

2016 Fresno COG One Voice Trip Follow Up Tasks

Agency	Agency Contacts	Follow-up Activity	Priority
Department of the Interior	<p><u>Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science</u> Jennifer Gimbel, Assistant Secretary Thomas “Tom” Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary</p> <p><u>Bureau of Reclamation</u> Dave Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Bureau of Reclamation</p>	<p>A. Letter from Fresno COG Policy Board encouraging Interior to Review the Obama Administration’s forthcoming response to Senator Feinstein’s March 24 letter requesting more pumping.</p> <p>B. Also ask them not to approve the request for Wild and Scenic Designation on SJ River</p>	Water
Department of Agriculture	<p><u>Natural Resources and the Environment</u> Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment</p> <p><u>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</u> Mark Rose, Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division (FAPD)</p> <p><u>Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs</u> Alex Jacquez, Legislative Analyst, External and Intergovernmental Affairs</p>	<p>A. Review the March 2016 Federal Action Plan of the National Drought Resilience Partnership</p> <p>B. Request that Congress support a robust USDA APHIS program in FY17.</p> <p>C. Contact Carlos Suarez, USDA’s NRCS California State Conservationist, who is based in Davis, CA to discuss funding opportunities for Water Storage, water conservation, Temperance Flat planning funds</p> <p>D. Thank you letter to all those in attendance: Check back with Ann Mills on her offer to go back and talk to her counterparts and others at USDA regarding CA water storage and it’s effect on farmers, drought resiliency. Ask for funding in grant programs for Temperance Flats.</p> <p>Involved with the Drought Resiliency Partnership (established by POTUS) She wants to bring us in communication with other Federal agencies, bring them to our County. If planning for just agricultural lands then they may a way they can help.</p>	Water & Ag Priorities

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Senator Feinstein	John Watts, Legislative Director Ken Rooney, Legislative Assistant Tristan Colonius, Legislative Assistant	<p>A. Thank you letter: Letter of Support being generated for her water bill, remind her she agreed to send letter to Water Commission encouraging them to stay consistent on funding recommended water projects and not distributing funds to other Prop 1 Projects. Letter to BLM stating we are generating a letter of concern to Interior regarding the Wild and Scenic Designation. Request the pre-briefing discussed with her (she agreed to it) prior to final feasibility report going out to the public.</p> <p>B. Draft Letter of Support for Senator Feinstein’s efforts to work with the Administration to increase pumping within the limits of the biological opinions;</p>	Water
Department of Transportation	<p><u>Office of Government Affairs</u> Michael Daley, Director</p> <p><u>Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation</u> John Augustine, Director</p> <p><u>Federal Railroad Administration</u> Trevor Dean, Advisor</p>	<p>A. Communicate with U.S. DOT Office of Government Affairs regarding FASTLANE and TIGER Grant applications, as well as progress on High-Speed Rail;</p> <p>B. Send information to U.S. DOT regarding requests for flexibility in training and workforce development spending across modal agencies. Follow-up with Trevor Dean who said he’d talk to Secretary Foxx about multimodal training regs eligibility. Said it is “close to Foxx’s heart”</p> <p>C. John FHWA Division Office in Sacramento gave Blake his card to follow up</p>	Uniform Workforce Policies & Fast Lane Grant

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<u>Department of Energy</u>	<p><u>Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs</u> Francisco Carrillo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Will Swenson, Advisor, Intergovernmental & External Affairs Georgette Furukawa-Martinez, Advisor, Intergovernmental & External Affairs</p> <p><u>Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy</u> Christina Nichols, MBA, Mantech, Inc., Contractor to the US DOE Solar Energy Technologies Office/SunShot Josh Olsen, Lead Policy Advisor for Technical Operations, Weatherization Assistance Program Jonah Steinbuck, Policy Advisor on Climate and Clean Energy</p>	<p>A. Review California’s ranked priorities for WAP funding, and consider state-level policy changes;</p> <p>B. Review the Department’s <i>Community and Shared Solar</i> programs;</p> <p>C. Review the Department’s <i>Commercial PACE</i> program;</p> <p>D. Consider partnering with the Department’s <i>Clean Energy for Low Income Communities Accelerator</i>. The White House will launch this on May 9th and they are looking for government partners.</p>	Solar and Weatherization
<u>Department of Justice</u>	<p><u>Office of Justice Programs</u> <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> Esmeralda C. Womack, Southwest Division Chief Steve Edwards, Senior Policy Advisor</p> <p><u>Office of Communications</u> Nikita Purdy, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist</p>	<p>A. Request that Congress supports a fully-funded SCAAP program in FY17;</p> <p>B. Review BJA’s <i>Valor Program</i> along with additional BJA grant programs for mental health grants and human trafficking programs.</p> <p>C. Discussed hosting a Valor Training in Fresno. Need follow up on that.</p> <p>D. Pursue JAG funding to be released end of April.</p>	SCAAP
<u>Representative Eric Swalwell</u>		<p>A. Thank you letter for meeting with us.</p> <p>B. Collaborate with Congressman Swalwell on increasing economic ties between the Bay Area and Fresno County. HSR follow-up?</p>	HSR Training

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<u>Representative Jim Costa</u>	Scott Petersen, Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	<p>A. Thank you letter for meeting with us.</p> <p>B. Request a list of Southern California members of Congress to reach out to regarding comprehensive water legislation;</p> <p>C. Request take lead on letter from the San Joaquin Valley Congressional Delegation in opposition to BLM <i>“wild and scenic”</i> designation;</p> <p>D. Request he send a letter to Interior encouraging them to partner with the JPA in completing the app. to secure state funding and build Temperance Flat. (Prop 1)</p> <p>E. Send additional information to Congressman Costa’s office regarding DOT flexibility on workforce training.</p>	Water & Uniform Workforce Policies
<u>Representative Tom McClintock</u>	Chris Tudor, Legislative Director	<p>A. Thank you letter for meeting with us. Colleague Letter re: water issues will be circulated. BLM/Prop 1 application partnership, Letter of Support for House Water bill from Policy Board</p> <p>B. Communicate with Congressman McClintock on tree removal from federal lands and requests for support for additional water storage such as the Wild and Scenic Designation Letter of Support</p> <p>C. Encouraged delegation to mobilize the public behind the issues limiting pumping through education and empowerment</p>	Water & Tree Removal from Federal Lands (<i>not approved priority but supported by the delegation in relation to air quality and water savings</i>)

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<u>Congressman Devin Nunes</u>	Chris Tudor, Legislative Director	<p>A. Thank you letter for meeting with us and for all work on drought. Sending COG letter of support.</p> <p>B. Encouraged delegation to mobilize the public behind the issues limiting pumping through education and empowerment</p> <p>C. Request take lead on letter from the San Joaquin Valley Congressional Delegation in opposition to BLM <i>“wild and scenic”</i> designation;</p> <p>D. Request he send a letter to Interior encouraging them to partner with the JPA in completing the app. to secure state funding and build Temperance Flat. (Prop 1)</p>	Water

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<u>White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</u>	<p>Rohan Patel, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p>Tim Male, Associate Director for Conservation and Wildlife, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)</p> <p>Bridget Cummings, Staff Assistant</p> <p>Leslie Ramirez, Staff</p>	<p>A. Thank you – Human toll of drought, Support for BRM designation, Delta Prop 1 funding high priority</p> <p>B. Rohan Patel, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, asked to speak with the Agricultural Commissioner “offline” regarding the support for more Canine Teams and access into more postal offices.</p> <p>C. Fresno COG’s Fast Lane Grant- Rojan wants the actual application and offered to weigh in with DOT, emphasizing the need to fund it.</p> <p>D. High Speed Rail Training Priority – Authorization in Appropriations Bill coming out for a new apprenticeship program. This seemingly should have an advantage as a good project for that funding. Asked us to follow up with them after the appropriations are release.</p> <p>E. Clean Air Act Modernization – in combining the 6 plans we are currently required to honor. Said it was perfectly reasonable ask to combining the plans. Support?</p>	Ag Priorities, Water, Clean Air Act Modernization, HSR Training Facility & FAST Lane application

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<u>Department of Commerce</u>	<u>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)</u> Peter Colohan, Director of the Social Intelligence Division, National Water Center, and NOAA Representative, National Drought Resilience Partnership	Collaborate with the National Drought Resilience Partnership. Suggested a teleconference between One Voice participants and NOAA staff regarding biological opinions and funding sources.	Water
<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>	<u>Office of Intergovernmental Relations</u> Arnita Hannon, Intergovernmental Liaison Demond Matthews, Presidential Management Fellow, Intergovernmental Liaison <u>Office of Water</u> Roger Gorke, Senior Policy Advisor (phone) <u>Office of Air and Radiation</u> Lori Stewart, Chief of Staff <u>Office of Climate Change Adaptation Activities</u> Dr. Joel Scheraga, Senior Advisor for Climate Change Adaptation (phone) <u>Office of Public Affairs</u> Allison Dennis, Public Affairs Specialist <u>Region IX (*participating via teleconference)</u> *Kerry Drake, Associate Director *John Kemmerer, Associate Water Director *Brett Maier, Congressional Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that members of Congress support Air Quality Empowerment Zone legislation Streamlining the process for Clean Air Act provisions on Exceptional Events Rule. Using demonstration programs to test it out. Said Drought is not an allowable exceptional event, but high winds are. So if we can tie in the drought to what IS exceptional in the Act, we can access the provisions. Following up on that. Invited their staff out to the San Joaquin Valley to see the drought impacts and issues first hand. Follow-up with Roger Gorke in the EPA on the NDRP. Plans are already moving forward for that visit so they can see how much the Valley has already done to help themselves with drought relief, to see the human toll it is taking on our people and land. They followed up with staff immediately. Possibility of getting FEMA funding for pre-disaster mitigation that is new. EPA has been reaching out to them to see about leveraging Federal agency funding from several agencies like EPA, USDA, Interior, for this pre-disaster mitigation. John Kimmer from the EPA Region 9 Water Program said there is support from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund provided through the State Water Resources Control Board in the State Revolving Loan Fund Ground Water Recharge – EPA is interested in working with our area to discuss what is already being done in Fresno County. 	Air Quality Empowerment Zone, Clean Air Act Modernization & Water