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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 1, 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) 4699, as Filed by Representative Terry M. Wilson - Relating to the powers and duties of the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 21; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose a tax.

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 amends Chapter 8132, Special Districts Local Laws Code, related to Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 21 (District). The bill specifies that the district has 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 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. The bill repeals Section 8132.101, Special District Local Laws Code, related to the requirement to obtain approval from the Brazos River Authority for the design of any District wastewater treatment facility. The bill repeals Section 8132.102, Special District Local Laws Code, related to the requirement that only the Brazos River Authority or a provider approved by the Brazos River Authority may provide wastewater service in the District. The bill repeals Section 8132.103, Special District Local Laws Code, related to the requirement for the District to comply with the terms and conditions of a certain sewer service agreement.

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 Terry M. Wilson, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4699

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.

4/2/2019

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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