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To: Nikki Schmidt
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Re: 2013 Federal Agenda Update

This memorandum provides an update on the County of San Luis Obispo's CY 2013/FYY 2013 federal agenda.

Thus far in CY 2012/FYY 2013, we have seen relatively little legislation move through Congress and, similarly, only minor action emanating from the Administration directly relevant to the County's agenda. Current year appropriations were delayed until very recently; we are only now seeing notices of funding availability for grants related to County interests, such as TIGER, public safety, and environmental priorities.

Through June 1, 2013, The Ferguson Group (TFG) assisted San Luis Obispo County in matters of interest pertaining to the federal government, including federal funding as well as legislative, regulatory, and other administrative matters not directly related to federal funding. TFG tracked relevant legislative action in Congress and kept communications in place with the County's congressional delegation in case obstacles or opportunities arose related to key County projects and issues. For example, TFG facilitated direct communications with key congressional and Administration officials and staff regarding the Los Osos Project, Arroyo Grande flood control and FEMA funding, and Salinas Dam seismic retrofit and federal control of the facility. In addition, TFG continues to provide weekly grant updates, legislative updates, and a monthly summary of relevant issues.

TFG assisted the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) at the request of both the County and SLOCOG. TFG continued to provide updates to SLOCOG staff on legislative developments related to MAP-21 (the two year transportation authorization bill passed in the summer). In addition, TFG arranged joint County/SLOCOG meetings in Washington, D.C. with key elected officials and staff during April 2013.

Looking forward toward the second half of 2013, The Ferguson Group will meet with County officials and staff in July to review the federal agenda and focus attention on key issues and projects in light of recent action and budget decisions made by Congress and the Administration. In light of the continuing congressional moratorium on congressionally directed spending, TFG will continue working with the County to identify grant opportunities – competitive and discretionary – and assist County staff by evaluating grant opportunities and providing important information about relevant grants to aid in decision making.