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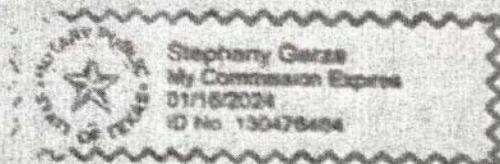
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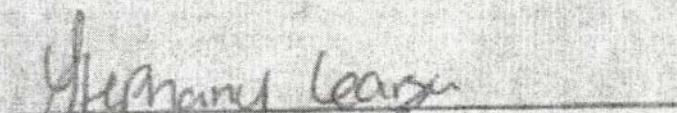
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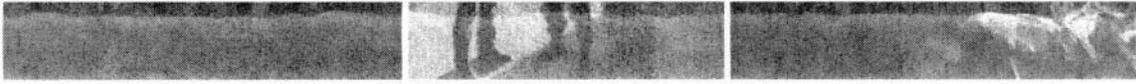


Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22nd day of February, 2021, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Notary Public in and for

MAVERICK County, Texas.



Notice of Intent to File Bill

Pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given to the intent to introduce a bill in the 87th legislature of the State of Texas at its regular session in Austin, Texas, the substance of the contemplated law being as follows: An act relating to the creation of the Val Verde County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees; surcharges, and taxes.

All interested persons will, therefore take notice of the matter and facts set out in the foregoing statement of the substance of the contemplated laws as required by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.

Letter to the Editor

RE: Intent to File Bill Creating a Groundwater Conservation District in Val Verde County.

Dear Editor,

State Representative Eddie Morales intends to file a bill to create a groundwater conservation district in Val Verde County. Without a groundwater district in Val Verde County, the area could face critical groundwater problems in the future including shortages of surface water, contamination of groundwater supply, and land subsidence resulting from groundwater withdrawal. The City of Del Rio depends on this groundwater as its only source of water. Low levels of groundwater in the area could have an impact on endangered species such as the Devils River minnow, Proserpine shiner, and the Rio Grande darter. It is critical to implement a groundwater conservation district to prevent unsustainable water use and to ensure water resources for our future generations.

Before the filing of the bill, State Representative Eddie Morales is seeking input from constituents to gather public opinion on the creation of a groundwater conservation district in Val Verde County for groundwater management if river and spring flows decrease. The intent is to address as many of the possible concerns and implement ideas from the general public, stakeholders, and landowners in the district. A public forum and community meeting will be announced at a later date. The proposed bill will not be filed until the public meeting so as to take into account the public's input.

Representative Morales encourages the public to submit their comments in writing regarding the conservation district to be sent by mail to his Capitol Office at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768 or emailing the office at Eddie.Morales@house.texas.gov. For any questions regarding the groundwater conservation district, please do not hesitate to call his office at (512) 463-0566.