

Committee on Natural Resources
Oversight Hearing
1324 Longworth House Office Building
September 26, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Oversight Hearing on
The Department of the Interior's Failure to Cooperate with Congressional Requests

Questions from Rep. Huffman for Mr. Daniel Jorjani, Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior

1. I have repeatedly asked for the records of communication between the Department of the Interior and Secretary Bernhardt's former clients regarding the biological opinions being developed for the Central Valley Project. When will a copy of these communications be provided to the Committee?
2. Was Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt personally involved in the Department of the Interior's efforts to expand Shasta Dam in the time period from April 2017 through August 2018, including personal involvement in making any determinations related to section 4007 of the 2016 WIIN Act (P.L. 114-322)? If yes, please specify all agency decisions, findings, and/or actions in which Mr. Bernhardt was personally involved.
3. Was Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt personally involved in negotiations with the Westlands Water District or the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority over cost-sharing agreements for the expansion of Shasta Dam, prior to August 2018?
4. Were there any specific matters involving the Westlands Water District that David Bernhardt has been recused from during his time as Deputy Secretary of the Interior, or during his time as Secretary of the Interior? If yes, please identify all specific matters for which Mr. Bernhardt was recused.