

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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Full Committee Legislative Hearing on:

- **H.R. 5412(Hastings)**, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding surface water storage under Reclamation law. *"Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act."*

September 10, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Dan Keppen
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For all Witnesses

Name/Organization Dan Keppen / Family Farm Alliance

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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.

M.S. Civil Engineering (Water Resources), Oregon State University

B.S. Petroleum Engineering, University of Wyoming

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.

Registered Professional Civil Engineer in California

Past Civil Engineer and Certified Water Rights Examiner in Oregon

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.

2005-present: Executive Director for the Family Farm Alliance, a non-profit association that advocates for family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts and allied industries in 17 Western States. Most Alliance members are involved with using or delivering federal water supplies from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

2001-2005: Executive Director of the Klamath Water Users Association. In that position, he worked closely with Congress, the Bush Administration, California and Oregon state legislatures, and state and federal agencies on issues that affected the people dependent on the Klamath Project, including farm and ranch families, local businesses, and rural communities.

2000-2001: Special Assistant to Reclamation’s Mid-Pacific Regional Director in Sacramento. While at Reclamation, he advised and assisted the Regional Director with planning, managing, directing, and coordinating a variety of the Region’s water management activities.

1997-2000: Director of Member and Government Affairs, Northern California Water Association, a non-profit association representing 70 public and private water agencies in the Sacramento Valley. Worked with government agencies and agricultural, urban and environmental groups on issues such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Endangered Species Act regulations, CALFED and State legislative negotiations.

1994-1997: Water resources engineer for Tehama County, California. Represented the County on all water resources matters and also developed a coordinated groundwater management plan.

1989 – 1994: Project Engineer, Klein Consulting Engineers, Inc., Forest Grove, Oregon. Worked as a water resources and civil engineering consultant in the Portland, Oregon, area. Duties included master planning, design, and construction management of dams, public water and flood control systems, and private irrigation systems.

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.

None

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.

None

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.

None

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

The Family Farm Alliance has testified previously before this subcommittee multiple times on water storage, Endangered Species Act impacts to Western agricultural water users, and Bureau of Reclamation policy and budgetary matters.

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.

Secretary and Executive Director of the Family Farm Alliance

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).

None

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).

Family Farm Alliance v. Salazar - the Alliance charged that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did not comply with the requirements of the Information Quality Act as it developed a biological opinion for delta smelt and Central Valley Project (California) operations.

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.

None

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)).