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SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a joint committee hearing of the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Pat Fallon

Senator Peter Flores

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Beverly Powell

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Borris Miles

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Pat Fallon

Senator Bryan Hughes

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Senator Perry called the following panel to provide invited testimony on the following interim committee charge: Future Water Supply: Examine current laws, processes, and water storage options and availability. Make recommendations promoting the state's water supply, storage, availability, valuation, movement, and development of new sources (see attached witness list).

Senator Perry called the following persons to provide public testimony on the interim charge (see attached witness list).

Senator Perry called the following panel to provide invited testimony on the following interim committee charge: Groundwater Regulatory Framework: Study the state's groundwater regulatory framework and make recommendations to improve groundwater regulation, management, and permitting (see attached witness list).

Senator Perry called the following persons to provide public testimony on the interim charge (see attached witness list).

There being no further business, at 1:57 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Paige McGhee, Clerk