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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 13, 2025

The Honorable Dustin Burrows
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) 5675, as Filed by Representative Eddie Morales- relating to the composition of the board of directors and the powers of the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District.

Dear Speaker Burrows:

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 5675 provides changes to the Presidio County Underground Water Conservation District by amending Chapter 453, Acts of the 73rd Legislature. The bill updates district powers by clarifying that Section 36.121 of the Water Code does not apply to the district. The bill increases the board size from five to seven directors and introduces two new appointments, one by the governing body of the City of Marfa and another by the governing body of the City of Presidio. It also clarifies vacancy procedures and specifies that appointing entities are responsible for successor appointments before term expiration. The bill provides that the district will continue to retain all previously granted rights, powers, privileges, authority, duties, and functions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Nygren".

Kim Nygren, Deputy Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Cody Harris, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
Representative Eddie Morales, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 5675

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.

4/16/2025

Date transmitted to
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TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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April 16, 2025

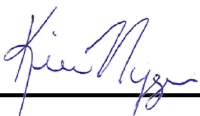
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Governor

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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