

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
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1. Your Name: <u>Richard Roos-Collins</u>		
2. Your Title: <u>Principal, Water and Power Law Group PC</u>		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: <u>Hydropower Reform Coalition</u>		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. <u>NA</u>		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

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BAR

California (1987)

EDUCATION

J.D., honors, Harvard Law School (1986)
B.A. (English), high honors, Princeton University (1975)

EMPLOYMENT

Principal, Water and Power Law Group PC (May 2011 -). Founded and manage professional corporation. On national basis, represent public agencies, tribes, conservation groups, and developers in cases to enhance both environmental quality and water and power supplies. Specialize in complex settlements involving multiple parties, venues, and laws.

Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco Law School (2011 -). Teach natural resources law and policy.

Director of Legal Services, Natural Heritage Institute (1991 – 2011); **General Counsel** (2011 -). Represented public agencies, tribes, and conservation groups in licensing and related proceedings for hydropower projects. Served as co-lead drafter for Klamath Hydropower and Basin Restoration Agreements. Represented Hydropower Reform Coalition in negotiation and implementation of land conservation program in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy reorganization. Participated in rulemaking negotiations that resulted in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Integrated Licensing Process, 18 C.F.R. Part 5. Served as trial counsel for California Trout in the Mono Lake Cases.

Councilmember, Delta Stewardship Council (2010). Gubernatorial appointee and part-time member of state agency, created by Delta Reform Act to develop and implement plan to restore ecosystem and water supply reliability of Bay Delta.

Lecturer, Stanford Law School (2008). Taught course on environmental policy.

Deputy Attorney General, Public Rights Division, California Department of Justice (1989 - 1991). Prosecuted improper management and disposal of hazardous wastes, and recovered associated public costs, through proceedings in trial, bankruptcy, and probate courts. Defended California Department of Toxic Substances Control in permit appeals. Exercised Attorney General's authority to enforce laws independently of client agencies. Reviewed private litigation filed under land use laws, to evaluate appropriateness of Attorney General's intervention.

Undertook investigations to enforce limits on air emissions from industrial facilities. Submitted comments to Congress on bills enacted as 1990 Clean Air Act.

Attorney-Adviser, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1986 - 1989). Counseled in development of rules and policies governing smog, acid rain, and incineration of municipal and other wastes. Defended EPA in litigation on same subjects. Negotiated settlement reducing midwestern emissions of acid rain precursors by several hundred thousand tons a year. Commented on bills, drafted proposed provisions, subsequently enacted as 1990 Clean Air Act. Received awards for Sustained Superior Performance.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

American Fisheries Society, **Carl R. Sullivan Award for Fishery Conservation** (2010)

Mono Lake Committee, **Defender of the Trust Award** (2009)

American Rivers, **Lifetime Achievement Award in River Conservation** (2008)

American Bar Association, **Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship** (2007)

DIRECTORSHIPS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL OFFICES

Non-Profit Corporations

Director, Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (2004 -). Negotiated settlement of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy to commit, as condition for reorganization, that 140,000 acres of Sierra lands in its hydropower system will be forever managed to enhance beneficial public uses and provide outdoors experience for urban youth. Serve on Board of Directors of Pacific Forest Stewardship Council, which implements commitment with \$100 million of ratepayer funds.

Founding Director, Hydropower Reform Coalition (1992 -), **California Hydropower Reform Coalition** (1997 -). Helped found and serve as General Counsel for coalition of conservation and fishing groups representing nearly 2 million people in hydropower proceedings across the U.S.

Director, Bay Area YMCA (2007 – 2010). Helped develop new Berkeley Teen Center, which provides extensive programs and services for youth education and employment.

Director, Downtown Berkeley Association (2002 - 2004)

Chairman, Board of Directors, Friends of the River (1991 - 1994)

Director, Tuolumne River Preservation Trust (1991 - 2002); **Chairman** (1997 - 1998)

Certification Agencies

Chairman, Board of Directors, Low Impact Hydropower Institute (1999 -). Helped found and now administer nation's only program to certify hydropower projects that exceed regulatory requirements for ecosystem protection, in order to encourage ratepayers to purchase such power. LIHI has certified 116 projects in 28 states, exceeding 5 gigawatts of generation capacity.

Co-Chairman, Agricultural Water Management Council (1997 - 2013). Negotiated agreement between water districts and conservation organizations to establish state's only program to certify best management practices for irrigation uses. Co-chaired Board of Directors of Agricultural Water Management Council, which administered program on 5 million acres of lands.

Public Advisory Committees

Member, Steering Committee, Bay Delta Conservation Plan (2006 - 2010). Represented American Rivers on advisory committee which is developing plan to assure that federal and state water supply facilities in the Bay Delta comply with environmental laws on a long-term basis. Resigned upon appointment to Delta Stewardship Council in April 2010.

Member, Federal Advisory Committee, Hydropower Regulation (1999 - 2000). Following appointment, advised Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy and Interior, on practices to improve economic and environmental benefits of regulation of hydropower projects.

Member, Hydropower Policy National Review Group, Electric Power Research Institute (1999 - 2002)

Member, Federal Water Rights Task Force (1996 - 1997). Appointed by U.S. Representative Gephardt, Minority Leader. Pursuant to 1996 Farm Act, Federal Advisory Committee prepared report advising Congress and Administration regarding management of federal water rights arising on U.S. Forest Service lands.

Member, Governor's Advisory Committee on Central Valley Project Transfer (1992 - 1993). Appointed by Secretary, California Resources Agency.

PUBLICATIONS

"Bankside San Jose," chapter in *Rivertown; Rethinking Urban Rivers*, MIT Press (2007)

"Lessons from the Mono Lake Cases for Effective Management of Public Trust Resources," *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal* (Fall 2006)

"A Plan to Restore the Public Trust Uses of Rivers and Creeks," *Texas Law Review* (2005)

Citizens Guide to Hydropower, e-book, www.hydroreform.org (2005)

“A Perpetual Experiment to Restore and Manage Silicon Valley’s Guadalupe River,” *Golden Gate University Law Review* (Spring 2005)

“Mono Lake Cases,” *Rivers* (winter 1995)

Rivers at Risk: A Citizen’s Guide to Hydropower (co-author), Island Press (1989)

“Voluntary Conveyance of the Right to Receive a Water Supply from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation,” *Ecology Law Quarterly* (December 1986)

PERSONAL

Married to Margit Roos-Collins. Two children: Emma (21) and Byron (19).