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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 - )**. Co-founded and manage national law firm. Represent public agencies, tribes, conservation groups, ranchers, utilities, and merchant generators in cases to enhance environmental quality and reliable water and power supplies. Specialize in multi-party settlements advancing durable solutions. Serve as general counsel for the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, which is undertaking the largest dam removal in history. Serve as outside counsel to California Natural Resources Agency in negotiation of voluntary agreements to protect water quality of San Francisco Bay Delta.

**Director of Legal Services, Natural Heritage Institute (1991 – 2011)**. Represented stakeholders nationally in licensing proceedings for hydropower projects. Served as co-lead drafter for settlement agreements in Klamath Basin. Negotiated conservation program for 140,000 acres of watershed lands owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Negotiated rulemaking package adopted by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as 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 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 air quality rules. Defended EPA in related litigation. Negotiated settlement reducing utility emissions of greenhouse gases by several hundred thousand tons a year. Contributed to development of legislation enacted as 1990 Clean Air Act. Received awards for Sustained Superior Performance.

## **TEACHING**

Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco Law School (2011 - )  
Guest Lecturer, UC Santa Barbara, Bren School of Environmental Science (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**

Advisory Board, UC Berkeley Law Center for Law Energy & Environment (2018 - )  
River Network (2016 - )  
Council of Legal Advisors, UC Santa Barbara Bren School (2016 - )  
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (2004 - )  
Klamath River Renewal Corporation (2016 - 8)  
Low Impact Hydropower Institute (Chairman, 1999 - 2015)  
Agricultural Water Management Council (Co-Chairman, 1997 - 2013)  
Tuolumne River Preservation Trust (Chairman, 1991 - 2002)  
Friends of the River (Chairman, 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](http://www.hydroreform.org) (2019)

Hydropower Reform Coalition, *Citizen Guide for Effective Participation in Hydropower Licensing*, e-book, [www.hydroreform.org](http://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 and Byron.