

August 14, 2012

Stockton, Calif. – Disaster preparedness in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region will be the focus of a congressional field hearing in Stockton on Thursday. Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Stockton) will be joined by Rep. Jeff Denham, Chairman of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, between Sacramento in the north and Stockton in the south, includes over 1,000 miles of waterways and more than 1,100 miles of levees. With significant portions of the reclaimed lands behind the levees being below sea level, there are ongoing concerns of threats of flooding in the region. Thursday's hearing will examine the potential threats to the Delta region, the steps taken to prepare for and plan for a disaster, and identify the ways in which each level of government can support and facilitate planning and preparedness in the region.

Thursday's hearing is open to the public.

WHAT: "California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Planning and Preparing for Hazards and Disasters" – Hearing of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management

WHEN: 9:30 am, Thursday August 16, 2012

WHERE: The San Joaquin Council of Governments Building, 555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, California 95202

WITNESSES:

- Mr. Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Response, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Brendan Murphy, Assistant Secretary, California Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Ronald E. Baldwin, Former Director of Emergency Operations, San Joaquin County
- Mr. Timothy Alan Simon, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
- Mr. Alexander Coate, General Manager, East Bay Municipal Utility District