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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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March 21, 2019

The Honorable Dennis Bonnen
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) 1488, as Filed by Representative Sam Harless - Relating to financing of recreational facilities by the Charterwood Municipal Utility District of Harris County; providing authority to issue bonds.

Dear Speaker Bonnen:

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 codifies Charterwood Municipal Utility District of Harris County (District) as Chapter 8054, Special District Local Laws Code. The bill states that the limitation on outstanding principal amount of bonds, notes, and other obligations for recreational facilities supported by ad valorem taxes provided by Texas Water Code Section 49.4645(a) does not apply to the District. The bill specifies that the outstanding principal amount of bonds, notes, and other obligations for recreational facilities supported by ad valorem taxes may not exceed an amount equal to three percent of the value of the taxable property in the District, or if supported by contract taxes, an amount equal to three percent of the value of the taxable property in the District making payments under the contract. The bill states that the outstanding principal amounts are calculated based on the tax rolls of the central appraisal districts at the time of the issuance of the bonds, notes, and other obligations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cari-Michel La Caille".

Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Tom Craddick, Chairman, House Land & Resource Management Committee
Representative Sam Harless, Texas House of Representatives

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1488

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.

2/7/2019

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.

February 22, 2019

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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