

Biographies

DIRK KEMPTHORNE (invited)

Dirk Kempthorne was confirmed as Secretary of the Interior on May 26, 2006. Kempthorne was elected Governor of the State of Idaho in 1998 and re-elected in 2002. He is a former chairman of the WGA and the National Governors Association.

Kempthorne was elected mayor of Boise, Idaho, in 1984 and was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 1992. Kempthorne served on the Environment and Public Works Committee, where he chaired the Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife Subcommittee. He also served on the Armed Services Committee and the Small Business Committee.

He was born in San Diego, California. He attended the University of Idaho, earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1975.

DAVID J. HAYES

David Hayes is the Global Chair of the Environment, Land & Resources Department at Latham & Watkins, a Department comprised of nearly 100 lawyers who work on environmental, energy and resources matters throughout the United States and in the firm's overseas offices.

Mr. Hayes is resident in the Latham & Watkins' Washington, D.C. office, where his practice focuses on counseling, litigation and transactions involving environmental, energy and natural resources matters. Mr. Hayes has practiced in the field for more than twenty years, combining an extensive background in EPA-related regulatory matters (contaminated sites, chemical regulation, air and water pollution issues) with natural resource-related matters (water rights and allocation, endangered species act implementation, energy project permitting, land conservation projects, and Indian-related matters).

Mr. Hayes served as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior during the second term of the Clinton Administration. While at Interior, Mr. Hayes played a lead role in many of the Department's most difficult and important matters with a primary focus on the acquisition and protection of threatened lands (e.g. acquisition of the Headwaters old-growth redwood forest in Northern California); the restoration of threatened ecosystems (e.g. the Bay-Delta ecosystem restoration project in California); the introduction of modern water management approaches in the west (e.g. the Colorado River initiatives undertaken by the Administration); the negotiation of habitat conservation plans under the Endangered Species Act; energy-related issues associated with federal lands and resources (e.g. oil and gas development, hydropower licensing, etc.); and the settlement of long-standing Indian water and land disputes.

Mr. Hayes is a 1978 graduate of the Stanford Law School, where he was Notes Editor for the Stanford Law Review, and he is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

BENNETT W. RALEY

Bennett W. Raley was Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior, responsible for U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Reclamation from 2001-2004. He currently is a partner in the law firm of Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer & Freeman.

Previously he served as Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights (1995); Special Assistant Attorney General, State of New Mexico (1998-2001); Staff Counsel to U.S. Senator Hank Brown (1991-1992); Davis, Graham & Stubbs, Associate (1983-1990), Partner (1990-1991).

His practice areas are Water Rights, Water Quality, Environment, and Public Lands. Bennett was born October 3, 1956; admitted to bar, 1983, Colorado. Education: Colorado State University (B.S. 1979); University of Colorado (J.D. 1983).

DR. ROLLIE SPAROWE

Rollie is a native Californian with three degrees in wildlife biology and management. He has more than 35 years experience with state and federal wildlife management in North America.

During Rollie's 22 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service he worked in Canada, Spain, and the Soviet Union and served on the team negotiating the North American Waterfowl Management Plan as well as helped initiate Partners in Flight. While in the Service, Rollie supervised the Cooperative Research Units and Division of Wildlife Research from 1969 through 1984. From 1984 to 1989 he was Chief of the Office of Migratory Bird Management. From 1989 to March 31, 1991, he was Deputy Assistant Director-Refuges and Wildlife.

In 1991 Rollie became president of the Wildlife Management Institute. He has been extensively involved in implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, served on the National Research Council committees on the National Biological Service, and Science and the Endangered Species Act. Rollin assisted in negotiating amendments to the Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada, and implementation of Adaptive Harvest Management for setting waterfowl seasons. He is on the Steering Committee for the Teaming With Wildlife Funding Initiative to increase funding for state wildlife agencies. His recent work includes leading the Cooperative Alliance For Refuge Enhancement (CARE) which is working to restore refuge management capability, development of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI), and formation of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners, a partnership of 35

hunting/conservation groups. Rollie is also a founding Board Member of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

In 1991 Dr. Sparrowe received the Meritorious Service Award from the Department of Interior. He was President of The Wildlife Society for 1995-96, and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. In 2002, Rollie received the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award from The Wildlife Society for his 35-year record of distinguished federal and nongovernmental service to wildlife conservation.

Rollie retired from the Wildlife Management Institute in 2004. He is an avid hunter and fisherman, and has been Game Manager of the Island Creek Gun Club for 20 years.

DUANE A. SMITH

Duane A. Smith has served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) since 1997, after having begun his career at the Board in 1978. He has comprehensive knowledge in the administration of Oklahoma's Groundwater and Stream Water Law and the management of state water resources through the water rights appropriative process. Recently, Mr. Smith traveled to the Middle East to facilitate meetings with Palestine, Israel and Jordan on behalf of the Center for Peace at the University of Oklahoma.

The OWRB administers the State of Oklahoma's One-Billion-Dollar Financial Assistance Program designed to assist Oklahoma communities and rural water districts in meeting financial needs to provide good quality water to citizens. Other significant programs administered under Mr. Smith's direction include hydrologic studies, licensure of water well drillers, floodplain management and dam safety, and the state's monitoring program designed to document beneficial use impairments, and detect water quality trends.

Mr. Smith is Vice Chairman of the Western States Water Council, a member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Oklahoma Commissioner on three interstate stream water compact commissions, and is Chairman of the Oklahoma Mesonet External Advisory Board and the Oklahoma Drought Management Team Water Availability and Outlook Committee.

Mr. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma.