

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Dianne M. Black		
2. Your Title: Assistant Director, Planning and Development		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: County of Santa Barbara, California		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes XX	No
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. None		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. See Attached		

Signature: 

Date: 7/9/15

DIANNE MEESTER BLACK

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara

Masters of City and Regional Planning (all but thesis)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director, Planning and Development (July 2000 to present)
County of Santa Barbara

- Manage deputy directors in their management of a staff ranging from between 95-185 employees to provide the full complement of planning and building permit services, energy permitting, policy development, and administrative support.
- Duties include overseeing preparation and implementation of the department's work program and budget; leading the management team to facilitate departmental improvements; ensuring coordination among the divisions, intervening as necessary to resolve permitting issues and reallocate resources; ensuring that assigned work is carried out in a way that meets the department's high standards of quality and timeliness; and, ensuring customer service standards are met.
- Serve as the Secretary to the County and Montecito Planning Commissions, supporting their decision-making by providing experienced professional advice and guidance.

Interim Director, Planning and Development (September 2002 to April 2003)
County of Santa Barbara

- Managed the department following the departure of the Director, with the full range of responsibilities of the Director.

Deputy Director, Energy Division, Planning and Development (June 1998 to July 2000)

County of Santa Barbara

- Managed a division of 19 staff, including 15 planning staff, with the mission to develop policies related to onshore processing facilities supporting offshore oil development, administer mitigation programs, process permits for new and modified facilities and abandonment plans, and ensure compliance with permit conditions.
- Duties included budget development and monitoring to ensure efficient implementation of the work program for the division; analysis of work flow, assignments, priorities and staffing levels and adjust as necessary; selection, evaluation, discipline and development of staff; represent the division and the department in public hearings; conduct negotiations with applicants and other governmental agencies; and, work with other deputies and the department director to evaluate and make decisions about departmental policy, selection of employees, process improvements, and other management issues.

Supervising Planner, Development Review Division, Planning and Development (April 1991 to June 1998)

County of Santa Barbara

- Supervised a staff of 4-8 planners, responsible for processing moderate to large projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Duties included the review of work products; selection and evaluation of staff; environmental hearing officer role; assistance in workload evaluations and budgeting; liaison with the Coastal Commission; development of policies, procedures and prototype documents; and, provided litigation support.

Planner III, Comprehensive Planning Division, Planning and Development (May 1988 to April 1991)

County of Santa Barbara

- Lead planner in a division responsible for developing and revising the County's Comprehensive Plan.
- Duties included preparation of the Goleta Community Plan, review of the Santa Maria Sphere of Influence Study, the Santa Maria Airport Specific Plan, and the University of California Santa Barbara Long Range Development Plan, and litigation support.

Planner II, Development Review Division, Planning and Development (October 1985 to May 1988)

County of Santa Barbara

- Planner in a division responsible for processing projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Duties included preparing staff reports for moderately complex projects, including analyzing project compliance with ordinances and policies, and presenting the project

and recommendations to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and community groups.

Planner I, Development Review Division, Planning and Development

(October 1984 to October 1985)

County of Santa Barbara

- Planner in a division responsible for processing projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Duties included preparing staff reports for simple to moderately complex projects, including analyzing project compliance with ordinances and policies, and presenting the project and recommendations to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and community groups.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Planning Association.
- Association of Environmental Professionals.
- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, Member
December 1999-present. Chairperson: January 2001- January 2003, January 2005 – January 2009, May 2013 - present.
- Executive Association, Santa Barbara County, July 2000 – present.
- Management Association, Santa Barbara County, June 1998 – July 2000.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- President's National Environmental Excellence award from the National Association of Environmental Professionals for the North County Oil and Gas Facility Siting Study.
- State American Planning Association award for the Joint Proposal for the Ellwood-Devereux Coast.
- Numerous American Planning Association Central Coast Section awards.