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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 16, 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.

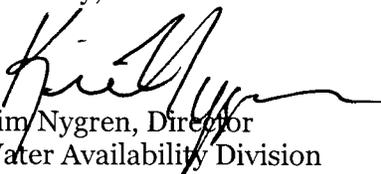
House Bill (HB) 4632, as Filed by Representative Poncho Nevárez-relating to the Red River Authority, following the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission.

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.

The bill amends the Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 279, for the Red River Authority (RRA) to adopt a comprehensive asset management plan, a policy to ensure public input on rate changes and inform customers on the Public Utility Commission of Texas appeal process for water or sewer rate changes. The bill provides for gubernatorial designation of the presiding officer, provides grounds for board member removal, requires board member training, separates duties of staff from the board, requires public testimony be included in each board meeting agenda, requires maintenance of complaint information, and promotes alternative dispute resolution. RRA's next Sunset review will occur during 2031 and the Texas State Auditor's Office will conduct an audit of RRA no later than December 1, 2022.

Sincerely,



Kim Nygren, 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 4632
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.

3/14/2019

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.

March 18, 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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