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San Joaquin County speaks with "One Voice" in Washington DC this week!

Since 2000, the [San Joaquin Council of Governments](#), (*a San Joaquin Partnership Investor*) the regional metropolitan planning organization, has coordinated a delegation of policymakers, governmental officials, and business leaders from San Joaquin County to call upon leaders in the Administration and Congress in Washington D.C. to discuss specific policy issues and projects of importance to our region.

Each year the SJCOG Board of Directors formally adopts specific regional priority projects or issues the One Voice® group presents to our federal funding partners. Over the years projects have included highways, transit, habitat conservation, economic development, veterans, water, education, and funding for the Port of Stockton.

Today One Voice® delegates, including Partnership President & CEO Mike Ammann, attended a Transportation Hearing and met with Congressman Jerry McNerney.



These trips have been very successful and have led to \$104 million coming

back to the County from the federal government. In addition to federal dollars, we have also focused on specific policies.

Participants have testified at committee hearings on water, educated Congress and the Administration on the housing crisis (leading to federal assistance), and worked with Members on the introduction of legislation.



Stockton, CA launches new website to speed up business locations/expansions

The City of Stockton has launched a new website -

www.AdvantageStockton.com

The site is a powerful web-based economic development tool intended to facilitate potential businesses looking to locate in Stockton.

AdvantageStockton.com greatly expands the city's current capabilities for providing much needed information to potential businesses interested in locating in Stockton.

Using Geographic Information System (GIS) software, the website provides immediate access to in-depth information that previously took weeks to research.

Now, data including dynamic real estate, demographic, and industry analysis are available free and instantly for the City of Stockton, along with a database of available properties with images.

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