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c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items			
(1) Monitoring and Analysis Equipment	\$	2,660,590	\$ 210,000
d. Data Center Consolidation			
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$	11,663,310	\$ 12,122,879
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$</u>	<u>17,889,408</u>	<u>\$ 14,473,813</u>

Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund	\$	4,453,592	\$ 4,238,766
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>			
Used Oil Recycling Account No. 146		6,016	6,016
Clean Air Account No. 151		3,835,883	3,058,862
Water Resource Management Account No. 153		2,142,062	1,811,985
Watermaster Administration No. 158		280,000	0
TCEQ Occupational Licensing Account No. 468		46,160	46,160
Waste Management Account No. 549		2,356,707	2,134,691
Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550		2,199,944	2,062,809
Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Account No. 655		421,901	586,917
Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071		36,680	50,000
Operating Permit Fees Account No. 5094		2,110,463	477,607
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$</u>	<u>13,435,816</u>	<u>\$ 10,235,047</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$</u>	<u>17,889,408</u>	<u>\$ 14,473,813</u>

3. **Authorization: Aircraft Chartering.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is authorized to spend appropriated funds for the chartering of aircraft for the purposes of monitoring environmental quality and the enforcement of environmental and water rights laws of the State.
4. **Local Air Pollution Grants Allocation.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, no less than \$2,658,228 in each fiscal year out of the Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, shall be utilized to fund grants or cooperative agreements with eligible local air pollution programs under Health and Safety Code, §382.0622. The combined federal and state share of the funding for any such local air pollution programs shall not exceed 67 percent of the total allocation to the programs, with the local share being based on the local dollars allocated pursuant to maintenance-of-effort requirements for federal air pollution grants.
5. **Fee Revenue: Pollution Control Equipment Exemptions.** Amounts appropriated above include \$225,116 each fiscal year from fee revenue collected pursuant to Tax Code, §11.31, beginning with the effective date of this Act out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.3, Pollution Prevention, Recycling, and Innovative Programs, for the purpose of determining whether pollution control equipment is exempt from taxation.

In addition to amounts appropriated above, any amounts collected by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Tax Code, §11.31 on or after September 1, 2015, in excess of \$225,116 in each fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated to the agency.

6. **Authorization: Operating Fund.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made to TCEQ into a single account in the General Revenue Fund known as the "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Operating Fund" for the purpose of making expenditures for which appropriations were made in this Act. After the expenditures have been made from the fund and as soon as the proper strategies have been identified, TCEQ shall process adjustments to the Comptroller in summary accounts to facilitate accurate cost allocations; provided, however, that each special account and fund shall be used for the purposes in current law and nothing shall be done to jeopardize or divert the special accounts and funds or any portion thereof including federal aid.
7. **Appropriation: Air Quality Planning.** Amounts appropriated above include \$6,000,500 for the biennium out of the Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in areas not designated as nonattainment areas during the 2014-15 biennium and as approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These areas may include Waco, El Paso, Beaumont, Austin, Corpus Christi, Granbury, Killeen-Temple, Longview-Tyler-Marshall, San Antonio, and Victoria.

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These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements and may include: identifying, inventorying, and monitoring of pollution levels; modeling pollution levels; and the identification, quantification, implementation of appropriate locally enforceable pollution reduction controls; and the submission of work plans to be submitted to the TCEQ. The TCEQ shall allocate \$350,000 to each area and the remaining funds to each area based on population in excess of 350,000. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

8. **Contract with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.** Amounts appropriated above include \$816,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to cover the cost of contracting with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for funding SOAH's Natural Resources Division for the purpose of conducting administrative hearings and for related expenses. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the (SOAH) may not enter into a contract for an amount less than the amounts specified SOAH. If the SOAH determines, at the end of each fiscal year, that the amount paid under the contract exceeds the necessary funding, it shall refund the difference to TCEQ. If the SOAH determines that the amounts are insufficient to fund the Natural Resources Division, the SOAH may enter into negotiations with TCEQ in order to renegotiate the interagency contract to provide additional funds for administrative hearings. The SOAH is not appropriated any state funds from such renegotiated contracts until it gives written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, together with written permission of the agency.
9. **Texas Parks and Wildlife Environmental Special Investigations Unit.** Amounts appropriated above include \$225,000 each fiscal year out of the Waste Management Account No. 549 in Strategy C.1.2, Enforcement and Compliance Support, for the purpose of supporting the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Environmental Special Investigations Unit to enforce state and federal laws on illegal dumping. This appropriation is contingent on a memorandum of understanding and an interagency transfer of the funds between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to jointly administer the program. Any unexpended balance of this appropriation from fiscal year 2016 is appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2017.
10. **Federal Funds and Capital Budget Expenditures.** To comply with the legislative intent to maximize the use of federal funds and to fulfill grant requirements required for the receipt and expenditure of federal funds, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is exempted from the Capital Budget Rider Provisions contained in Article IX of this Act, "Limitations on Expenditures - Capital Budget", when federal funds are received in excess of amounts identified in the agency's Capital Budget Rider and such funds are federally designated solely for the purchase of specific capital items. In addition, TCEQ is exempted from the Capital Budget Rider provisions within Article IX of this Act when funds are received in the form of gifts to the agency in excess of amounts identified in the agency's Capital Budget Rider and such funds are designated solely for the purchase of specific capital items. The TCEQ shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor upon receipt of such federal funds or gift proceeds, of the amount received and items to be purchased.
11. **Appropriation: Refinement and Enhancement of Modeling to Demonstrate Attainment with the Clean Air Act.** Amounts appropriated above include \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016 out of the Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for research to obtain the data and information to refine and enhance any model used to demonstrate attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and to assess air quality associated with other pollutants under the Federal Clean Air Act during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2015. These funds may also be used to collect and analyze data and procure appropriate computing tools for modeling to demonstrate attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone and other pollutants. The Commission on Environmental Quality may contract as necessary to carry out these activities.
12. **Reallocation of Revenue and Balances for Certain Accounts.** Pursuant to Water Code, §5.707, and notwithstanding provisions of Article IX, Sec 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, in this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is authorized to reallocate not more than 7 percent of the All Funds amount identified in the Method of Finance above from the following accounts (consisting of revenues and balances) to be used for purposes identified in the above strategies.

Used Oil Recycling Account No. 146
Clean Air Account No. 151
Water Resource Management Account No. 153