



# Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

*A Partnership for Flood Safety*

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mike Inamine, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Washington D.C. meetings through Sac Metro Chamber's Cap-to-Cap Program

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## Discussion

From May 3 through May 7, SBFCA Executive Director Mike Inamine attended the Sacramento Metro Chamber's Cap-to-Cap Program in Washington D.C. The Board approved this trip at its February 12, 2014 meeting. In addition, SBFCA benefited from the presence of Vice Chairman Kash Gill, General Counsel Scott Shapiro and alternate Board Member John Buckland.

The Cap-to-Cap Program is the nations' largest federal advocacy program in Washington D.C. The program focuses on key regional issues, and SBFCA was a member of a well-organized Flood Team that was co-chaired by Mr. Shapiro and SBFCA consultant Ric Reinhardt. Following is a summary of Mr. Inamine's key meetings:

Along with regional partners, Mr. Inamine met with staff of Governor Jerry Brown for the purpose of showing support for the CVFPP and efforts to advance State-funded projects in concert with federal programs and policies.

Mr. Inamine met with national policy managers of American Rivers to discuss potential collaboration on evolving FEMA regulations and proposed changes in the law that affect the rural floodplain.

Mr. Inamine attended a meeting with Roger Cockrell, the staffer for the Senate Appropriations Committee, to brief him on the progress of the Sutter Basin Feasibility Study and to request adequate funding for construction.

A conflict prevented Mr. Inamine from attending a meeting with Congressman Doug LaMalfa; however, Yuba City Development Director Darin Gale expressed thanks on behalf of SBFCA for Mr. LaMalfa's efforts on 408 permits and the Sutter Basin Feasibility Study. Mr. Inamine met with Congressman Garamendi's staff to provide a briefing on Agency progress within the broader region, and to raise federal policy issues that require attention. The Congressman and staff were also thanked for their support on 408 and the Sutter Basin Feasibility Study.

Mr. Inamine met with Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Congressman Ami Bera along with other Sacramento area flood agencies to highlight the region's broad support on key federal policy issues, including 408, crediting and expedited Corps planning processes.

Working through Julie Minerva, Mr. Inamine was able to arrange a special meeting with Wayne Honeycutt, Natural Resources Conservation Agency Deputy Chief and Conservation Engineering Division Director Noller Herbert to explore funding opportunities for flood control and floodplain management projects within the Sutter-Butte basin.

Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Reinhardt attended a meeting with FEMA regarding key regulatory issues that impact floodplain mapping in the agricultural floodplain and Yuba City.

**Fiscal Impact**

This item was previously approved the Board and does not have a fiscal impact.