

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, POWER AND OCEANS**

1334 Longworth House Office Building
May 24, 2016
10:30 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON:

- **H.R. 4366** (Rep. David Valadao), To affirm an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015, and for other purposes. *“San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”*;
- **H.R. 5217** (Rep. Jim Costa), To affirm "The Agreement Between the United States and Westlands Water District" dated September 15, 2015, "The Agreement Between the United States, San Luis Water District, Panoche Water District and Pacheco Water District", and for other purposes. *“San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”*; and
- Discussion draft of **H.R. _____**, To authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and for other purposes. *“Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act of 2016”*

WITNESSES:

Panel I

The Honorable David Valadao (*H.R. 4366*)
California, 21st District;

The Honorable Jim Costa (*H.R. 5217*)
California, 16th District

The Honorable Ryan Zinke (*Blackfeet Discussion Draft*)
Montana, At-Large

Panel II

The Honorable Harry Barnes
Chairman
Blackfeet Nation
Browning, Montana;

Mr. John C. Bezdek
Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior
Washington, D.C.

Mr. S. Craig Alexander
*Chief of the Indian Resources Section
Environment & Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice;*

and
Ms. Letty Belin
*Counselor to the Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.;*

Mr. Steve Ellis
Vice President
Taxpayers for Common Sense
Washington, D.C.;

Mr. Jerry Brown
General Manager
Contra Costa Water District
Concord, California; *and*

Mr. Thomas Birmingham
General Manager
Westlands Water District
Fresno, California.