Opinion: Public deserves better from McClintock

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It's completely reasonable for rural residents and elected leaders to have concerns and questions about the proposed listing of two yellow-legged frog species and the Yosemite toad under the Endangered Species Act.

But the public forum organized by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Granite Bay, earlier this month wasn't anything close to an even-handed look at this issue. It was a stacked hearing – part of a coordinated campaign to rile up rural Californians against the federal government and environmental protections in general.

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