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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Dade Phelan
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

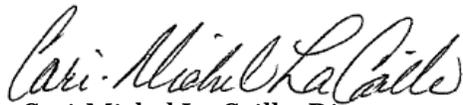
House Bill (HB) 1414, as Filed by Representative Gary VanDeaver - Relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center, including its authority to issue bonds.

Dear Speaker Phelan:

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 Chapter 3503, Special District Local Laws Code, by allowing the TexAmericas Center, for a fee, to provide services or operate facilities inside or outside the boundaries of the authority and this state to promote, enhance, develop, or assist a person in the creation of a new business, industry, or commercial activity in the boundaries of the authority. The bill allows the authority to exercise the powers given to a defense base development authority created under Chapter 379B, Local Government Code. The bill specifies that Chapter 3503 prevails over Chapter 379B, Local Government Code, in the event of a conflict. The bill states that the authority may issue, sell, and deliver obligations and execute credit agreements as provided by Chapter 1371, Government Code, and that the authority may delegate its authority in connection with the issuance of bonds in the same manner as an issuer under Chapter 1371, Government Code.

Sincerely,


Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chairman, House County Affairs Committee
Representative Gary VanDeaver, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1414

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.

2/24/2021

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.

March 12, 2021

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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