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Congressman John Garamendi in Davis by Carl Schmid



A capacity crowd filled Veterans Memorial Hall to attend Congressman John Garamendi's Annual Pasta Dinner. Surprisingly, the Congressman concentrated most of his discussion on just one subject -- the Sacramento Delta, underscoring the importance that he attaches to this single issue. He treated his audience to an extremely cogent critique of the proposal to divert water from the Sacramento through an immense pair of twin tunnels bored through the delta destroying farmland, costing billions and delivering our water to the south. His thoughtful analysis included detailed facts and figures, and he followed with his proposal of a simpler alternative to save the delta.



As presently envisioned, the carrying capacity of these tunnels would exceed the flow of the Sacramento in summer and the overall size of this project would compare to that of another environmental catastrophe, the infamous Three River Gorges Dam on the Yangzi River. Commenting on assurances that the flow through these tunnels would be restricted as necessary to ensure the health of the Sacramento, the Congressman asks when has traffic been restricted to just two lanes after an eight-lane freeway been constructed.



Garamendi's less costly, less destructive alternative integrates six simple ideas. He proposes that the existing Sacramento Ship Channel could serve double duty by conveying water through the delta obviating the need for the massive twin tunnels. Rep. Garamendi noted the surprising fact that the LA Sanitation District operates the fifth largest river on the west coasts of both North and South America. After being transported 350 miles to the south and then "used only once", the District dumps good quality water into the Pacific. *(continued p. 2)*

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Tues., April 2, 7:00-9:00 pm, regular DDC Board business meeting. Club members and the public are welcome: Pres. Sen and Secretary Yamagata draft the agenda. Davis Library on 14th Street.

Sunday, June 2, OR, June 9 {save these dates}, 11:00-2:00 pm, Champagne Brunch with Congressman John Garamendi (The final date will be selected depending upon the Congressman's availability.) The event will be hosted by Bill Julian and Robin Kulakow at their home, 43556 Almond Lane, Willowbank. The brunch includes a buffet provided by Board members and refreshments, which will be followed by presentations featuring state and local elected officials. You are also invited to share your favorite dish.

(Garamendi, continued)

The simple prospect of recycling water would alone satisfy much of the demand in the south. Garamendi's integrated plan also includes strengthening the levees, increasing storage capacity, and building a far smaller water diversion facility located further south in the delta.

In conclusion, Rep. Garamendi said, "Let Science drive it" promising to work with his colleague, Senator Wolk, saying "Lois, you have your work cut out." Our Congressman's willingness to embrace science stands in refreshing contrast to the prevailing attitude of so many Republican politicians. In fact, the quality of his presentation reminded listeners of a high level scientific seminar. Plan on seeing him at our Champagne Brunch.



2013 is not an Election Year but by Carl Schmid

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“Cardboard Obama” disguised as Rep. Garamendi, Carl Schmid, Andrew Kim, Matthew Pasqual, Tim Fenton and Edwin Ortega at Davis Farmers Market

Following a year of non-stop elections in Davis, 2013 offers an election-free lull before another frenetically active year in 2014. Given the resounding electoral success of Yolo Democrats in 2012, one

could imagine taking this year off. Unfortunately, many campaign tasks can only be completed in a sequential manner and cannot be fully accomplished in just the few short months prior to an election. However, this year presents a unique opportunity to build upon our successes in 2012 by working ahead to build the Party and its organizations.

For these reasons, the Yolo County Democratic Central Committee will use this election-free year for Party Building and Outreach and has appointed Andrew Kim as Chair of the committee given this charge. One of Andrew’s ambitious goals is to register 14,400 new voters in the 7th Congressional District and, through personal contact and persuasion, attempt to engage each of these new voters in party activities. To help in this effort, you are invited to contact Andrew (916-201-5435; <atrumankim@gmail.com>).

The DDC will assist in this project by periodically staffing a table at the Saturday Davis Farmers Market prior to major Club events. In cooperation with other Democratic groups, the Club will use this venue for registering new voters, advertising its own future meetings, recruiting volunteers for Party activities and promoting the Party’s position on important current issues such as gun control and climate change. Please join us at Farmers Market (<cwschmid@comcast.net>) to plant early seeds of victory in 2014.

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