

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
115th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2371 (Rep. Paul Gosar), To require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes.; and Discussion Draft of HR ____ (Rep. Scott Tipton), "Water Rights Protection Act."

Thursday, May 18, 2017

For Individuals:

Name:
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Email Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Randy Parker
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Utah Farm Bureau Federation
Business Address: [REDACTED]
Business Email Address: [REDACTED]
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

RANDALL N. PARKER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UTAH FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

2003-Present

Chief Executive Officer & Secretary Treasurer

- Coordinate and administer daily operations – staff, programs and budgets
- Coordinate policy implementation strategies with Utah Legislature and U. S. Congress.
- Provide expert testimony to Congress on economic issues, critical western public lands conflicts and resource issues.
- Manage relationships and outreach programs of the Utah Farm Bureau.
- Member of the American Farm Bureau General Counsel Advisory Committee.
- State staff advisor to the American Farm Bureau Federal Lands Issues Advisory Committee.
- Work with agriculture organizations, universities, county commissions and state and federal elected officials and agencies on issues facing farmers, ranchers and rural communities.
- Contributor to the Annual Economic Report to the Governor – Agriculture & Food Chapter.

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD

1991 – 2003

Director of Marketing & Conservation

- Directed marketing and conservation programs, division staff, and budgets.
- Reported to the Governor and Utah State Legislature on budget and industry issues.
- Managed Department's international and domestic market development activities assisting food producers and processors in maximizing global market opportunities and maximizing local market opportunities including the "Product of Utah" and "Utah's Own" campaigns.
- Worked with state and federal partners including the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and USDA Foreign Ag Service in global market development.
- Managed conservation and environmental programs including water quality, groundwater monitoring, range trend survey, Conservation Commission and Ag Loans Program.
- Helped establish and served as founding Executive Director of the Utah Horse Racing Commission, the only non-paramutuel system in the nation.
- Provided economic analysis on critical agriculture issues for the Commissioner of Agriculture and Governor.

UTAH-IDAHO FARMERS UNION

1980-1991

Executive Secretary

- Director of office operations – public policy, communications, member relations and finance.

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1977-1980

Supervisor of Research & Information

- Public Information Officer

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

1976-1977

Graduate Research Assistant

- Completed research project and published Master's thesis on the impact of inheritance taxes on intergenerational transfer of Utah farmland.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Utah Economic Council's Annual Economic Report to the Governor – Author of the Agriculture Chapter of the annual report identifying the production and processing sectors contribution to Utah's economy including gross receipts, multiplier effect, jobs and taxes. (2014 to present)

Utah State University / College of Agriculture Ag Products Barbecue – A founding member of the Ag Products Barbecue working with Athletics Director Chuck Bell. The annual event held at an Aggie home football game hosted by Utah's agriculture and food industry has raised more than \$100,000 in student scholarships. (2004 – present)

American Farm Bureau Federation / General Counsel Advisory Committee – Appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation to assist the national organization top lawyer representing 6 million member families in 50 states in analysis and prioritizing legal and opportunities. (2015 to present)

American Farm Bureau Federation / Federal Lands Issues Advisory Committee – Appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation to provide insights and leadership on public lands issues critical to the Western United States. (2015 – present)

Utah Quality Growth Commission – Appointed by Governor Gary Herbert, to help address the challenges and opportunities growth brings to the State of Utah. (2016 to present)

Utah State University College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Alumni Council – Served for more than a decade including President. (2004 – 2015)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the Interior – Invited witness providing testimony in a Evanston, Wyoming field hearing on the regulatory burdens being placed on the grazing industry by the federal government. (August 2015)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power – Invited witness providing testimony in an oversight hearing on “*New Federal Schemes to Soak up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation and Jobs.*” (June 2014)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power – Invited witness providing testimony on H.R. 3189 “The Water Rights Protection Act” to prohibit the conditioning of any permit on the transfer, relinquishment or other impairment of any private water right by the federal government. (October 2013)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power – Invited witness providing testimony in an oversight hearing on “*Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective.*” (April 2013)

Utah State University Ag Day Committee – Member of the original organizing committee and current chair established to raise funds for College of Agriculture student scholarships. (1995 – present)

Governor's Council on Optimizing and Streamlining State Government – Appointed by Governor Gary Herbert to 19-member committee charged with evaluating efficiency and improving government services for Utah citizens. (2011-12)

Utah State Fair Board – Appointed by Governor Gary Herbert and approved by the Utah State Senate to serve on the board of directors overseeing State Fair and FairPark operations and activities (2011 - 2016)

Utah Public Lands Multiple Use Coalition – Currently serving as coalition chair representing grazing, mining, energy, recreation and county interests. (2005 – present)

Utah FFA Foundation - Currently serving as treasurer of the foundation assisting vocational agriculture teachers and students with fundraising efforts. (2002 – present)

Utah Blue Ribbon Committee on Climate Change – Appointed by Governor Jon Huntsman to review issues related to climate change and provide public policy recommendations. (2005-2006)

Utah State Board of Education Nominating & Recruiting Committee – Appointed by Governor Jon Huntsman. (2004)

North American Agriculture Marketing Officials (NAAMO) – Represented Utah Department of Agriculture as a member, on the board of directors and a served term as President (2001). NAAMO is an association of state departments of agriculture in the United States, Canada and Mexico. (1992 -2003)

U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. – Served three years on the board of directors of U.S. livestock industry association focused on developing global trade opportunities for livestock genetics. (2000-03)

Utah District Export Council – Appointed by three U.S. Secretaries of Commerce to represent food and agriculture on the Council helping develop international opportunities for Utah companies. (1993 to 2005)

Tri-Lateral Accord – Member of the U.S. delegation to the Puebla, Mexico Accord on agriculture trade talks between Mexico, Canada and US. (1999)

Governor's Agribusiness Task Force – Appointed by Governor Norman Bangerter to the 14-member task force charged with identifying value-added opportunities for Utah agriculture. (1990 – 92)

EDUCATION

Utah State University – Master of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics

Utah State University College of Agriculture – Bachelor of Science Degree in Agri-Business

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Utah FFA Association Blue & Gold Service Award (2012)

Utah Wool Growers Association "Friend of the Sheepman" Award (2012)

Utah FFA Association Honorary State Degree (2004)

North American Agriculture Marketing Officials Service Award (2004)

Utah High School Rodeo Association Citation of Appreciation (2003)

Utah State University Army ROTC Reserve Officers Medal (1975)

Utah State University Dean's List (1975 – 1976)