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Federal Legislative Activities Week of July 29, 2013

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of July 29, 2013 below.

Tuesday, July 30

Senate Floor consideration of FY 14 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Bill - [S.1243](#) | 10 AM | This is the first of the Senate's 12 annual appropriations measures to reach the floor. The Senate bill spends nearly \$10 billion more than the House; disparity could be worked out through amendments or the conference committee process.

House Floor consideration of FY14 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Bill - [H.R. 2610](#) - | 2:30 PM.

Mark Up: *Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013* - [H.R. 2810](#) | 4 PM | House Committee on Energy and Commerce. This bill would repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) repeal and replace policy in two basic components: the Fee for Service Program and the Payment Model Choice Program. SGR would be repealed and replaced with a 5-year period of stable payments with annual inflationary baseline adjustments of 0.5%. Providers who meet or exceed their specialty benchmark could receive a positive update of 1.5% per year. Click [here](#) to view background paper.

Wednesday, July 31

Hearing: *Preserving the Rights of Servicemembers, Veterans, and their Families in the Financial Marketplace* | 10 AM | Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. Click [here](#) to watch the meeting live.

Markup: FY 2014 Interior and Environment Bill |10 AM | House Appropriations Committee

Mark Up: *Workforce Investment Act of 2013* – [S. 1356](#) |10 AM | Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee Markup | The bill would amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the US workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the US, and to promote individual and national economic growth.

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

Mark Up: *Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act* - [H.R. 1526](#) - | 10:30 AM | House Natural Resources Committee | The bill would restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes. [Amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 1526](#)

Mark Up: [H.R. 1963](#) - *Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act* | 10:30 AM | House Natural Resources Committee | The bill would amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.

Hearing: *Improving the Safety Net to Ensure Families Receive Real Help* | 2 PM | House Committee on Ways and Means. The hearing will review how States have used flexibility in the past to improve services for low-income families and individuals, and how current safety net programs can be better coordinated to provide more effective assistance to those in need. Click [here](#) for background information.

Thursday, August 1

Hearing: *Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation* | 10 AM | House Ways and Means Committee. Click [here](#) for background information.

Friday, August 2

Border Security Planning: Applying Overseas Lessons Learned to the Homeland | 9 AM | House Homeland Security Committee Hearing

Legislative Hearing | 9 AM | House Ways and Means Committee:

[H.R. 2824](#) - *Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act* - This bill would amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes.