



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of May 5, 2014

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of May 5, 2014 below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, May 6th

10 AM | Senate Finance, Full Committee Hearing: Highway and Transit Funding | Watch the hearing live [here](#).

2:30 PM | Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce: Federal Workforce Productivity | This hearing seeks to examine the state of the federal workforce, and the impact of factors such as the federal government shutdown, sequestration, and hiring and pay freezes on employee morale, productivity and efficiency and agency recruitment and retention efforts.

Wednesday, May 7th

9 AM | Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Full Committee Hearing: Farm Bill Implementation | The hearing, 2014 Farm Bill: Implementation and Next Steps, will examine USDA's ongoing implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will testify.

9 AM | House Appropriation, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Markup: FY 15 Appropriations for Transportation and HUD

10 AM | House Natural Resources Committee Hearing: Keeping the Lights On and Reducing Catastrophic Forest Fire Risk: Proper Management of Electricity Rights of Way on Federal Lands | The purpose of this hearing is to examine existing challenges to proactive forest management needed to ensure reliable electricity supply, low cost energy for homes and businesses, and public safety by reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires. Last September, the House Natural Resources Committee passed H.R. 1526, The Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. This bill will help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires; put tens of thousands of Americans back to work; provide stable funding for counties to use for education and infrastructure; improve local management of our federal forests. Watch the hearing live [here](#).

10 AM | Senate Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Hearing: FY 15 Appropriations for L-HHS-E

1 PM | House Committee on Small Business Hearing: Military to Entrepreneurship: Private Sector Initiatives to Help Veterans Pursue Business Opportunities | The purpose of the hearing is to examine veteran-owned small businesses as well as private sector efforts that have helped them. Watch the hearing live [here](#).

2 PM | House Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs: Native American Land and Trust Management

2:30 PM | Senate Banking Housing and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Job Creation

2:30 PM | Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation, Full Committee Hearing: Surface Transportation Reauthorization

2:30 PM | Senate Indian Affairs, Full Committee Hearing: Land and Water Legislation

Thursday, May 8th

9:30 AM | Senate Budget, Full Committee Hearing: U.S. Economic and Fiscal Outlook

10 AM | House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Hearing: Mixed Signals: The Administration's Policy on Marijuana

10 AM | House Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment: Clean Water Act Jurisdictional Rule | Watch the hearing live [here](#).

10 AM | Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Full Committee Confirmation: HHS Nomination, Sylvia Matthews Burwell of West Virginia.

10 AM | Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Hearing: The State of U.S. Travel and Tourism: Industry Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually | This hearing will examine the state of the U.S. travel and tourism industry, with a particular focus on public and private travel-promotion efforts and the benefits of tourism in the context of the 2012 National Travel and Tourism Strategy – a plan to attract 100 million international visitors annually by the end of 2021. Watch the hearing live [here](#).