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H.B. No. 4017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to administrative completeness requirements for permit
3 and permit amendment applications for groundwater conservation
4 districts.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 36.113(c), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) A district may require that only the following be
9 included in the permit or permit amendment application, as
10 applicable under the rules of the district:

11 (1) the name and mailing address of the applicant and
12 the owner of the land on which the well will be located;

13 (2) if the applicant is other than the owner of the
14 property, documentation establishing the applicable authority to
15 construct and operate a well for the proposed use;

16 (3) a statement of the nature and purpose of the
17 proposed use and the amount of water to be used for each purpose;

18 (4) a water conservation plan or a declaration that
19 the applicant will comply with the district's management plan;

20 (5) the location of each well and the estimated rate at
21 which water will be withdrawn;

22 (6) a water well closure plan or a declaration that the
23 applicant will comply with well plugging guidelines and report
24 closure to the commission; [~~and~~]

1 (7) a drought contingency plan; and

2 (8) other information:

3 (A) included in a rule of the district in effect
4 on the date the application is submitted that specifies what
5 information must be included in an application for a determination
6 of administrative completeness; and

7 (B) reasonably related to an issue that a
8 district is authorized to consider under this chapter.

9 SECTION 2. Section 36.114(h), Water Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (h) An application is administratively complete if it
12 contains the [application requires] information set forth under [in
13 accordance with] Sections 36.113 and 36.1131. A district shall not
14 require that additional information be included in an application
15 for a determination of administrative completeness.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.