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November 17, 2017

Hon. Stuart Bishop  
Chairman, Natural Resources and Environment Committee  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Act 425 of 2017 – Groundwater Conservation District Reports


Dear Chairman Bishop:

As you are well aware, Act 425 of 2017 mandated that the Commissioner of Conservation “ensure the submission of the semiannual reports required of the ground water conservation districts by R.S. 38:3097.8.” Having received these reports from the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission (CAGWCC) and the Sparta Groundwater Conservation Commission, I am providing notice to you and others members of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, as designated recipients of these reports, of their availability for inspection on the DNR departmental website at <http://dnr.la.gov/act425>. You will also find at that web address the reporting checklist developed by the Office of Conservation per the mandate of Act 425 and published in the October 2017 *Louisiana Register*, along with assorted correspondence with the two groundwater commissions regarding implementation of this act’s requirements.

We found the reports from both commissions to be good faith efforts to meet the mandates of Act 425. The agency has no substantive comments for the Sparta Commission regarding its report. For the CAGWCC, the agency has enclosed with this letter a list of recommendations that we believe would improve future reports.

If I or my staff can answer any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
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Louisiana Senate  
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