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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 30, 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

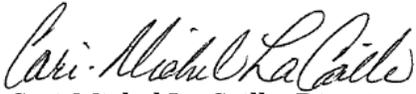
House Bill (HB) 4685, as Filed by Representative Tom Oliverson - Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 248; providing authority to issue bonds and impose fees and taxes.

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 Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 248 (District) as Chapter 8087, Special Districts Local Laws Code, with the powers and duties of a standard municipal utility district under Water Code Chapters 49 and 54. The bill grants the District road powers. The bill allows the District to establish defined areas. The bill specifies that at the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of real property in the District.

Sincerely,


Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
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cc: Honorable Tom Craddick, Chairman, House Land & Resource Management Committee
Representative Tom Oliverson, Texas House of Representatives

