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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 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) 4329, as Filed by Representative Paul Workman - Relating to the authority of the Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 3 to enter into certain agreements relating to the ad valorem taxation of certain property located in the 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.

This bill amends the Special District Local Laws Code Chapter 8395, relating to the authority of the Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 3. The bill adds Section 8395.102, taxpayer agreements; allowing the District and an owner of property that is located in the District and exempt from ad valorem taxation by the District to enter into an agreement to allow the District to tax that property. The agreement must be filed with the chief appraiser of the Travis County Appraisal District by December 31 of the tax year preceding the first tax year for which the agreement is effective. The bill makes the agreement effective until the earlier of the date on which the agreement expires under the terms of the agreement or the date on which the property described by the agreement is no longer entitled to exemption from property taxation. Tax Code Section 26.01 applies to the District. The chief appraiser should take all necessary steps to ensure that property that is the subject of the agreement is listed as property that is taxable by the District, but not by any other taxing unit, on the appraisal roll that is certified by the chief appraiser to the District's assessor.

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Tax Code Section 1.04, stating that a taxing unit means a county, an incorporated city or town, a school district or authority, or any other political unit of this state, applies to the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cari-Michel LaCaille".

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Jim Murphy, Chairman, House Special Purpose Districts Committee
Representative Paul Workman, Texas House of Representatives

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STATE OF TEXAS

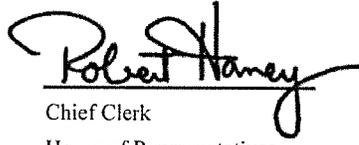
HB 4329
Bill Number

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.

4/18/2017

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.

April 27, 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

