

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & RURAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Charles Perry, Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Larry Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 10:01 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Brandon Creighton

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 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 future water supply and groundwater regulatory framework (see attached witness list).

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

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Senator Charles Perry, Chair

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Lauren Murray, Clerk