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LOBBYING REPORT

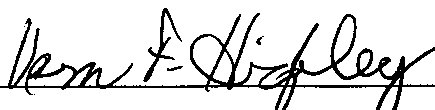
Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Vern F. Highley			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1687 E. Castlebrook Dr.			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) Fresno CA 93720 City: State/zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name Vern F. Highley	Telephone (559) 434-1775	E-mail (optional) vernhighley@sierratel.com	5. Senate ID # 18227-75
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self National Watermelon Association			6. House ID # 31164004

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Decen
9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇌ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇌ \$ <u>12,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇌ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate exp accounting method. See instructions for description of opti</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitior</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(t Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature _____


Date **February 6, 2004**

Registrant Name Vern F. Highley Client Name National Watermelon Association

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the : engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Minor Use Chemicals, Methyl Bromide, Food Safety, Farm Labor, Transportation, other general agricultural issues relative to federal policies affecting the production, handling and shipping of watermelons

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House, Senate, USDA, EPA

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Vern F. Highley	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature *Vern F. Highley* Date 2/6/04

Printed Name and Title Vern F. Highley, Agricultural Consultant

