

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:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: William “Bill” E. West, Jr.
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
3. Business Address: 933 E. Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155
4. Business Email Address: GM@GBRA.ORG
5. Business Phone Number: (830) 379-5822

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization William “Bill” E. West, Jr. / Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
Title/Date of Hearing “Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective.” / Thursday, 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.

Mr. West graduated from Texas A&M University in 1970 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering. West is a member of the Senate Bill 1 Region L Water Planning Committee and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2003 to the State’s Study Commission on Water for Environmental Flows.

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.

West was recognized as an Honorary Diplomat, Water Resources Engineer (Hon.D.WRE) by the American Academy of Water Resources Engineers on May 24, 2011. The Hon.D.WRE represents strong professional ethics and a commitment to life-long learning and continuing professional development. West is past President of the National Water Resources Association and the Texas Water Conservation Association.

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.

West has over 40 years of experience overseeing major water supply projects in Texas, including the settlement and resolution of numerous administrative and judicial controversies concerning those projects. West began his water resources career in 1970 at the Lower Colorado River Authority. He was promoted to System Operations Manager in 1974, to Water Resources Director in 1984, and in 1986 was named Executive Director of Natural Resources. At LCRA, Mr. West participated throughout the Texas Water Commission adjudication of the Colorado River initiated in the early 1970’s and served as a key negotiator in several landmark water rights cases on the Colorado River. He joined GBRA as its new General Manager on February 1, 1994 and assumed overall management responsibility for GBRA’s operating divisions throughout the Guadalupe River Basin. West serves as Chief Executive Officer in overseeing the day-to-day operations of GBRA functions and providing general leadership and direction.

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.

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.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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

William “Bill” E. West, Jr., is the general manager of GBRA, reporting to a board of nine directors who are appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas.

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).

FEDERAL GRANTS to GBRA:

Project Name	State Entity (sub)	Federal Agency/Grant	Project Dates	Amount
Surface Water Quality Monitoring to Support Plum Creek WPP	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Sect. 319(h)	June 1, 2007 - April 30, 2010	\$138,603.00
SWQM and Addtl Data Collection Activities to Support the Implementation of the Plum Creek WPP	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Sect. 319(h)	Nov 1, 2010 - Oct 31, 2013	\$485,545.00
Coordinating Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Sect. 319(h)	Nov 1, 2010 - Oct 31, 2014	\$216,000.00
Plum Creek Watershed Protection Education Project	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Sect. 106	Sept 1, 2007 - Aug 31, 2009	\$150,000.00
Development of a Watershed Protection Plan for Geronimo Creek	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Section 319(h)	Oct 1, 2008 - Jan 31, 2013	\$472,398.00
Water Quality Monitoring in the Geronimo Creek Watershed and Facilitation of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Section 319(h)	Nov 1, 2011 - Oct 31, 2013	\$292,491.00
Guadalupe River Basin Monitoring Network	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Section 319(h)	May 1, 2010 - Aug 31, 2012	\$124,914.00
Preliminary evaluation of VTA effectiveness to protect runoff water quality on small pork production facilities in Texas	Texas A&M University	US Department of Agriculture	July 1, 2012 - Aug 31, 2013	\$12,420.00

CWA Section 106 Nutrient Monitoring	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	US Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Water Act Section 106	Oct 12, 2011 - Aug 31, 2013	\$40,000.00
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FEDERAL CONTRACTS of which GBRA is a party:

Federal Agency/Grant	Project	GBRA Amount	Total	Date
U.S. Geological Survey	Annual Joint Funding Agrmt.	\$218,580	\$259,800	Oct.1, 2012
U.S. Geological Survey	Annual Joint Funding Agrmt.	\$202,310	\$303,650	Oct. 1, 2011
U.S. Geological Survey	Annual Joint Funding Agrmt.	\$215, 500	\$283,100	Oct. 1, 2010
U.S. Geological Survey	Annual Joint Funding Agrmt. Amend	\$27,500		June 1, 2012
U.S. Corps of Engineers	Feasibility Study, Cibolo Crk Watershed	\$493,000	\$2.8 million	Feb. 8, 2002
U.S. Corps of Engineers	Feasibility Study, Cibolo Crk Amend		\$4.57 million	Feb. 20, 2009
U.S. Corps of Engineers	Nueces River, tributaries, Feasibility	\$100,000	\$10 million	Sept. 24, 2009
NOAA (sub: GBRA/TAMU Corpus Christi)		\$53,539	\$53,539	Jan. 1, 2013

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).

None.

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.

None.

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)).

GBRA is a quasi-state agency and does not file the 990 forms listed.