



RDP Annual DC Trip

20-22 April 2026



2026 RDP Team

- Supervisor Long, County of Ventura District 3
- Terry Clark, Executive Director, RDP
- Martha McQueen-Legohn, Port Hueneme Mayor
- Luis McArthur, Oxnard Mayor
- Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme Mayor Pro Tem
- Celina Zacarias, CSUCI and Port of Hueneme
- Brian Miller, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Long
- Gene Fisher, RDP Strategic Committee
- Kail Macias, RDP Strategic Committee



Purpose of Visit

- **Make & Support Legislative Requests & Issues.**
- **Address Important Issues With Appropriate Offices.**
- **Visit Base Sponsors and Customers to Show Community Appreciation and Support.**
- **Information Gathering and Socializing New Potential Issues**



2026 Primary Issues

- Power Resilience at the Point Mugu Sea Range
- Point Mugu Airfield Security
- Self Defense Test Ship Replacement
- Facilities Maintenance Contracting at the Ventura Working Capital Fund activities
- Facility Restoration and Modernization CIP Authorization Increase
- Restrictions on Staffing and Hiring for Navy Working Capital Fund organizations



Offices Visited



Congressional Offices

- Senate

- Senator Adam Schiff: David Grannis, National Security Advisor
- Senator Alex Padilla: Mr. Jose Villalvazo, Defense and Foreign Policy Advisor

- House

- Congressman Salud Carbajal
- Congressman John Garamendi
- Congressman Brad Sherman
- Congresswoman Julia Brownley: Ms. Sharon Waggoner



DoW Offices

- **Department of War**

- DOT&E: Russell Kupferer
- TRMC: Joyce Heilman
- OLDCC: Liz Chimienti, Jennifer Hirsch
- DASN,D (EI&E): Ms. Rebecca Isacowitz (Virtual)

- **Department of the Navy**

- DASN Installations & Facilities): Brenda Johnson-Turner
- OPNAV N94: Greg Oliver, Joe Nosse
- CNIC: VADM Gray
- PEO (Unmanned Systems): Jeffrey Dodge (Virtual)
- NAVFAC: Mike Keller



Department of Navy

DASN (I&F): Ms. Brenda Johnson-Turner

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, Facilities Contracting, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Discussed our issues with an emphasis on infrastructure.
 - They are also pushing a CIP increase including tying it to inflation
 - They are supportive of the need for increased airfield security and will talk with the Navy team about it
 - Very supportive of partnerships with communities and encouraged us to continue to explore IGSA's and the use of DSIP
 - Understood the issue around Contracting Authority. Noted it will not be easy to change.



Department of Navy

OPNAV N94: Greg Oliver, Joe Nosse

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - WCF Staffing, Power Resilience, Self Defense Test Ship, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - The office is in flux – awaiting new lead, dealing with staffing reductions and uncertainty in final staffing ceiling
 - Supportive of the WCF issue – MRTFB is important part of that dynamic
 - They would like to see more data on specific T&E impacts of lack of power resilience
 - SDTS is still moving forward. They have received the top level requirements and are working the details. POM 29 will have funding request. No decision of exact ship approach, i.e., repurposed Navy, repurposed commercial, purpose-built ship
 - Had issues with the GAO report on the SDTS
 - Would like to see MILCON for Airfield Security



Department of War

DOT&E: Mr. Russell Kupferer, PTDO Deputy Director for Naval Warfare

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - Power Resilience, Self Defense Test Ship
- Discussions
 - New Director (Honorable Amy E. Henninger, Ph.D) was confirmed week before our meeting
 - DOT&E continues to be a strong advocate for SDTS
 - Following Navy's progress
 - Agreed that requirements are most important issue
 - Agnostic on material solution
 - Ship Self-Defense in high threat environments continues to be a concern
 - Supported our position on Sea Range power resilience



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Department of Navy

PEO (Unmanned Systems): Jeffrey Dodge (Virtual)

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - WCF Staffing, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Portfolio Acquisition Executive is changing the organization
 - E.g., VADM Daugherty (formerly COMNAVAIR) new PAE Aviation
 - Focus remains on increasing speed to the Fleet
 - Viewed positively our initiatives for WCF Staffing
 - Knows that PAE/PEO/PM's are principal demand signals
 - Understood that WCF organizations continued to move programs forward during shutdowns
 - Gave updates on MQ-25 move to Pt Mugu
 - 2 squadrons with ~200 personnel in 2-4 years
 - Budget looks strong
 - Will support initiatives to increase airfield capabilities and security



Congressional Offices

Senator Alex Padilla's Office: JJ Villalvezo

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - Supportive of CIP language
 - Understood our concerns and request for WCF staffing
 - Supporting the Navy and DOT&E in their quest for an SDTS replacement
 - Believed the budgets for T&E and related activities would be positive
 - Expressed desire to remain apprised of our issues and remains supportive



Congressional Offices

Senator Adam Schiff's Office: Mr. David Grannis

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 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - Supportive of CIP language
 - Understood our concerns and request for WCF staffing
 - Placed language in NDAA
 - Supporting the Navy and DOT&E in their quest for an SDTS replacement
 - Expressed desire to remain apprised of our issues and remains supportive



Congressional Offices

Congressman Brad Sherman

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - Our first meeting with Congressman Sherman
 - He's still learning about the bases, and was a willing listener
 - Supportive of the initiatives being led by Congresswoman Brownley
 - Expressed desire to remain apprised of our issues and remains supportive



Congressional Offices

Congressman John Garamendi

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - Started meeting with Eli Diaz (Defense Fellow) and then the Congressman dropped in
 - Our first meeting with Congressman Garamendi
 - Top Democrat on House Armed Services Readiness
 - Power and water infrastructure resilience is a top issue for the Congressman
 - Good to introduce ourselves and speak to our issues



Congressional Offices

Congressman Salud Carbajal

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - He continues to be strong supporter of initiatives backed by Congresswoman Brownley
 - He likes the fact that we were exploring all angles to work the Power Resiliency issue
 - Ready and willing listener
 - Understood all of our issues and appeared supportive
 - As member of HASC, he is in a position to help if he so desires



Congressional Offices

Congresswoman Julia Brownley: COS Sharon Waggoner)

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, WCF Staffing, SDTS, Power Resilience, C-130J System Trainer
- Discussions
 - Congresswoman Brownley was ill – we met with Sharon
 - The CIP language was submitted by the Congresswoman
 - Was going to monitor WCF language from Senator Schiff



Department of War

TRMC: Joyce Heilman

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - Power Resilience, Self Defense Test Ship, Pt Mugu Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Requested funding for a study of power resilience at the Sea Range
 - Listened, but non-committal
 - Continue to support need for SDTS
 - Received an update on the targets program
 - They feel comfortable that the target shortage has been resolved
 - Looking to restart the BQM-34 production line
 - Received update on the Sky Range
 - Valuable asset for long range tests at the Sea Range
 - Discussed their intern program and provided encouragement to continue and expand



Department of Navy

NAVFAC: Mr. Mike Keller

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - Infrastructure Contracting, CIP, Power Resilience, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Presented our issues. Generally supportive
 - NAVFAC is very supportive of privatization of power systems
 - Issue of Infrastructure Contracting was viewed as basically a non-starter



Department of War

OLDCC: Ms. Chimienti and Ms. Hirsch

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - Power Resilience at Point Mugu
- Discussions
 - Very good dialogue – information and idea sharing on both sides
 - There are many programs that MAY be able to help, but all have constraints
 - Mugu is in a rather unique place in that it does not have a “partner” city
 - Most of the programs assume one
 - Many programs require a “community sharing” funding line
 - Very willing to work with us to continue to explore opportunities to help
 - Their focus is necessarily outside the fence line



Department of Navy

CNIC: VADM Gray

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - Infrastructure Contracting, CIP, Power Resilience, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Presented our issues. As always genuinely engaged
 - FY-27 may have a large plus up for sustainment
 - Bases should get 100% of their budget requests
 - Will be pressed to execute
 - Shovel ready projects likely to be big winners
 - Should be looking for contracts to support execution
 - Discussed “Power as a Service” – very supportive of privatization of utilities
 - Would like us to help get policy changed
 - Highly supportive of IGSA’s



Department of War

DASN,D (EI&E): Ms. Rebecca Isacowitz (Virtual)

- We presented a summary of our issues:
 - CIP, Facilities Contracting, Power Resilience, Airfield Security
- Discussions
 - Very good dialogue – information and idea sharing on both sides
 - We discussed our on-going efforts to get funding for power infrastructure updates
 - Basically said we didn't see that happening through typical methods, and she agreed
 - Discussed the differences in power privatization for the Navy vis-à-vis the AF and Army
 - She agreed to look into DoW level policy to allow Navy to change approach



Updates

- Our Legislative requests are moving through the system
- CIP language for increase to \$15M is in both base bills for NDAA 27
- WCF is in Senate's base bill
- These are huge wins if they stand
- DASD stated that they would be issuing "Clarification" guidance to support privatization



Questions?
