

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**113<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

**Full Committee Legislative Hearing on:**

- **H.R. 1927 (Costa), “More Water and Security for Californians Act”**

**September 9, 2014**

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Thomas W. Birmingham
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Westlands Water District
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**For all Witnesses**

**Name/Organization** Thomas W. Birmingham/Westlands Water District

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

AB – UCLA, 1977

JD – University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 1983

I practiced water law from 1986 through 2000 and have been general manager of Westlands Water District from October 1, 2000 through the present.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I am a member of the California State Bar.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Please see above.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

I am unaware of any grant received by Westlands Water District from the Department of the Interior within the last four years. In March, 2010, the District did receive a grant, No. R10AP20R38, from the Bureau of Reclamation, in the amount of \$3,700,000 for a Water Conservation Through Irrigation System Purchase Program.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, et al. v. U.S. Dept. of the Interior (Implementation of COA, CVPIA section 3411(b))

San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, et al. v. Jewell (Trinity Division Releases, CVPIA section 3406(b)(23))

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

## Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

General Manager

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

Various interim renewal water service contracts.

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

See above.

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

See above.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).