



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of April 7, 2014

Congress returns from spring recess this week. Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of April 28, 2014 below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, April 29th

10 AM | Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs – Full Committee Markup: Housing Finance Overhaul and Nominations

- Nani Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar to be an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

10 AM | House Natural Resources – Full Committee Oversight Hearing: Skilled Trade Workers in the Energy Sector – “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Skilled Trade Workers.” View the hearing live [here](#).

10 AM | House Agriculture – Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology and Foreign Agriculture: Research, Management to Control Pests and Diseases of Pollinators. View the hearing live [here](#).

10 AM | House Homeland Security – Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications: National Preparedness Grant Program Proposal. The hearing will elicit stakeholder response to the President’s budget request to consolidate a number of homeland security grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program, into a new National Preparedness Grant Program (NPGP). View the hearing live [here](#).

10 AM | House Education and the Workforce Committee – Full Committee Hearing: Fy15 Budget Department of Education

10:15 AM | House Ways and Means – Full Committee Markup: Ways and Means Bills including Tax Extenders

2 PM | House Natural Resources – Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations: Military Land Bills:

[HR 3687](#) - Military Land and National Defense Act (Rep. Issa -CA) - Amends the National Historic Preservation Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to notify the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources if a property owned by the federal government is being considered for inclusion on the National Register, for designation as a National Historic Landmark, or for nomination to the World Heritage List. Prohibits such inclusion or designation of federal property if the head of any federal agency managing such property objects to such inclusion or designation for national security reasons.

[HR 4458](#) - Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA Security Enhancement Act (Rep. McCarthy, K. - CA) - Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Security Enhancement Act - Amends the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 to provide that the withdrawal and reservation of public land located within the boundaries of the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, in Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties, California, shall not terminate except pursuant to: (1) an election and determination by the Secretary of the Navy to relinquish such land, or (2) a transfer by the Secretary of

the Interior of permanent administrative jurisdiction over such land to the Secretary of the Navy. (Currently the withdrawal and reservation of such land shall terminate on March 31, 2039.) Withdraws from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws the public land (including interests in land) known as the Cuddeback Lake Air Force Range and additional public land in San Bernardino County, California, identified as the Cuddeback Land Area (excluding any public land included within the Grass Valley Wilderness and all private lands otherwise located within the boundaries of the withdrawal area). Requires the Secretary of the Navy to ensure that the owners of the excluded private land continue to have reasonable access to their land.

12 PM | The House will meet for legislative business. Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:
[H.R. 4167](#) - Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act, as amended (Sponsored by Rep. Andy Barr / Financial Services Committee)

[H.R. 4414](#) - Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule) (Sponsored by Rep. John Carney / Ways & Means Committee) – The bill exempts expatriate health plans, employers acting as sponsors of such plans, and health insurance issuers providing coverage under such plans from the health care coverage requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Deems expatriate health coverage to be minimum essential coverage under an eligible employer-sponsored plan according to the Internal Revenue Code.

2 PM | House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee - Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking Hearing. Watch the hearing live [here](#).

Wednesday, April 30th

9:30 AM | Senate Appropriations – Subcommittee on Interior and Environment: FY15 Appropriations

9:30 AM | House Appropriations – Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science: FY15 Appropriations

10 AM | House Transportation and Infrastructure – Subcommittee on Aviation: Air Service to Small Rural Communities

10 AM | House Agriculture – Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development and Credit: Hearing to Review the State of the Livestock Industry

10 AM | House Budget – Full Committee Hearing: Progress Report on Poverty

10 AM | House Judiciary – Mark up of the following legislation

[H.R. 3530](#) - Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2013

[H.R. 3610](#) - Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2013

[H.R. 4225](#) - Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2014

10 AM | Senate Appropriations – Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education: FY15 Appropriations

10 AM | Senate Appropriations – Subcommittee on Defense: FY15 Appropriations

2 PM | House Transportation and Infrastructure – P3 Roundtable Policy Discussion: “The State Experience with Public-Private Partnerships

2 PM | House Ways and Means – Subcommittee on Health: Ideas to Improve Medicare Oversight to Reduce Waste, Fraud and Abuse

2 PM | Senate Appropriations – Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: FY15 Appropriations

2:30 PM | Senate Indian Affairs Committee – Full Committee Hearing: Tribal Legislation

2:30 PM | Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation – Full Committee Hearing: Transportation Security Oversight - Witness – John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration

Thursday, May 1st

10 AM | House Energy and Commerce – Subcommittee on Health: Telehealth to Digital Medicine: How 21st Century Technology can Benefit Patients

10 AM | Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry – Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy: Rural Economic Development