



## **Land Use & Housing Committee**

March 26, 2009

### **Army Corps of Engineers – Woodley Dinner Update**

**Issue:** SACOG Strategic Planning Committee had unique opportunity for dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Secretary John Paul Woodley Jr., along with COL Thomas Chapman and Michael Jewell on March 26.

**Recommendation:** None, this is for information only.

**Discussion:** At the recent urging of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Secretary John Paul Woodley Jr., SACOG was successful in its solicitation of seed funding to be awarded to the Army Corps of Engineers for a Six-County Aquatic Resources Inventory in our region. The purpose of the Inventory is to overlay the Blueprint with a science-based assessment of our watershed to fully inform our planning decisions and the Corps' permitting actions. SACOG views the Inventory as a key component to Blueprint implementation and to the RUCS project. This funding to support research in our region was largely made possible due to the work of Stacey McKinley through the Rural Urban Connections Strategy project. Secretary Woodley and his counterparts fully appreciate the region's desire to have a fully transparent policy and science-based project. The Army Corps is committed to working with our region for a science-based product and has given strong assurances that this Inventory will be conducted in concert with HCP's in the region and the wishes of local governments.

SACOG was offered the rare opportunity to meet privately with Secretary Woodley; COL Thomas Chapman, District Engineer, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Michael Jewell, Chief of Regulatory, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of the dinner was for the SACOG region to thank Secretary Woodley for the leadership he has shown and to encourage continued support of the Inventory, flood control efforts and regulatory streamlining, overall. Members of the SACOG Strategic Planning Committee including Directors Cosgrove, Clare, and Budge participated. Staff will provide a summary of the discussion at the March 26 Dinner at committee.

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