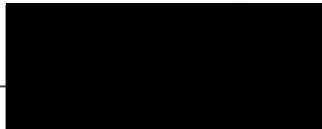


Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Mike Howe		
2. Your Title: Executive Director, Texas Section, American Water Works Association		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: American Water Works Association & Texas Water/Wastewater Response Network		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No x
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, 2015. 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.		

Signature: _____



Date: _____

4/10/17

**Mike Howe, Executive Director
Texas AWWA**



EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director May 1997-Present

*Texas Section American Water Works Association (AWWA)
Austin, TX*

- Responsible for leadership and administration of 3,500 plus member association representing water utilities and industry consultants and suppliers; providing leadership, operational continuity, strategic planning, and volunteer group performance management to achieve goals.
- Created **TXWARN** 'utility to utility' mutual aid program in 2005. Program has served as a model for similar programs nationwide. Contracted to TCEQ as sole mutual aid disaster response training/ coordination for water/wastewater utilities including drought management response.
- Appointed Member of Governor's Private Sector Advisory Council for Water Sector Security and Emergency Response

Community Relations Manager May 1990-May 1997

City of Austin Water Utilities - Austin, TX

- Developed an accountability based community relations and public involvement program that favorably changed image of Austin Water Utilities. Metrics included exceptional survey ratings and successful bond elections in down economic climate.
- Advised Executive Team on potential impacts of policy and operational issues in extremely political and adversarial climate.
- Hired and managed full service team to assist utility in a variety of community relations plans during capital projects and system expansions.
- Completed numerous high impact/high visibility projects with positive ratings by community.
- Educated utility staff in best practices in community relations and public involvement.
- Nationally recognized leader/ instructor in public involvement and crisis management techniques.

Public Information Director (Acting) Sep. 1990-Aug. 1991 Approx. 11 months

City of Austin

- Emergency appointment by City Manager.
- Successfully assumed City Director level position in crisis mode.
- Effectively reorganized operations and staff; developed communications model for City Departments with clear guidelines and accountability; Successfully supervised staff over multi-departments with broad span of influence.

Producer/Director August 1971-May 1990

KVUE TV

Austin, TX

- Created and produced long running public affairs programming with special emphasis on Austin growth and development issues.
- Established longstanding relationships with political and business leaders in area.
- Recognized television producer/ director with experience in news, production and on-air/presentation skills.

**ADDITIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

President Wells Branch Municipal Utility District, 1989 – 1995

Elected position responsible for the management and operations of water and wastewater district with additional responsibilities that included most municipal operations except police and fire. Managed ad valorem tax and utility budget serving 12,000 residents.

Treasurer – Travis County Emergency Services District #2, 1995 - present

Appointed by County Commissioners Court to serve on five member board overseeing fire and first responder emergency medical operations of 100 square mile district serving population in excess of 100,000. District is recognized as statewide leader in urban interface emergency operations.

State Association of Fire Emergency Districts - SAFED, 1996- 2012

Served as Charter President of organization that provides leadership, legislative representation and training to Emergency Services Districts in Texas. Served as Legislative Committee Chair developing legislation to improve ESD's including recent legislation requiring ESD Commissioners to complete mandatory training to improve skills and expertise.

EDUCATION

B.S. in Radio TV Film

University of Texas at Austin, 1972