

AMENDMENTS TO LB758

Introduced by Natural Resources.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. (1) Any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal  
4 Cooperation Act or natural resources district that acquires title to  
5 private lands for the purpose of developing and operating a water  
6 augmentation project for streamflow enhancement, as authorized by section  
7 46-715, may agree to make voluntary payments in lieu of taxes to the  
8 county treasurer of the county in which the land is located. A payment in  
9 lieu of tax may be made for any year in which the joint entity or natural  
10 resources district owns the land, including any year prior to the  
11 effective date of this act. The amount of the payment in lieu of tax for  
12 any year shall not be more than the real property taxes that would have  
13 been paid on the land if the land were subject to taxation. The county  
14 treasurer shall allocate the payment in lieu of tax to the taxing units  
15 in the county in the same proportion that property taxes would have been  
16 allocated to such taxing units if the land were subject to taxation.

17           (2) Any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation  
18 Act or natural resources district that has secured a contract or  
19 memorandum of agreement to acquire title to private land for the purpose  
20 of developing and operating a water augmentation project for streamflow  
21 enhancement, as authorized by section 46-715, shall:

22           (a) Provide public notice of the joint entity's or district's  
23 intention to proceed with the water augmentation project. The notice  
24 shall include the project's intended purpose, an estimate of the amount  
25 of water that will be pumped for the purpose of augmentation, and the  
26 timeframe in which the water will be used;

27           (b) Hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the project;

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2 (c) Seek the input of officials from the county in which the project  
3 will be located and adjoining landowners on ways to minimize the effects  
4 of the project on the county.

5 (3)(a) Any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal  
6 Cooperation Act or natural resources district that is operating a water  
7 augmentation project for streamflow enhancement shall publish an annual  
8 report that includes the following information regarding the project:

9 (i) Details on the operation of the project;

10 (ii) The amount of water pumped;

11 (iii) The amount of land leased and for what purposes;

12 (iv) The amount of revenue gained from land leases;

13 (v) The amount of payments made in lieu of taxes;

14 (vi) Financial details of the project, including the amount of debt,  
15 the amount of outstanding bonds and loans, and the project budget;

16 (vii) Whether the project is achieving its intended purpose;

17 (viii) The effect of the project on ground water supplies; and

18 (ix) Projections for use of the project in the future and the effect  
19 of the use on ground water supplies.

20 (b) The joint entity or natural resources district shall provide  
21 public notice and hold a public hearing to allow an opportunity for  
22 public comment on the report required under subdivision (3)(a) of this  
23 section.

24 (4) Any joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation  
25 Act or natural resources district that has acquired title to private  
26 lands for the purpose of developing and operating a water augmentation  
27 project for streamflow enhancement, as authorized by section 46-715,  
28 shall submit all leases relating to such lands to the appropriate county  
29 assessor within thirty days after the effective date of the lease.

30 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed  
31 and approved according to law.