

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
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Hearing on H.J. Res. 46 (Rep. Bentz)

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Norm Semanko, General Counsel
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Family Farm Alliance
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.

Norman M. Semanko, Parsons Behle & Latimer

Biography

Norman Semanko is the firm's water law practice group leader in the Pacific Northwest Region. He has more than 30 years of experience with water resources, environmental, natural resources, land use, public lands and regulatory issues.

Mr. Semanko represents clients from Parsons' Boise and Idaho Falls offices on water law, environmental and land use matters before government agencies and in state and federal courts. He has been an adjunct professor and lecturer at several law schools and colleges and is a frequent conference speaker. He has testified before Congress, State legislative committees and other governmental bodies on numerous occasions.

Mr. Semanko has represented clients in Endangered Species Act, National Forest Management Act, NEPA and APA litigation in federal courts, involving salmon, steelhead and caribou as well as recreational access issues.

Mr. Semanko currently serves as general counsel for the Family Farm Alliance and as vice chairman of the Litigation Review Committee for the National Water Resources Association (NWRA). He is also a member of the Litigation Advisory Committee for the Mountain State Legal Foundation. He is a past president of NWRA and was previously chairman of NWRA's Federal Affairs Committee. He has served as a member of the Western States Water Council and the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force.

Mr. Semanko previously served as executive director and general counsel for the Idaho Water Users Association, monitoring water issues, analyzing federal and state legislation and regulations, advocating in the State Legislature, before Congress, and various agencies and provided legal advice and services to the Association, including litigation and appeals. He also served as a legislative assistant in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, handling water, environment and natural resource issues.

Mr. Semanko has been recognized as an “Idaho Leader in Law” by the *Idaho Business Review*.

Mr. Semanko is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center where he served as Student Bar Association vice president and was a member of the Craven Constitutional Law Moot Court team. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Idaho.

Academic

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1993)

University of Idaho (B.S., Political Science, 1988)

Adjunct Professor, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho -- “Natural Resource Law” and “Environmental Health Law” (2004)

Instructor, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho -- ”Legal Issues in Water Management” (1994-1996)

Professional

Recognized in [Chambers USA](#), Natural Resources & Environment, Idaho

Executive Director & General Counsel, Idaho Water Users Association (2000-2017)

Leadership Award, National Water Resources Association (2017)

Leaders in Law, Idaho Business Review (2016)

Legislative and Policy Award, National Water Resources Association (2011)

President, National Water Resources Association (2005-2006)

Accomplished under 40, Idaho Business Review (2005)

Water Statesman, Idaho Water Users Association (2005)

Distinguished Service, Northwest Irrigation Operators (2005)

President’s Award, National Water Resources Association (1994 & 2003)

Legal Advisory Council, Mountain States Legal Foundation (2021-present)

General Counsel, Family Farm Alliance (2018-present)

Litigation Review Committee Vice-Chair, National Water Resources Association (2017-present)

Registered Lobbyist, Idaho State Legislature (1994-present)

President, Food Producers of Idaho (2009-2011)

Chair, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs Committee, Idaho Council on Industry & the Environment (2009-2017)

Eagle Citizens' Water Committee (2006-2007)

President, Idaho Council on Industry and Environment (2005-2006)

President, Coalition for Idaho Water (2000-2010)

Western States Water Council (2000-2008)

Chairman, Federal Affairs Committee, National Water Resources Association (2000-2004/2009-2013)

Board of Directors, National Water Resources Association (1999-2017)

Co-Chair, Water & Property Rights Committee, National Water Resources Association (1998-2000)

Board of Directors, Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment (1995-2017)

Advisory Committee, Family Farm Alliance (1993-2018)

Water Quality & Water Quantity Committees, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (1993-2006)

Chairman, Water Law Section, Idaho State Bar Association (1996-1998)

Vice Chairman, Natural Resources & Environment Section, Idaho State Bar Association (1995-1996)

Chairman, Fifth District Bar Association (1995-1996)

Rotary Club of Boise (2004-2018)

Twin Falls Rotary Club (1996-2000)

Board of Directors, Boise Elevated (2012-2016)

Chairman, Idaho Republican Party (2008-2012)

General Counsel, Republican National Committee (2010-2011)

President, Eagle City Council (2008-2013)

Legislative Assistant and Field Representative, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives (1988-1993)

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

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

No

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

None