

Council Returns to D.C., Testifies before Congress

Logging ever more frequent flyer miles to our nation's Capitol, Council President Jim Wunderman made a quick trip to Washington, D.C. this week to testify before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. At the invitation of H.R. 5061 author Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Wunderman was an expert panelist urging support of the "San Francisco Bay Improvement Act of 2010." The bill establishes a "San Francisco Bay Program Office" within Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and calls for \$100 million annually for ten years to fund projects, programs and studies that implement key objectives of the S.F. Estuary's Partnership's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. Wunderman urged that federal support be leveraged by state and local contributions, as well as private development and investments where appropriate.



President Obama Names Bay Area's Own Janet Yellen as No. 2 at Fed

This week, San Francisco Federal Reserve President and CEO, and Bay Area Council Executive Committee member, Janet Yellen was [selected by President Obama as vice chairwoman of the Federal Reserve](#). Congratulations to Dr. Yellen!



Governor Joins Outlook Conference Agenda!

Our 2010 Outlook Conference is just one week away! We have a very full and exciting agenda lined up, and we are happy to report that Governor Schwarzenegger will be making his final appearance at Outlook as Governor to give us an update on the State of the State. We will be sure to probe him on his future plans! To learn more about the Conference [click here](#). We look forward to seeing you on May 6!

Scaling Green Finance: A Call to Action for China and the U.S.

The green technology sector is expected to grow to over \$2 trillion annually by 2020 and it is clear that the U.S. and China will play leadership roles in scaling up green finance. On Thursday, June 3, Asia Society Northern California and the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, along with the Bay Area Council, will gather leading financiers, businesses, and analysts from the U.S. and China for a day-long conference to discuss green finance in the U.S. and China. For a full agenda and to register, please visit the [conference website](#).

Article of the Week

[This piece](#) by Bay Area Council Economic Institute President Sean Randolph, explores the advantages of taking part in China's surging economy. This is a great precursor to [our June trip](#) to Shanghai where we will open the Bay Area business community's China landing pad.