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2011 Fresno COG “One Voice”

February 27 - March 2, 2011

Sunday, February 27

5:00 p.m. **Briefing for “One Voice” attendees by Len Simon**

Hilton Garden Inn

Address: 815 14th Street, NW

Contact: 202-783-7800

Monday, February 28

7:30 a.m. Meet at the Hilton Garden for Briefing and travel to **Capitol Visitors Center (South Congressional Room)**

9:30 a.m. One Voice Funding and Policy Priorities - Policy and Project Presentations

Meeting with staff of Reps. Nunes, Costa, Denham and Cardoza

- **Damon Nelson**, Legislative Director, *Rep. Devin Nunes*
- **Jacqlyn Schneider**, Legislative Director, *Rep. Jim Costa*
- **Marilyn Shapley**, Legislative Assistant, *Rep. Dennis Cardoza*
- **Bret Manley**, Legislative Director, *Rep. Jeff Denham*

11:30 a.m. Presentation by House Leadership on “Pledge” Implementation by New Majority

“Pledge for America” – A New Republican Governing Agenda

<http://pledge.gop.gov/resources/library/documents/pledge/a-pledge-to-america.pdf>

- **Jim Herz**, Office of House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan

12:30 p.m. **Lunch: Capitol Visitors Center Restaurant (lower level)**

2:00 p.m. Group Priority Federal Agency Visits

U.S. Department of Transportation

Joanna Turner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs

Address: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Contact: Bart Ellefritz, 202-366-6321

*****Linda Gilchrist will escort to the appropriate room*

(1) **SAFETEA- LU Reauthorization with DOT Staff-** *Discussion with the Secretary's of DOT's staff of their plans and proposals for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization and how it will impact local and regional levels.*

(2) **DOT TIGER Office** – *Meet with DOT Secretary's staff to discuss next round of funding under Transportation Infrastructure Grants for Economic Recovery ("TIGER III") program.*

(3) **High-Speed Rail Office** – *Meet with officials of the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss implementation of Central Valley HSR funding, including streamlining of the environmental review process and development of a maintenance facility.*

4:00 p.m. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Address: 451 Seventh Street, SW

Contact: Erica Jacquez, 202-402-4807

(1) **HUD Sustainable Communities Office** – *Meeting with HUD staff to discuss next steps in the Sustainable Communities initiative, including new funding opportunities.*

(2) **Community Development Block Grant Office** – *Update with HUD staff regarding funding issues in connection with CDBG and any policy changes being proposed by the Administration.*

(3) **Affordable Housing Office** – *Meeting with HUD staff to discuss new HUD affordable housing initiatives.*

6:00 p.m. *Group or Individual Dinners*

Tuesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Meet at the Hilton Garden for Briefing and Morning Meeting and reports on Monday *Group Priority Federal Agency Visits*

9:30 a.m. **White House Perspectives on Regional and Urban Policies**

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

David Agnew, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs

Pending Council on Environmental Quality
Horst Grezmiel, Associate Director for NEPA Oversight
Contact: 202-456-6224

11:30 a.m. **Senator Dianne Feinstein**
Meeting with Senator and/or staff for presentation of “One Voice” projects and priorities

12:30 p.m. **Lunch** - Dirksen Senate Office Building Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. **Senator Barbara Boxer**
Meeting with Senator and/or staff for presentation of “One Voice” projects and priorities

3:00 p.m. **Group Priority Federal Agency Visits**

(1) **Army Corps of Engineers**

Address:

Contact: Gene Pawlik, USACE Public Affairs, 202-761-7690

(2) **U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services**

Address:

Contact: Robert Barba, 202-208-4646

(3) **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water**

**Cynthia Dougherty, Director of our Office of Ground Water and
Drinking Water, Jim Hanlon, the Director of the Office of Wastewater
Management**

Staff, Office of Air Quality

Address: Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Ariel Rios North Building, Room (?)

Contact: Keara Moore, 202-564-3173

(4) **U.S. Department of Labor**

Address: 200 Constitution Avenue, NW

Contact: Liam Livia, 202-693-4600

4:30 p.m. **Group Priority Federal Agency Visits**

(1) **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Address: Contact: Janice Griffis, 202-720-6643

Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

Address:

Contact: Melinda Matson, Legislative Affairs for California: 202-482-2200

(1) **Department of Energy, Office of Energy Conservation and Renewables**

1000 Independence Avenue, SW

Contact: Clyde Henderson, III, 202-586-3715

6:00 p.m. ***Group or Individual Dinners***

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Meet at the Hilton Garden for Briefing, reports on Tuesday
Group Priority Federal Agency Visits and travel to **Capitol Visitors Center**
(South Congressional Room)

9:00 a.m. Valley leadership, 2011 - Representative Devin Nunes
Contact: Jennifer Morrow, 202-225-2523

10:00 a.m. Perspectives on Federal Regional Policies
Fred Abousleman, Executive Director,
National Association of Regional Councils

11:30 a.m. Valley Leadership, 2011 - Representative Dennis Cardoza
Contact: Erica Woodward, 202-225-6131

12:00pm **Valley Leadership, 2011 - Representative Jim Costa**
Contact: Juan Lopez, 202-225-3341

12:30 p.m. Valley Leadership, 2011 - Representative Jeff Denham
Contact: Carol Kresse, 202-225-4540

1:00 p.m. **Lunch: Capitol Visitors Center Restaurant (lower level)**

2:00 p.m. **State of California Federal Priorities - Governor's Office**
Contact: Brian Turner, 202-624-5270

3:00 p.m. **The Loyal Opposition: Outlook from House Democratic Leadership**

6:00 p.m. **Closing Group Dinner**
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