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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 16, 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) 4585, as Filed by Representative Vikki Goodwin-relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17.

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.

House Bill 4585 provides changes to the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (District) by amending Special Districts Local Law Code, Chapter 9017. The District is governed by five directors serving staggered four-year terms, with two or three directors terms expiring at the first meeting of the board after the November election in even-numbered years. The district shall hold an election to elect the appropriate number of directors in November of each even-numbered year. Board directors serving before the effective date of this Act shall serve until the directors term expires. A director whose term expires in May 2022 shall continue to serve until the directors successor has qualified for office after the November 8, 2022 election. A director whose term expires in May 2024 shall continue to serve until the directors successor has qualified for office after the November 5, 2024 election.

Sincerely,

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

Kim Nygren, Deputy Director  
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Tracy O. King, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
Representative Vikki Goodwin, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4585

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.

3/22/2021

Date transmitted to  
Governor's Office



Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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March 26, 2021

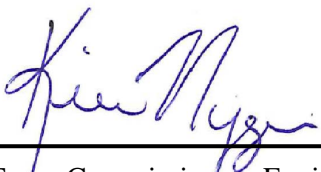
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Governor

TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House  
The Honorable President of the Senate  
The Honorable Governor of Texas  
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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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