

NCAO Welcomes the New Mid-Pacific Region's Regional Director, David Murillo to Northern California

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Regional Director David Murillo speaks to the NCAO employees at Shasta Dam.

The new Regional Director, David Murillo, took a three-day trip to the northern boundaries of the Mid-Pacific Region after only two months in his new position. His goal was to learn all he could about these facilities and people who operate them. As the new Regional Director, he believes it is vital to see the projects firsthand and understand the challenges and the complex issues each facility uniquely faces.

David's agenda was very aggressive. On day one, he focused his attention on the Trinity River Restoration Program. He took the opportunity to get acquainted with the staff at an All Hands Meeting. The group then took a tour of the recently completed Upper Junction City Channel rehabilitation site. While in Weaverville, David also met with members of the Trinity Management Council and the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group.

On day two, another All Hands Meeting was held at the Northern California Area Office. David introduced himself, spoke about his personal and professional background and outlined his priorities and vision for the MP-Region. A hot topic discussed was what effects the sequestration will have on government operations and its employees. David also presented three 20 years *Length of Service Awards* to John Martin, Plant Mechanic; Brian Barham, IT Specialist; and Murray Janisse, Senior Control Operator. The meeting concluded with a questions and answers period. Then the NCAO Management Team took the opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with David to get better acquainted and discuss some of the goals and NCAO milestones for the year.



John Martin, Brian Barham and Murray Janisse receive 20 year Length of Service Awards from the new RD, David Murillo-(second from left)



New Regional Director David Murillo speaks at the NCAO all employees meeting at Shasta Dam.

Next on the agenda was a tour of Shasta Dam to get a firsthand look at the “Keystone” of the Central Valley Project. As David asked questions, he gained a better understanding of how the facility operates and the challenges that face the northern part of the MP Region. Then it was off to visit the Klamath Refuge and the Klamath Falls Office.

The third and final All Hands Meeting was held at the Klamath Basin Area Office. David again met with the employees and discussed his priorities and vision for the MP-Region. The day also included meetings with the Klamath

Tribes, the Klamath Water Users Association, and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement group to familiarize him with the issues and to ask questions.

After three full days of meeting employees, visiting the facilities and seeing firsthand the issues and challenges each area faces, everyone would agree this was a very productive and worthwhile trip.