



**TO:** Legislative Committee  
**FROM:** Brent R. Heberlee  
**DATE:** March 7, 2018  
**RE:** Federal Legislative Update

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This memo provides a Federal Legislative Update on the items appearing on the agenda for the March 12, 2018, Legislative Committee meeting.

**1. Meetings with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Kamala Harris**

As part of the NACo Legislative Conference, Supervisors Adams and Alejo, Nick Chiulos, and I met with members of the County's congressional delegation on March 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss several priority issues. We met with Rep. Panetta and his staff, as well as staff from the offices of Sen. Feinstein and Sen. Harris, to discuss issues related to immigration policy, Department of Justice actions against sanctuary jurisdictions, cannabis banking, and federal disaster assistance, especially concerns with the FEMA reimbursement process.

Our message and concerns were well received by each congressional office, and I am in the process of providing follow up information to staff on the FEMA reimbursement issue. Each office was receptive to the idea of sending a letter to FEMA to highlight the County's concerns with the slow pace of the reimbursement process. The County also intends to work with Rep. Panetta's office to explore options for assisting the U.S. Forest Service to maintain fire breaks in the Los Padres National Forest.

**Attachments:**

- Federal Bill/Issues Track