

Amend CSHB 2350 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, strike lines 18-21 and substitute "was awarded. To the extent not prohibited by board rule or federal law or regulation, the state water pollution control revolving fund established under this subchapter may be used to provide financial assistance for water resource restoration projects described by Section 15.619."

(2) Strike page 1, line 22, through page 5, line 6, and substitute the following:

SECTION 2. Subchapter J, Chapter 15, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 15.619 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.619. WATER RESOURCE RESTORATION PROJECTS. (a) In this section, "water resource restoration project" means nature-based infrastructure that will improve water quality in the political subdivision where the project is located and may include the acquisition of real property and the use of nature-based water treatment technologies.

(b) Based on demand, the board may provide financial assistance to a political subdivision for a locally directed and managed water resource restoration project if the political subdivision applicant will bear responsibility for implementation, stewardship, and maintenance of the project.

(c) Subject to Section 15.603(d) of this chapter and Section 602(b)(11) of the federal act, the board shall establish a process by which a political subdivision may combine a project funded through the state water pollution control revolving fund that is not for a water resource restoration project with a water resource restoration project. The board may allocate available principal forgiveness for additional subsidization set-asides in the state water pollution control revolving fund for green projects, as those terms are defined by board rule, to the political subdivision to substantially enhance the financial viability of the water resource restoration project.

(d) A proposed water resource restoration project must enhance water quality in the state and include the application of best management practices for the primary purpose of water quality protection and improvement. To the extent permitted by federal law

and regulation and United States Environmental Protection Agency guidance, a proposed water resource restoration project may include:

(3) On page 5, line 27, strike "removal and replacement of turf with" and substitute "restoration of".

(4) On page 6, line 10, between "proposed" and "project", insert "water resource restoration".

(5) On page 7, line 3, strike "a" and substitute "an agreed order or".

(6) On page 7, line 4, between "A" and "project", insert "water resource restoration".

(7) On page 7, strike lines 7-23, and substitute the following:

(g) The board shall establish a means of prioritizing water resource restoration projects.

(8) On page 7, line 24, strike "the financing of" and substitute "financial assistance for".

(9) On page 7, line 24, between "a" and "project", insert "water resource restoration".

(10) On page 8, line 2, between "the" and "project", insert "water resource restoration".

(11) On page 8, strike lines 3-7.

(12) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill.