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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 6, 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) 4639, as Filed by Representative Cecil Bell - Relating to the powers and duties of the Conroe Municipal Management District No. 1, including the power to undertake and finance projects through taxes and bonds as a levee improvement district.

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.

This bill codifies Conroe Municipal Management District No. 1 (District) as Chapter 3998, Special Districts Local Laws Code, with the powers and duties of a standard municipal management district under Local Government Code Chapter 375 and a standard municipal utility district under Water Code Chapters 49 and 54. The bill grants the District levee improvement district powers and duties under Water Code Chapters 49 and 57. The District may reclaim land in the District and construct works, facilities, and improvements necessary to accomplish that purpose. The District may finance and contract for the construction of a fill project or for the acquisition of land for a fill project in the District, including drainage and reclamation. For the District's exercise of a power of or performance of a duty of a levee improvement district, the TCEQ shall consider the District to be a levee improvement district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cari-Michel La Caille".

Cari-Michel La Caille, Director
Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Philip Cortez, Chairman, House Urban Affairs Committee
Representative Cecil Bell, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4639

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.

4/15/2021

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.

April 16, 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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