# Interim Hearings - Week of October 2, 2017

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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

### October 2

House Committee on Appropriations (Houston)

Charge: Examine the use of federal funds by state agencies responding to the effects of Hurricane Harvey and identify opportunities to maximize the use of federal funds to reduce the impact of future natural disasters. Also identify the need for state resources to respond to Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery efforts, as well as opportunities for state investment in infrastructure projects that will reduce the impact of future natural disasters.

- The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas (proclamation, operational plan, assistance center, archives)
- Texas Rebuilds, Hurricane Harvey housing information, Texas General Land Office
- Texas Hurricane Harvey, FEMA, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- "Texas General Land Office to lead Harvey housing effort," *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, September 14, 2017
- "Rethinking the 'infrastructure' discussion amid a blitz of hurricanes," *ProPublica*, September 13, 2017
- "In Harvey's wake, Texas can lead innovation in rebuilding for disaster preparedness," *Texas Tribune*, September 11, 2017
- "The economic cost of Harvey – what we know now," analysis of losses in real gross state product and real personal income, by M. Ray Perryman, *Rio Grande Guardian*, September 7, 2017
- "Hurricane Harvey: disaster reignites talk about rainy day fund," *Austin American-Statesman*, September 5, 2017
- "Accelerated construction can cut red tape/save time following Hurricane Harvey," Texas A&M Transportation Institute, September 1, 2017
- Letter to County Judges outlining aid eligibility after Hurricane Harvey under the Presidential Disaster Declaration (Individual Assistance, Transitional Shelter Assistance, Critical Needs Assistance), Governor Greg Abbott, August 31, 2017

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House Committee on Urban Affairs (Houston)

Topic: Short- and long-term housing needs and related issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey and associated flooding

- The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas (proclamation, operational plan, assistance center, archives)
- Texas Rebuilds, Hurricane Harvey housing information, Texas General Land Office
- 2017 Hurricane Resource Page for Housing Counselors - Hurricane Harvey, HUD Exchange, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- "Houston housing officials draw ire for evicting elderly residents," *Texas Tribune*, September 21, 2017
- "Texas General Land Office to lead Harvey housing effort," *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, September 14, 2017
- "Lawmakers get sobering lessons on storm housing aid," *Dallas Morning News*, September 7, 2017

October 4

House Committee on Natural Resources (Houston)

Charge: Examine the following issues within the committee's jurisdiction regarding Harvey and flooding in general: the role of regional entities in developing projects to control flooding, both through new infrastructure and enhancing existing infrastructure; mitigation efforts that would reduce the impact of future flood events, and strategies to fund those efforts; and the response of public entities that own or operate dams to large-scale rain events, including how such entities make decisions regarding dam and reservoir operations during such events, coordinate with state and local emergency management officials, and communicate with the public.

- *Aging Dams and Clogged Rivers: An Infrastructure Plan for American Waterways*, Center for American Progress, October 2016
- *2017 Infrastructure Report Card: Texas* (PDF), American Society of Civil Engineers, 2016
- *Living With Dams: Extreme Rainfall Events: An Informational Booklet for Policymakers, Dam Owners and Downstream Communities*, Association of State Dam Safety Officials, 2015
- *Interim Report, Report to the 82nd Legislature* (Charge 1, Flood prevention in coastal regions), Senate Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations, January 2011
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature - Dam Safety*, Senate Committee on Natural Resources, February 2009
- *Interim Report to the 80th Texas Legislature* (Charge 7, Floodplains and the scope of local governments' floodplain management), Senate Committee on

Intergovernmental Relations, December 2006

- *Interim Report to the 67th Legislature* (Charge: Study the persistent flooding and drainage problems in a five-county region of southeastern Texas), Joint Regional Flood Task Force, November 13, 1980
- Texas Dam Safety Program (reports and statistics), Association of State Dam Safety Officials