

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 24, 2022  
PLACE: E2.010  
CHAIR: Rep. Tracy King

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The committee will meet to consider the following items:

Examine the condition of Texas' water and flood mitigation infrastructure capabilities and consider future infrastructure needs. Evaluate sustainable funding sources to provide for water project development and infrastructure repair and replacement. Examine and make recommendations for cost-effective improvements that enhance the state's available water supply.

- **Please note: the desalination portion of this charge will be held at a later date.**

Examine the state's groundwater management policy and regulatory framework. Include a review of large-scale water transfers and their impact on groundwater resources. Make appropriate recommendations for legislation or state agency action to:

- promote the achievement of planning goals under Chapter 36, Water Code, including those involving desired future conditions;
- provide adequate transparency to the permit application process;
- further the state's groundwater quality protection efforts, including an assessment of risks posed to groundwater by abandoned and deteriorated water wells and orphan oil and gas wells; and
- promote conservation and waste prevention.

Electronic public comments will be available for:

Water/flood infrastructure.

Groundwater issues.

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

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