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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Larry Taylor

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks. The committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Update on the drought: Heard a brief update on drought and where the state stands before moving onto the charges.

Monitoring: make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following bills: Senate bill 8, Senate bill 601, Senate bill 905, House bill 3516.

Groundwater Management and Protection: evaluate the status and effectiveness of the State's groundwater management process, including data used to support regional water planning and conservation goals.

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GEORGE WHITTA provided verbal testimony on the following interim charge, Groundwater Management and Protection, but did not register.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without object, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:17 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

Morgan McCullough, Clerk