

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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Subcommittee on Water and Power

- **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

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:

Bennett W. Raley

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, National Water Resources Association

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For all Witnesses

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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.

BA, Colorado State University, Agricultural Business, 1979
JD, University of Colorado School of Law, 1983

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.

Admitted to Bar: Colorado; United States District Court, District of Colorado; United States District Court, District of New Mexico (pro hac vice); United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals; United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Court of Claims; United States Supreme Court

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.

Attorney, Trout, Raley, Montano, Witwer & Freeman, P.C.
United States Senate Staff, 1991-1992
Office of the Secretary of the Interior, 2001-2004

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.

New Mexico v United States of America 1:11-CV-00691, 2011. Relating to the operation of Elephant Butte Reservoir by the United States Bureau of Reclamation; 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706, 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202, 42 U.S.C. § 4331 et seq., 43 U.S.C. § 390b(d), 43 U.S.C. § 383, 53 Stat. 785 (1939).

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.

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

Counsel, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

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).

None

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)).

Attached