



The Weekly Preview

January 25 – 29, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Monday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight field hearing on "Perspectives on California Water Supply: Challenges and Opportunities." California is in its third year of an ongoing drought. The Subcommittee will examine the implications of recently enacted California State water legislation as well as the Department of the Interior's Interim Federal Action Plan for the California Bay-Delta. Testimony will focus on Southern California's innovations for dealing with drought and the projected water supply decreases for 2010.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (January 25, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. PST, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Boardroom, 700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012)

- On Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 4416](#) (George Miller): To reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes. "Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010"

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (January 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

In Case You Missed It

- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources:

- [H.R. 3759](#) (DeFazio): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers. *“BLM Contract Extension Act”*
- [H.R. 725](#) (Pastor): To protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings. *“Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 1065](#) (Kirkpatrick): To resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona. *“White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 3254](#) (Luján): To approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement. *“Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act”*
- [H.R. 3342](#) (Luján): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque. *“Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act”*

Quotable Quote

“Many Americans rarely give a thought to having clean, potable water in their homes. We turn on the taps in our kitchens, and we take it for granted that water will flow forth. But that, unfortunately, is not the case in all places. There is no scarcity of water in my home State of West Virginia. We are rich in water. It flows freely. Yet, today we continue to work to ensure that all of our citizens have access to clean, potable water, as well as to be served by sanitary wastewater systems; and I have and will continue to fight this fight every day of my tenure in this body.”

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on the **“Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act”** ([H.R. 3254](#)). The House approved H.R. 3254 on January 21, 2010, by a vote of 254 to 158.

Calendar

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Monday 1/25	Tuesday 1/26	Wednesday 1/27	Thursday 1/28	Friday 1/29
Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Field		Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing		

Hearing (1:00 PM PST)		(10:00 AM)		
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