

Western Values Project



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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Dear Records Custodian,

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request access to and copies of all correspondence, along with related attachments, between any representatives or employees of the Westlands Water District and any employees or representatives of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck, LLP (“BHFS”) since May 1, 2010 containing any of the following terms or phrases:

“Julie MacDonald”
MacDonald
Bernhardt
Payment
Reporting
“don’t report”
“don’t have to report”
audit
“at Interior”
“Interior Secretary”
nominate
nominated
nomination
nominee
Trump

This should include, but is not limited to email, digital or instant messages, hardcopy or other official correspondence, including attachments, regardless of format, that involve employees or representatives of BHFS and include at least one of the above terms or phrases – including correspondence in which a representative of BHFS is merely carbon-copied (“CC”).

These records may be contained within the following enterprise systems and I request that they be searched under the terms of this request, however this request is not limited to information contained within these systems:

Kerio Connect
MailArchiva Server
Microsoft Office 2010 Standard
Microstoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Std
Symantec Backup Exec

I request a waiver of all fees as the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of Westlands Water District's operations and stewardship of public funds.

David Bernhardt, an attorney with BHFS, has been nominated by the President of the United States to the role of Deputy Secretary of the Interior. As such, I request expedited processing for this request so the public may understand Mr. Bernhardt and BHFS' role and activities with the Westlands Water District in order to better advise their elected representatives regarding Mr. Bernhardt's nomination.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org.

If you have questions or need additional information from me, please feel free to call me at 406-438-1918.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Saeger
Executive Director
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