



DON A. BARNETT, P.E., P.G.
Principal Engineer/Hydrogeologist

EDUCATION

MS, Civil Engineering, Brigham Young University
BS, Engineering Geology, Brigham Young University

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer - Utah
Professional Geologist – Utah

SUMMARY

Mr. Barnett is a licensed civil engineer and registered professional geologist with 30 years of water resource and water rights experience. He joined Barnett Intermountain Water Consulting (then Higginson-Barnett Consultants) in 1985, after having worked as an engineering technician for the Utah Division of Water Resources. Over the past 30 years he has served hundreds of clients in assisting them solve water resource and water right matters. His practice focuses in the areas of water policy, water rights, water resource and ground-water investigations. Over the years, he has worked for a number of municipalities, industries, special service districts, irrigation companies, and individuals in the intermountain states.

Mr. Barnett's technical training and experience coupled with his experience in working with Federal, State and local governments gives him the capacity to assist clients with a full range of issues. His understanding of regulatory requirements, especially water right administration, qualifies him to understand and resolve complex matters. He has provided expert testimony on a number of occasions in water right hearings before the Utah State Engineer's Office and has provided expert testimony in the court room. For the past 27 years he has organized an annual water rights seminar for attorneys, engineers and water resource professionals.

Mr. Barnett also serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum. This organization was created in 1973 by the seven Colorado River Basin States to coordinate activities and efforts aimed at reducing the salt load of the Colorado River. The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program is a partnership between federal, state and local entities and individuals. This \$40M per year program has reduced the salt load of the Colorado River by more than 1.3 million tons per year and reduced the annual downstream damages by more than \$350 million. In his capacity as executive director, Mr. Barnett supports and coordinates the implementation of the program under the direction of the gubernatorial appointees from the seven states and serves as a liaison between the federal and state partners.

Mr. Barnett also serves as the Engineer-Manager of the Bear River Commission. In this capacity he oversees the equitable distribution of water between Idaho, Utah and Wyoming as well as assists the states in administration of other matters pursuant to the Amended Bear River Compact. The Compact was entered into between the three states and the federal government in 1958 to promote interstate comity and equitable apportionment of the waters of the Bear River.

ORGANIZATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Utah Water Users Association
Idaho Water Users Association
Utah Geological Association