

Swarengin talks water, chairs crime-fighting discussion at U.S. mayors' conference

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Ashley Swarengin

Fresno Mayor Ashley Swarengin on Wednesday talked water, transportation and crime-fighting while attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual winter conference. With snow falling part of the day, Swarengin met with officials at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to discuss the drought and water deliveries in the San Joaquin Valley.

Swarengin, who was also set to meet Thursday with federal Bureau of Reclamation officials, pressed the case for water service to Valley residents. Later, at the Capital Hilton, Swarengin chaired a meeting of the Mayors and Police

Chiefs Task Force. Before a standing room only crowd of more than 100, including mayors from far-flung cities ranging from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Pensacola, Florida, Swearingin shepherded a discussion about 21st Century policing.

The panelists included members of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, established by President Barack Obama last month following the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri.

"This is an issue that each and every day we are keenly aware of," Swearingin said.

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