



Date: March 19, 2013

To: Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Gary DeLong, Chair of the Federal Legislative Committee

Subject: **Recommendation to receive and file a report on travel to Washington, D.C.**

On February 25 to 27, I traveled to Washington, D.C. as Chair of the Federal Legislation Committee to discuss federal issues of importance with our delegation and the Administration, accompanied by Government Affairs staff and supported by the City's federal advocate Van Scoyoc Associates.

Attached is a list of meetings we participated in while in Washington, DC. Among the issues discussed were the following:

- Funding to dredge the federal Los Angeles River Channel
- Funding and approval of the rescoping of the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study
- The Wetlands Mitigation Funding plan for the Los Cerritos Wetlands and future wetlands restoration projects
- Zero-emissions projects, I-710 Goods Movement projects and the Shoemaker bridge replacement
- Protection of Homeland Security funding and the preservation of the regional collaborative approach to distributing funding
- Changes to the Federal Highways Administration's practice regarding allowing local hiring agreements with non-federal funds
- Support for the Marketplace Fairness Act to support a nationwide standard for internet sales tax collection
- Support of the current tax-exemption for Municipal bonds
- The impact of Sequestration on the City and the City's position that the federal deficit be reduced through a more balanced and deliberative approach.
- Other issues on the City's Federal Legislative Agenda.

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List of Meetings in Washington, D.C.

Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein

Office of Senator Barbara Boxer

Congresswoman Janice Hahn

Congressman Alan Lowenthal

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee

House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee

Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee

Environmental Protection Agency

US Army Corps of Engineers