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LOIS W. KOLKHORST

STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 18

October 3, 2017

Board of Directors
c/o Gary Westbrook , General Manager,
Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
310 E. Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556

Re: Board Meeting, October 3, 2017

It has come to my attention that the Post Oak Savannah GCD intends to extend the Vista Ridge Transport Permit without the benefit of a public hearing and with less than three business days public notice. I am writing on behalf of my constituents to beseech the Board to delay the proposed extension and to fully consider the matter at a public meeting held with sufficient notice.

Recently, Governor Abbott vetoed a bill that would have allowed a GCD to automatically extend a transport permit. His veto statement specifically mentioned the need for public input on an extension as the basis for the veto. The Governor's veto indicates that he believes the public deserves a voice on groundwater issues.

Given that the permit does not expire for 17 years, it does not appear that postponing this matter to allow my constituents to participate would harm the permit applicant in any manner. I ask that you delay granting the extension until the public has had a chance to give their input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois W. Kolkhorst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Lois W. Kolkhorst
State Senator