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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 2, 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) 4666, as Filed by Representative Joe Deshotel-relating to the modernization of the law governing the Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

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 Special District Laws Code by adding new Chapter 5010 for the Port of Beaumont Navigation District Of Jefferson County, Texas. The bill codifies the enabling District legislation, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session (1949), Chapter 147, into the new Chapter 5010, to provide for the General Provisions, District Administration, Powers and Duties, General Financial Provisions, and Bond Provisions. The bill removes Section 1 of the District enabling legislation, pertaining to a general description of the District boundaries and amends Section 1 of Chapter 5010 with an accurate, modern, and surveyed boundary description of the District. With the addition of new Chapter 5010 for the Port of Beaumont Navigation District, the Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session (1949), Chapter 147, Section 1B and Sections 2-30 are removed.

Sincerely,


Kim Nygren, Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Terry Canales, Chairman, House Committee on Transportation
Representative Joe Deshotel, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4666

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.

3/26/2019

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.

April 3, 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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