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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 14, 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) 1535, as Filed by Representative Travis Clardy-relating to the San Antonio River Authority, following recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; altering the terms of office of the members of the board of directors of the authority.

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 1535 provides changes to the San Antonio River Authority (District) by amending Chapter 276, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, amending Sections 1-a(a), Section 3 by adding a Section 5, Section 5 amending sections 13-a, 13-b, 13-c, 13-d, 14-b, Section 7 amending section 15-a, and amending Section 9. The bill repeals Section 8, Sections 4-a and 14-a. The bill addresses subsequent Sunset Advisory reviews, powers of the District, partnerships with nonprofit organizations, board members qualifications, members terms of office, member vacancies, member training, making policy, board meetings and public testimony, complaint requirements, fiscal year dates, and taxation. The bill provides that a board director may vote, deliberate, and be counted as a director in attendance at a meeting of the board until December 1, 2023.

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 Travis Clardy, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 1535

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.

3/27/2023

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.

March 31, 2023

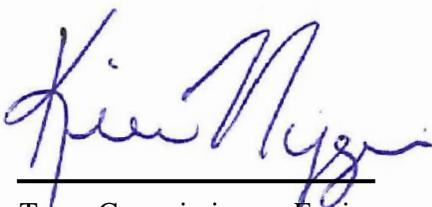
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TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House  
The Honorable President of the Senate  
The Honorable Governor of Texas  
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Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



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