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RICHARD ROOS-COLLINS

BAR California (1987)

EDUCATION J.D., honors, Harvard Law School
B.A. (English), high honors, Princeton University

EMPLOYMENT

Principal, Water and Power Law Group PC (2011 -). Founded and manage national law firm. Represent public agencies, tribes, conservation groups, ranchers, and merchant generators in cases to enhance environmental quality as well as water and power supplies. Specialize in complex settlements.

Director of Legal Services, Natural Heritage Institute (1991 – 2011). Represented stakeholders in licensing and related proceedings for hydropower projects. Served as co-lead drafter for Klamath Hydropower and Basin Restoration Agreements. Represented Hydropower Reform Coalition in negotiation and implementation of land conservation program in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy reorganization. Participated in rulemaking negotiations that resulted in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Integrated Licensing Process, 18 C.F.R. Part 5. Served as trial counsel for California Trout in the Mono Lake Cases.

Councilmember, Delta Stewardship Council (2010). Gubernatorial appointee and part-time member of state agency, created by Delta Reform Act to develop and implement plan to restore ecosystem and water supply reliability of Bay Delta.

Deputy Attorney General, Public Rights Division, California Department of Justice (1989 - 1991). Prosecuted improper management and disposal of hazardous wastes, and recovered associated public costs, through proceedings in trial, bankruptcy, and probate courts. Defended California Department of Toxic Substances Control in permit appeals. Exercised Attorney General's authority to enforce laws independently of client agencies. Reviewed private litigation filed under land use laws, to evaluate appropriateness of Attorney General's intervention. Undertook investigations to enforce limits on air emissions from industrial facilities. Submitted comments to Congress on bills enacted as 1990 Clean Air Act.

Attorney-Adviser, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1986 - 1989). Counseled in development of rules and policies governing smog, acid rain, and incineration of municipal and other wastes. Defended EPA in litigation on same subjects. Negotiated settlement reducing midwestern emissions of acid rain precursors by several hundred thousand tons a year. Commented on bills, drafted proposed provisions, subsequently enacted as 1990 Clean Air Act. Received awards for Sustained Superior Performance.

TEACHING

Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco Law School (2011 -)

Member, Council of Legal Advisors and Guest Lecturer, UC Santa Barbara Bren School of Environmental Science and Management (2016 -)

Guest Lecturer, UC Berkeley Law and College of Natural Resources (2011 -)

Lecturer, Stanford Law School (2008)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

American Fisheries Society, Carl R. Sullivan Award for Fishery Conservation (2010)

Mono Lake Committee, Defender of the Trust Award (2009)

American Rivers, Lifetime Achievement Award in River Conservation (2008)

American Bar Association, Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship (2007)

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

Director, **River Network** (2016 -)

Director, **Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council** (2004 -)

Co-Founder and Director, **Hydropower Reform Coalition** (1992 - 2018)

Director, **Klamath River Renewal Corporation** (2016 - 8)

Director and Chairman, **Low Impact Hydropower Institute** (1999 - 2015)

Co-Chairman, **Agricultural Water Management Council** (1997 - 2013)

Director and Chairman, **Tuolumne River Preservation Trust** (1991 - 2002)

Chairman, **Friends of the River** (1991 - 1994)

PUBLICATIONS

University of California Berkeley School of Law, Center for Law Energy and the Environment, and Water and Power Law Group, *Piloting a Water Rights Information System for California* (2021)

Hydropower Reform Coalition, *Citizen Guide for Effective Participation in Hydropower License Implementation*, e-book, www.hydroreform.org (2019)

Hydropower Reform Coalition, *Citizen Guide for Effective Participation in Hydropower Licensing*, e-book, www.hydroreform.org (2015)

“Bankside San Jose,” chapter in *Rivertown; Rethinking Urban Rivers*, MIT Press (2007)

“Lessons from the Mono Lake Cases for Effective Management of Public Trust Resources,” *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal* (Fall 2006)

“A Plan to Restore the Public Trust Uses of Rivers and Creeks,” *Texas Law Review* (2005)

“A Perpetual Experiment to Restore and Manage Silicon Valley’s Guadalupe River,” *Golden Gate University Law Review* (Spring 2005)

“Mono Lake Cases,” *Rivers* (winter 1995)

Rivers at Risk: A Citizen’s Guide to Hydropower (co-author), Island Press (1989)

“Voluntary Conveyance of the Right to Receive a Water Supply from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation,” *Ecology Law Quarterly* (December 1986)

PERSONAL

Married to Margit Roos-Collins. Two children: Emma (28) and Byron (26).