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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) 4705, as Filed by Representative Andrew Murr-relating to the territory of the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District.

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 provides changes to the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District (GCD), Chapter §8886, Special District Local Laws Code. The bill amends Section §8886.051, to provide for expanding the Sutton County GCD to be coextensive with the boundaries of Sutton County unless the GCD's territory is modified under §8886.052 applying to land exclusion or, §8886.053 for annexation of territory, the GCD's enabling legislation, or other law. The bill also removes language that excludes Sections of 60, 67, and 90, Block No. A, HE & WT Ry Co Survey from the GCD's original boundaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Nygren".

Kim Nygren, Director  
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Lyle Larson, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
Representative Andrew Murr, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4705

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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