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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, January 29, 2018

9:00 AM

Wharton, Texas

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs was held on Monday, January 29, 2018, at the Wharton County Junior College, 911 E Boling, Wharton, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bob Hall
Senator Juan Hinojosa

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:25 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Brandon Creighton

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The Chair called the following individuals to provide invited and public testimony on the following Hurricane Harvey interim charge (see attached witness list) :

1) Study and make recommendations on how to move forward with water infrastructure projects in the State Water Plan that will help mitigate floods through flood control, diversion, and storage projects. Evaluate plans for a possible third reservoir in addition to Addicks and Barker to control and alleviate additional flooding in the region. Additionally, review the current status of reservoir projects in Texas. Examine opportunities for coordination between federal and state agencies to develop flood mitigation infrastructure, and the ongoing maintenance and restoration of critical dam infrastructure.

There being no further business, at 2:22 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Lauren Murray, Clerk