

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Wally Herger today applauded a decision by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to include Shasta County in the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The designation, which Herger has [urged](#), demonstrates federal recognition of the serious drug manufacturing and trafficking problems in Shasta County, and will help equip law enforcement with the additional personnel and resources they need to combat them. Click

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to read the ONDCP announcement. Herger made the following statement:

“Shasta County’s inclusion in the Central Valley HITDA is a major step forward in the ongoing efforts to combat drug trafficking and manufacturing in the North State. I applaud the Office of National Drug Control Policy for taking this important step, as well as the state and local law enforcement officials who worked so hard to make this a reality. It has been a real team effort.

“Local and state law enforcement officials have done an outstanding job in fighting the growing drug epidemic in Northern California communities and on our National Forests. In recent years, they have seized large quantities of marijuana, methamphetamine, and cocaine. Last year’s successful Operation Alesia demonstrated that well-coordinated, inter-agency efforts can effectively combat the production and distribution of illegal drugs.

“With the new HITDA designation, Shasta County law enforcement leaders will have access to even more federal resources in this ongoing battle. The additional federal personnel, equipment, and technology will help tighten the noose on the drug traffickers and Mexican drug cartels that have increasingly sought a haven for operations in Shasta County. With these resources, I believe we can deal local drug smugglers a severe blow.”