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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 10, 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) 4712, as Filed by Representative Rick Miller-relating to the power and duties of the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 7.

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 Districts Local Law Code, Section 7808.001(3) to specify that a project is now a reuse project. Chapter 7808, Subchapter B, adds reuse as outlined in §7808.151 Reuse Project Powers and Duties, §7808.152 Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Reuse Projects, §7808.154 Conveyance of Reuse Project, §7808.155 Use of Reuse Project Water, §7808.156 Reuse Project Financing, §7808.157 Reuse Project Bonds, §7808.158 Joint Reuse Project, and §7808.159 Municipal Approval. Section 7808.153 is amended by removing the alternative delivery methods under Chapter 2267 Government Code and adding a new Subchapter C that provides that the District may use delivery methods from Chapter 2269 Government Code or Subchapter I, Chapter 49, Water Code.

Sincerely,



Kim Nygren, Director
Water Availability Division

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

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4712

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.

4/5/2019

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 11, 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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