# COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES 114<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

#### Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1107 (Rep. Paul Gosar): "Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act"

June 25, 2015

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:
Name: Tom W. Davis Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Yuma County Water Users' Association Business Address: P.O. Box 5775: Yuma, AZ 85366 Business Email Address: Business Phone Number:
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### For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Attached

For Individuals:

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

No new federal contracts or grants entered into within past two years.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

Tom W. Davis P.O. Box 6185

#### **Education:**

Bachelor of Science - Oklahoma State University

## **Summary of Experience:**

Extensive experience in developing and managing budgets and personnel, and in planning and accomplishing the mission of an organization.

Experienced in formulating, negotiating, and insuring contract compliance between government agencies and between government agencies and private businesses.

Experienced in testifying before legislative committees at both the state and federal levels and assisting in drafting and lobbying for both state and federal legislation.

Extensive public speaking involving land and water issues.

Considerable experience in managing water resources in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Represented the Carlsbad Irrigation District in negotiating and implementing the Pecos River Settlement Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of New Mexico.

Graduated from the North American Development Bank's Utility Management Institute - 2009

## **Employment:**

2007 to Present: General Manager of the Yuma County Water Users' Association, Yuma, AZ. The Association serves lands in the Yuma valley and operates along a 25 mile stretch of border between the United States and Mexico. I manage a \$8,600,000 annual budget and direct the activities of the Association's 74 employees in administering, operating and maintaining the project facilities for delivering 370,000 acre feet of Colorado River water annually to 50,000 acres of farm land, delivering 50,000 acre feet of raw water to the city of Yuma, pumping 90,000 acre feet of irrigation water annually into Mexico at the San Luis Pumping Plant, and diverting approximately 600,000 acre feet annually from the Association's main canal into the Colorado River for delivery to Mexico as part of the 1944 Treaty obligation. Responsible for the operation of the Association's hydro power generating plant and for power marketing.

I operate on a continual basis with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Western Area Power Administration and the International Boundary and Water Commission.

1986 to 2007: Manager of the Carlsbad Irrigation District, Carlsbad, N.M. I was responsible for storage and delivery of irrigation water to 25,055 acres of farm land. I scheduled reservoir releases to move water between reservoirs on the Pecos River in New Mexico. I negotiated and administered a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for the District to operate two federal dams on the Pecos River and to manage the Bureau's Water Salvage Project in New Mexico and Texas. I co-founded a non-profit organization to demonstrate effective salt cedar management on 4,000 acres in the Pecos River flood plain in New Mexico.

1978-1986: I served as District Ranger, U.S. Forest Service on the Guadalupe Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest. I was responsible for multiple use management on 350,000 acres of federal lands. I was the Project Director for the largest Forest Service aerial spray project, two million acres, to control spruce bud worm.

1977-1978: I served as liaison for the Forest Service with the two major utilities in Arizona, the Salt River Project and Arizona Public Service, during the planning and construction of two 500 KV transmission lines crossing 140 miles of Forest Service lands on two National Forests in central Arizona. I was responsible for quality control and contract administration during construction.

1971-1977: I managed the 38,000 acre Caddo-LBJ National Grassland located in north central Texas.

1970-1971: I was employed by the U.S. Forest Service in Lufkin, Texas with the responsibility for coordinating livestock grazing and wildlife management with other uses such as timber production and recreation on National Forest lands in east Texas.

#### **Affiliations:**

I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association.
I currently serve as vice president of the Arizona Agri-Business and Water Council.
I currently serve on IBWC's Lower Colorado River Citizens Review Board.
Appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson to serve on the New Mexico Water Trust Board.
Appointed by the Governor Johnson to represent New Mexico on the Western States Water Council.