties of a standard municipal utility district under Water Code Chapters 49 and 54, with the following exceptions; the bill specifies that the TCEQ shall appoint voting directors from persons recommended by the board; the District may contract to provide law enforcement services in the District for a fee; the District may engage in activities that accomplish the economic development purposes of the District; the District may acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own, operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the streets and related appurtenances; the District may annex land as provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code; the District is a "water or sewer district" under Section 43.071, local government code; Section 43.075, local government code, related to the abolition of, or division of functions of, water-related special district that becomes part of not more than one municipality, applies to

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the district; Section 375.264, Local Government Code, disallowing the District to dissolve if the District has any outstanding bonded indebtedness, does not apply to the dissolution of the district by a municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cari-Michel LaCaille". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director  
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee  
Representative Tom Oliverson, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4283

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.

3/22/2017

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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