2019 Regular Session

Hodges

Expands the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force to include the Amite River Basin District and urges the task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on actions necessary to complete the construction of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project and mitigate flooding caused by the Comite and Amite Rivers.

Provides that the task force submit recommendations to the joint transportation committees by Dec. 31, 2019. Provides that the task force will be staffed by the staff of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. Provides that the task force be composed of the following members:

- (1) One member shall be the member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House whose district is directly impacted by the Comite River Diversion Canal Project and who shall be the chairman of the task force.
- One member shall be the member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House whose district is directly impacted by the Amite River Basin.
- (3) One member shall be the member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate whose district is directly impacted by the Comite River Diversion Canal Project and who shall be the vice chairman of the task force.
- (4) One member shall be the member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate whose district is directly impacted by the Amite River Basin.
- One member shall be appointed by the members of the La. congressional delegation representing the district in which the Amite River Basin is located.
- (6) One member shall be the district engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, or his designee.
- (7) One member shall be the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
- (8) One member shall be the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or his designee.
- (9) One member shall be a former member of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District board of commissioners appointed by the chairman of the task force.
- (10) One member shall be a current member of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District board of commissioners appointed by the chairman of the task force.
- One member shall be the director of the Dept. of Public Works of East Baton Rouge Parish, or his designee.
- One member shall be a home builder within the area impacted by the Amite River Basin District appointed by the president of the Home Builders Assoc. of La.
- One member shall be a realtor in the area impacted by the Amite River Basin District appointed by the La. REALTORS.
- One member shall be a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) appointed by the director of FEMA's La. Recovery Office.
- One member shall be a landowner in the area impacted by the Comite River Diversion Canal Project appointed by the La. Landowners Assoc. Inc.