CHAPTER 438

H.B. No. 2208

AN ACT

relating to the calculation of current market value of certain water rights by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 49.509, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Subsection (d), the [The] Rio Grande Regional Water Authority annually at its January meeting shall calculate the current market value by using the average price per acre-foot of municipal use water after conversion from irrigation use water to municipal use water with a municipal priority of allocation under commission rules of the last three purchases involving:

(1) a municipal water supplier;
(2) a party other than a municipal water supplier; and
(3) at least 100 acre-feet of municipal use water, with municipal priority of allocation.

(d) For purposes of this subsection, “outer boundaries of a district” means a district’s boundaries without considering any exclusion of land from inside the district. The Rio Grande Regional Water Authority shall exclude from the calculation of current market value under Subsection (a) any sale between a municipal water supplier and a district if any territory inside the outer boundaries of the district is:

(1) subject to the municipal water supplier’s certificate of convenience and necessity; or
(2) in the corporate limits of the municipality served by the municipal water supplier, if the municipal water supplier does not hold a certificate of convenience and necessity.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a calculation of current market value of certain water rights made by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority on or after the effective date of this Act. A calculation of current market value that is made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the calculation was made, and the former law continues in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on March 31, 2009: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting;

passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 439

H.B. No. 2217

AN ACT

relating to partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.019. VETERANS HOSPITAL. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission and the Department of State Health Services shall work with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.