



## COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

May 10, 2018  
10:00am  
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### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Opening Remarks
- IV. Invited Testimony

***Charge #1: Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.***

***Charge #2: Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.***

#### **General Land Office- Overview of Emergency Response and Recovery**

George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner  
Texas General Land Office

#### **County and Regional Officials-- Authority, Roles, and Impact**

##### *Panel #1*

Vincent Perez, Commissioner Precinct 3  
El Paso County

Chuck Wemple, Chief Operating Officer  
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Jim Allison, General Counsel  
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas

##### *Panel #2*

Kharley Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Hays County

Clint Garza, Chief of Staff/Executive Director of Countywide Operations  
Hays County

**Chair**  
**Representative Garnet Coleman**

**Vice-Chair**  
**Representative Drew Springer**

Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney  
Travis County

Stacey Scheffel, Certified Floodplain Manager  
Travis County

**Harris County- Authority, Impact, and Looking Forward**

Shain Carrizal, Director of Administration and Finance  
Harris County

Russ Poppe, P.E., Executive Director  
Harris County Flood Control

Alisa S. Max, P.E., Manager of General Services Division  
Harris County Engineering Department

Michael J. Turco, General Manager  
Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

**Hospitals- Impact, Response, and Recovery**

Dr. Alan Vierling, Executive VP/Administrator  
Harris Health System, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital

Nathan Tudor, Chief Operating Officer  
El Campo Memorial Hospital

Carrie Kroll, Vice President Advocacy, Quality and Public Health  
Texas Hospital Association

**Health and Human Services- Overview of Emergency Response and Recovery**

Chris Adams, Deputy Commissioner, System Support Services  
Health and Human Services Commission

Wayne Salter, Associate Commissioner, Access and Eligibility Services  
Health and Human Services Commission

Sonja Gaines, Associate Commissioner, Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental  
Disability Services  
Health and Human Services Commission

David Kostroun, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Regulatory Services  
Health and Human Services Commission

**Developers- County Authority, Current Standards, and Future Disaster Mitigation**

Ned Muñoz, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel  
Texas Association of Builders

Andres A. Salazar, PhD, PE, D.WRE, Managing Director of Water Resources  
Walter P Moore and Associates, Inc. also representing American Society of Civil Engineers

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**Emergency Services- Types of Services and Funding**

*Panel #1*

Chief Mike Wisko, Legislative Director  
Texas Fire Chiefs Association

Chief Robert Abbott, Fire Chief  
Travis County Emergency Service District #6

Chief Kyle Taylor, Fire Chief  
Hays County Emergency Service District #5

*Panel #2*

Chief Brandon Kludt, Division Chief  
Comal County Emergency Service District #3- Canyon Lake Fire/EMS

Mark Jack, President  
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

Bob Janusaitus, Secretary  
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

John Carlton, General Counsel  
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

**V. Public Testimony**

**VI. Adjourn**