

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Legislative hearing on H.R. 6060, "*Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2012.*"

For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Bennett W. Raley

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

3. Business Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

Name/Organization:

Bennett W. Raley, Counsel, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Title/Date of Hearing:

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

J.D. University of Colorado School of Law, 1983

Staff Counsel, United States Senator Hank Brown 1991-1992

Chief Counsel, United States Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights (portion of 1995, leave of absence from practice)

Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior 2001-2004

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Admitted to practice before Colorado Supreme Court, United States District Courts for Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Counsel, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, 1989 (approx) to 2001, 2004 – present

Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, 1999 (approx) to 2001, 2011 to present

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

Bennett W. Raley - None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District v. The United States, United States Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 07-637C. Litigation over Miscellaneous Revenue provision of 1938 Repayment Contract for the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. Statutes: Interior Appropriation Act of 1938 and Reclamation Law in general, Section 225 of the Reclamation Reform act of 1982, 43 U.S.C. § 490xx.

State of New Mexico v. United States of America; Kenneth L. Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, in his official capacity; Michael L. Connor, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, in his official capacity; Filiberto Cortez, Manager of the El Paso Field Division of the Bureau of Reclamation, in his official capacity, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Department of the Interior, Elephant Butte

Irrigation District and El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. CIV-00691 JAP-WDS (filed in 2011). Litigation over the operation of the Rio Grande Project. Statutes: Reclamation Law in general including 43 U.S.C. §§ 372, 383, 390b(d), Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706, Rio Grande Compact, 53 Stat. 785, National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

None.

In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Counsel, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District is the repayment entity for the Colorado-Big Thompson Reclamation Project, and has extensive financial and contractual relationships with the Bureau of Reclamation that include shared expenses of Dam Safety improvements, aspects of Project Operations, and other Programs.

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

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j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

None

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

None. Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado