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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 25, 2023

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) 1525, as Filed by Representative Travis Clardy, et al.-relating to the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, following the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; altering terms of the board of directors; specifying grounds for the removal of a member of the board of directors.

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 1525 provides changes to the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority. The bill reenacts Chapter 186, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, as amended by Chapter 1224, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; amends Subsections (b) and (c); and adds Subsections (b-1) and (c-1). The bill allows the Governor, with consent and advice of the Senate, to appoint a board of directors serving four-year terms with some directors appointed during April of odd-numbered years. The bill provides the Governor to designate a director to serve as the president of the board and provides the board must appoint a general manager. The bill provides for the qualifications of a board member, reporting and removing a director, training, board meeting policies, public testimony, and re-imbusement of travel expenses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Nygren".

Kim Nygren, Deputy Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Tracy O. King, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
Representative Travis Clardy, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Justin Holland, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Terry Canales, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Craig Goldman, Texas House of Representatives
Representative Keith Bell, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1525

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.

4/5/2023

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 6, 2023

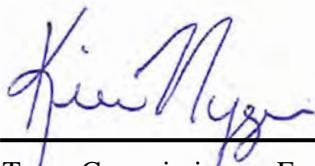
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Governor

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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