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September 21, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies on events from this week.

The Army Corps of Engineers provided further information on the Emergency Dredging project in the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. The Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert Test originally set for Thursday was postponed until October 3, due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence. Harris County released a public service announcement for National Preparedness Month. The Texas Water Development Board released their State Flood Assessment for Public Comment. The SBOE approved a streamlined social studies class and a Mexican American studies course. Each of these items is highlighted in the newsletter below.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,




September 2018 Calendar

Download my September 2018 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					September is National Preparedness Month	
	LABOR DAY Capitol & District Offices Closed					
Rash Hashbani Rep. at Senate	Lyle Heston, Paul Quinn State County, CDF, Expanded Office, Inc. @DHTX	PATRIOT DAY Capitol Office Closed	Yoni Kogut Rep. at Senate	TJF Professional Development, Governor Rick	SBOE, Business Clerk	SFM National Day of Action
	JAMES Lyle Heston, Amy Community Flood Prevention Initiative	Yoni Kogut Rep. at Senate	LUIS/3 Texas Officers & Firefighters of the Year Luncheon	SBOE Expansion/Work Group Meeting	Shelby Workman "Shore Out Hunger" Annual Event	State County, CDF Harris, Cook, Off
			Regional Arts Expansion Business Working Event	SBOE Board Meeting		
GOLD-STAR MOTHER'S DAY						

Thank you for downloading my Calendar for the month of September. You can use this document to view the links that contain more information about various events occurring in House District 127 and its nearby Texas. You may also print it to get a basic idea of what I'll be up to this month. I hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,

Hurricane Harvey Updates

UPDATE: Emergency Dredging on West Fork of San Jacinto River

West Fork of the San Jacinto River Emergency Dredging



Current Status: Contractor has been on site since 19 July, Dredging is expected to start 17 Sep 2018 (Weather permitted).

Solicitation Phase		
Activity/Miles tones	Scheduled	Current
Advertise	18May18	18May18 A
Bid Opening	28May18	22Jun18 A
Contract Award	11Jun18	6Jul18 (A)
NTP Acknowledge	15Jun18	18 Jul18 (A)



Contract Milestones			
Activity/Milestones	Start	Finish	Solicitation Details
Set-up Staging Area	19Jul18 (A)	28Jul18(A)	Bid: \$69,814,060 S&A: \$400K Cont: \$3,490,703 Total: \$73,704,763
Assemble & Install Pipelines	28Jul18 (A)	6Oct18	
Set up Dredges (2)	13Aug18 (A)	16Oct18	
General Debris Removal & Disposal	19Sep18	8Apr19	
Dredging	19Sep18	29Apr19	
Demobilize & Cleanup	30Apr18	15May19	

Update:
 Dredge 1 assembly has been complete, Dredge 2 assembly is expected to be completed in 2 weeks.
 Dredge 1 pipeline laying and Boosters setup is complete.
 Dredge 2 pipeline install is underway, and Boosters are being delivered.

Due to current weather delays Dredging Operations with Dredge 1 is expected to start 19 Sep 18, based on the late start Contractor is currently schedule to complete dredging on **29 April (original 14 Apr 18)**.

Two week look Ahead: Continue mobilization, assembly and placement of pipelines and Boosters for Dredge 2. Commence dredging with Dredge 1.

Issues: No Issues

Authorization: FEMA Mission Assignment SWD-30

History: Excessive debris from Hurricane Harvey is exacerbating and impeding the free flow of water down this portion of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. Heavy rainfall received over this water shed as well as down stream flows into this portion of the river has created a situation that poses threats to life safety, critical infrastructure, as well as potential loss of life. More than 16,000 homes and 3,300 business near Lake Houston were damaged by Harvey-related flooding.

Description: From the results of the H&H 1D Model USACE-SWG did, the scope of work consist of removal from 2.25 miles of sediment and debris from the West Fork of the San Jacinto River.



BUILDING STRONG

As of 18 September 2018 1700 CDT



Harris County: "Building a Resilient Community Together"

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) has released a new disaster preparedness public service announcement (PSA) just in time for National Preparedness Month (NPM) which runs through the end of September. "The PSA is part of Harris County's ongoing public awareness campaign to encourage residents to prepare for emergencies," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Because disasters can occur in many forms and can happen at any time."

Images in the PSA also remind the public of the "neighbor helping neighbor" spirit that has helped us recover from disasters. By taking steps now to prepare for emergencies, we ensure that our families and communities can respond and recover from all types of emergencies. Together, our efforts will build a stronger and more resilient community. "Harris County works year round to educate and prepare our residents through outreach events, publications and other materials," added Emmett. "But it is up to each individual follow through with their own disaster plan."



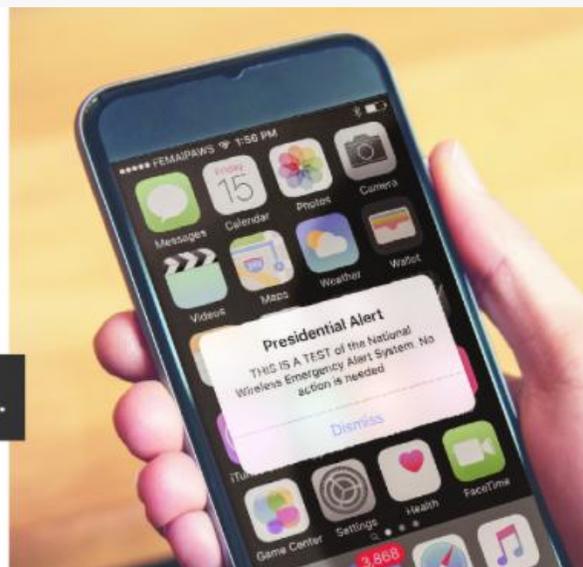
POSTPONED: Mandatory Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on the backup date of October 3, 2018 due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence. The WEA portion of the test commences at 2:18 p.m. EDT, and the EAS portion follows at 2:20 p.m. EDT. The test will assess the operational readiness of the infrastructure for distribution of a national message and determine whether improvements are needed. The test was originally planned for September 20, 2018 but has been postponed until October 3, 2018 due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence.

New Date: Nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert Test

Will now be held on backup date of
Oct. 3, 2018 beginning at 2:18 p.m. EDT

Your phone will make a loud tone.



National Preparedness Month: Week 4 - "Save for an Emergency"

Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful circumstances, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical, and other records is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently. Taking the time now to collect and secure these critical records will give you peace of mind and, in the event of an emergency, will ensure that you have the

documentation needed to start the recovery process without delay. Read more about this topic [here](#).



Updates from Austin

Texas Water Development Board: Public Comment Period for State Flood Assessment Now Open



STATE FLOOD ASSESSMENT

"Your information and thoughts on flood mitigation in our state are vital to this first comprehensive assessment on flooding in Texas. As such, please consider taking part in the public review and comment period on the [Draft State Flood Assessment](#). The public review and comment period begins **September 17, 2018**, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on **October 3, 2018**. There are three options for providing comments:

1. Email comments to PUBLIC-COMMENT@twdb.texas.gov
2. Provide public testimony at the October 3, 2018, [Board meeting](#)
3. Submit written comments to the following postal mail address:

State Flood Assessment Public Comments
Texas Water Development Board
1700 North Congress Avenue,
P.O. Box 13231
Austin, TX 78711-3231

We encourage you to participate in this final opportunity to contribute to the flood assessment. All comments received by the deadline will be considered. Please contact Mindy Conyers, State Flood Assessment Coordinator, at 512-463-5102 or Mindy.Conyers@twdb.texas.gov, with any questions."

SBOE: Approval Given to Streamlined Social Studies Standards and Mexican American Studies Course

Texas schoolchildren will still learn of the heroic "Victory or Death" letter penned by Lt. Col. William Barrett Travis while besieged in the Alamo, under streamlined social studies

curriculum standards given approval Friday by the State Board of Education to solicit public feedback. The board rejected a proposal by an advisory group that suggested deleting the specific reference to the famous letter and deleting the word “heroic” when describing the Alamo heroes.

Instead the board unanimously voted to include this revised language to the seventh-grade Texas history standards: "Explain the issues surrounding significant events of the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of Gonzales, the siege of the Alamo, William B. Travis's letter 'To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World,' and the heroism of the diverse defenders who gave their lives there; the Constitutional Convention of 1836; Fannin's surrender at Goliad; and the Battle of San Jacinto."

Stephen Cure, a member of the Texas history work group that recommended the initial changes, said the committee recommended deleting the explicit reference to the Travis letter “because the specific reference was repetitive and unnecessary since it is impossible to teach the siege of the Alamo without teaching about the letter.” He said the work group believed that the “heroic nature of the diverse participants in the siege would be taught” whether the standard included the word heroic or not.

SBOE Chair Donna Bahorich said, “I appreciate the hard work of all those who served on the social studies work groups. The board accepted many of their recommendations, but the board unanimously felt the need to defend the Alamo. Texas has a unique history and it has been clear this past week that Texans feel passionately about telling this story.”

The vote was a first reading, or preliminary, vote. The final vote on streamlining of the kindergarten through 12th grade social studies curriculum standards, known as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, will occur at the board’s next meeting scheduled for Nov. 13-16.

The State Board of Education also gave final approval to a new course called Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies. It is the first ethnic studies course approved by the Texas board and is believed to be the first Mexican American Studies course approved by any State Board of Education.

The course will be available for use in Texas public schools in the 2019-2020 school year. The one-credit elective course is based largely on a local course created by the Houston Independent School District.

Comptroller: Agency Receives Recognition for Excellence in Financial Reporting



Comptroller Hegar Announces Agency Recognition

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced his agency has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its fiscal 2017 ...

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<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

Live Updates

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