

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Disclosure Form

**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

[Insert title and date of hearing]

For Individuals:

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

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: [James Michael Beck](#)
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: [Kern County Water Agency](#)
3. Business Address: [3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308](#)
4. Business Email Address: [\[Information redacted for privacy\]](#)
5. Business Phone Number: [\(661\) 634-1400](#)

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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.

- Masters degree in Water Quality from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health
- Bachelors degrees in Biology and History from the University of Pittsburgh

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.

- Certified Water Quality Analyst IV from the American Water Works Association
- Licensed Water Treatment (T3) Operator from the California Department of Public Health
- Licensed Water Distribution (D2) Operator from the California Department of Public Health

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.

- General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency (2005 - current)
- Assistant General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency (2000 - 2005)
- Manager of KCWA's Improvement District No. 4 (1996-2005)

ID4 serves the drinking water needs of 100,000 residents in urban Bakersfield as well as replenishing the groundwater basin that underlies the district.

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.

NA

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.

NA

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

- The Kern County Water Agency (Agency) is the 2nd largest State Water Project (SWP) Contractor; the largest ag SWP Contractor
- The Agency is the 4th largest urban SWP Contractor
- The Agency's county-wide responsibilities include flood control, water supply management and water quality monitoring
- Kern County sustains over 850,000 acres of irrigated farmland
- The average irrigation efficiency in Kern County is 78 percent

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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.

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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).

None

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).

- Coalition for a Sustainable Delta & Kern County Water Agency v. United States Fish & Wildlife Service, et al. and Coalition for a Sustainable Delta & Kern County Water Agency v. United States National Marine Fisheries Service, et al. challenge the federal biological opinions for delta smelt and salmon under the Administrative Procedures Act, the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Coalition for a Sustainable Delta & Kern County Water Agency v. Federal Emergency Management Agency, et al. challenges the designation of flood zones in the Delta under the Endangered Species Act.
- Coalition for a Sustainable Delta & Kern County Water Agency v. United States Maritime Administration, et al. challenges the operation of the "mothball fleet" in the Delta under the Endangered Species Act.

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)).

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