

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

4/25/13 Oversight Hearing on
“Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective”

For Individuals:

1. Name: Reed D. Benson
2. Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
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4. Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
3. Business Address:
4. Business Email Address:
5. Business Phone Number:

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization Reed D. Benson, University of New Mexico School of Law

Title/Date of Hearing: Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective, April 25, 2013

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.

B.S. with honors, Economics and Environmental Studies, Iowa State, 1985

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Michigan Law School, 1988

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 law in Colorado (1988) and Oregon (1994) (inactive status in both states)

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.

Attorney, Hutchinson Black Hill & Cook, Boulder, CO 1988-89 (represented Colorado city in water matters)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, 1990-92

Land & Water Fund of the Rockies, Boulder, CO, 1992-93 (some work on water issues, primarily in Idaho)

WaterWatch of Oregon, 1993-2002 (worked entirely on Oregon water law & federal reclamation law issues)

University of Wyoming College of Law, 2002-08 (taught water law, environmental law, other subjects)

University of New Mexico School of Law, 2008-present (teach water law, natural resources, other subjects)

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.

US Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque, 2011, 2 contracts totaling \$5500

US Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, pending contract for \$3500

[all of these contracts were for 3-day training sessions for Reclamation personnel]

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.

none

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

none

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

I have written about 25 articles on western water law, and am a co-author of a major water law casebook.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization _____
Title/Date of Hearing _____

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

i. 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).

j. 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).

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

l. 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)).