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**VALLEJOANS TO MAKE LOBBYING TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

VALLEJO – Mare Island early transfer, infrastructure and the relocation of the downtown post office will be the key topics during the City’s annual lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., which begins Monday, May 5, 2003.

Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli Jr., along with Vallejo Chamber of Commerce President Rick Wells and Chairperson Connie Klimisch will travel to the nation’s capitol to meet representatives of the United States Navy and the U.S. Postal Service as well as those of Congressman George Miller, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Congressman Mike Thompson.

“This trip is important in terms of continuing our good relationship with the Navy and keeping the early cleanup and transfer of Mare Island on track,” Intintoli said. “It also gives us an opportunity to meet face to face with the people who make key decisions in Washington that affect all of us here in Vallejo.”

Also participating in the lobbying effort will be officials with Weston Solutions, the developer awarded the rights to Area 1 on Mare Island, as well as Lennar Mare Island, the master developer of 650 acres of Mare Island.

Most of the meetings will be held on Monday through Wednesday.

Specifically, the City will ask Navy officials to continue the process of early transfer and identify funding for an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) for the remaining 342 acres of property not yet transferred or cleaned up on Mare Island.

Vallejo officials will also request \$9 million for transportation access improvements on Mare Island; \$11.25 million to rebuild the sanitary sewer system on the former naval base; and \$1.45 million to complete the Baylands Discovery Center.

“Our past trips to Washington have been productive,” Intintoli said. “We expect this trip to be equally productive.”