

The customers include Cobb County, all of the municipalities within Cobb County, all of Paulding County, portions of Douglas County, Cherokee County, the City of Woodstock, and a small community in Fulton County.

Austell West Side Connector 24"—This pipeline project installs 8,000 feet of 24" ductile iron pipe to connect existing transmission lines. The pipeline will improve system flow capacity and provide redundancy to Cobb Hospital and high growth area along East-West Connector. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,549,800.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Lost Mountain—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio and source water reliability for existing pump station. It will provide additional water storage for west Cobb County and Paulding County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Five Million Gallon Steel Tank at Pete Shaw—This tank will provide enhanced fire protection. It will also increase system reliability by improving storage-to-production ratio. This tank will provide additional water storage capacity to east Cobb County. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,500,000.

Columns Drive Pipe Replacement—Replacement of approximately 600 linear feet of 36" ductile iron pipe with 54" restrained joint ductile iron pipe. This installation will eliminate a restriction in the main line from the Quarles Water Treatment Plant. The estimated cost of this project is \$780,600.

HALL COUNTY

Low Flow Toilet and Urinal Retrofit for Hall County Government Facilities—A water conservation project which consists of replacing all older, inefficient toilets and urinals in County facilities not already fitted with low flow systems including; Parks, Fire Stations, Senior Centers, Prisons, etc. The estimated cost of this project is \$190,000.

THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Flat Creek Watershed Improvement Plan and Ecosystem Restoration—The City of Gainesville and Hall County have developed a watershed improvement and ecosystem restoration plan for the Flat Creek watershed which includes several projects involving stream restoration and construction of storm water best management practices. The City is currently designing the Upper Flat Creek Stream Restoration and Regional Stormwater Detention Pond project. The estimated cost of this project is \$700,000. Other projects we are moving forward with would cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Gainesville/Hall County Water Main Extensions and Improvements projects—These projects include approximately 25 miles of 8"-20" water line extensions/improvements throughout Gainesville/Hall County. Projects will extend water service to new customers and improve fire and water service by installing fire hydrants in new locations and improving flow capacity and quality in the water distribution system. The cost of these projects is estimated to be \$13,200,000.

ROCKDALE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Distribution Waterline Replacements—A water conservation project to significantly reduce or eliminate unaccounted for water (i.e. reducing water leaks in public water supply distribution system). Estimated cost of this project is \$15,000,000.

Wastewater Pump Station—To prevent sewer overflows and upgrade pumping station to meet current demands in a concentrated area. Estimated cost of this project is \$300,000.

THE CITY OF LOCUST GROVE

Water Supply Wells—The City of Locust Grove has drilled two additional wells for drinking water supply. These wells have already been drilled and permitted by GA EPD. The wells are needed to help supply enough water for current demand. The design has already been drawn. Estimated cost of this project is \$250,000.

THE CITY OF ROSWELL

Municipal Buildings Water Conservation Project—The condition of Roswell's municipal building restroom facilities vary widely in age, use, quality and repair. An initial assessment of the restrooms found 106 urinals, 295 toilets and 265 faucets to replace. The proposed water conservation project will purchase and install high-efficiency urinals, and toilets for the City's administrative, public safety, public-works, recycling center and park buildings. Additionally the project could include low-flow faucets, eco-friendly sanitizer systems and to minimize restroom vandalism and maintenance the installation of stainless steel panels, new and replacement tile. The estimated cost for this project is \$500,000.

THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA

North Park Improvements: Construct off-line sediment forebay—A sediment forebay will allow silt to fall out in a confined area just prior to the lake. During non-storm flows, the creek will flow naturally into the lake. When it rains and the creek rises, water will be diverted to the forebay. The forebay will slow down the water, allowing time for much of the silt to fall out before discharging back into the lake. The forebay will be much easier to clean out than the lake itself.

North Park Improvements: Construct three enhanced swales to treat water coming from the softball fields and two parking lots—Enhanced swales are state recognized water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) that allow for more water to infiltrate and be treated prior to entering the creek. As part of the installation of the enhanced swales, the water from these areas will be diverted to directly enter the lake instead of entering upstream through very eroded gullies. The gullies are so large that it is actually more cost effective to install the BMPs and divert the flow than it would be to repair the gullies, which are over 20 feet deep in some areas.

North Park Improvements: Modify the outlet control structure of the lake—The current outlet structure of the lake clogs in nearly every storm event, requiring parks maintenance personnel to have to remove debris to restore drainage. The outlet control structure can be modified to reduce clogging and provide improved water quality benefits for the lake. This will reduce necessary maintenance and give the lake an overall better aesthetic appearance.

Total cost for these improvements is: \$517,818.75. This price includes the cost to prepare conceptual and final design; construction of three improvements/BMPs; and model pollutant removal.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER OF DALLAS FOR ITS RANKING AMONG THE TOP TEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE NATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in 1913, a group of nurses established Children's Medical Center of Dallas as an open air clinic. Today, Children's Medical Center has been chosen among the top 10 children's hospitals in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Children's provides exemplary care and resources to its thousands of patients, as well as a wide range of teaching opportunities to the future physicians and nurses of our country. As a former nurse, I am proud to have such an accomplished medical institution in my district and would like to extend warm congratulations to them for receiving such recognition.

Children's Medical Center of Dallas is a private, non-profit pediatric health care center. As one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the country, Children's treats approximately 360,000 patients a year, with treatments ranging from simple physical exams to specialized care in heart disease, oncology, orthopedics, kidney disorders, neurology, respiratory disorders, neonatal care, urology, diabetes, and digestive disorders. Furthermore, Children's is a major pediatric transplant center, and also is the only academic health care facility and only designated Level 1 trauma center in Texas. Children's Medical Center of Dallas is continuously conducting research and developing new and improved treatments and therapies regarding pediatric diseases.

It is my hope that Children's Medical Center of Dallas will continue its strong record of success and provide patients with excellent care. It shines as an example of excellence, and I truly appreciate the dedication put forth by the administrators, doctors, nurses, and everyone else there. Again, I offer my congratulations to Children's Medical Center of Dallas on its achievement of being named one of America's top 10 children's hospitals.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

I originally requested \$1 million in this legislation for the El Monte Valley Groundwater Recharge Project through the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account. It is my understanding that \$500,000 was ultimately appropriated for this project by the Subcommittee and the entity to receive funding for this project is the

Helix Water District located at 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, California 91941.

This is a groundwater recharge and habitat restoration effort led by the Helix Water District where it will secure highly treated wastewater from the Padre Dam Municipal Water District's Santee Water Recycling Facility, provide additional treatment to purify the wastewater, pump and pipe this water to surrounding basins and then release it into the San Diego Riverbed where it will be allowed to seep down to existing groundwater levels. As the purified water is maintained in this location, it will receive additional natural treatment as it percolates through native materials. Extraction wells will be installed at strategic locations for conveyance to a water treatment plant as a new source of water for all District users.

This action will assist in the continued goals of the San Diego County region to reduce its dependence on imported water from the Colorado River and Northern California by annually producing 5,000 acre-feet of locally available drinking water and meeting 10–15% of the Helix Water District's raw water needs. By raising the groundwater levels in El Monte Valley, revegetation of the riverbed is supported and a more natural habitat is created for recreation and wildlife. This project is the beginning of an 8-year program and has been endorsed by other elected officials, including California Assemblyman Joel Anderson and California State Senator Christine Kehoe, as well as the Association of California Water Agencies, Endangered Habitats League, San Diego County Water Authority, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, and the Lakeside Water District.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodbridge Middle School as a leader in education reform. Woodbridge was recently designated as a 2009 School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

The Schools to Watch program was established in 1999 with the purpose of identifying schools on a path to meeting the National Forum's criteria for high performing schools. There are four categories in which qualifying schools must excel to be selected as a School to Watch. First, students must be challenged academically with clear and well-communicated education goals. Second, a school must work to develop a well-rounded student. This is accomplished through programs that foster healthy physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. Third, a School to Watch must present students with a socially equitable learning environment where diversity, civility, service, and democratic citizenship are valued. Finally, a qualifying school must have organizational structures in place that work to institutionalize the first three criteria.

Consistent with the cooperative spirit of the Schools to Watch program, the motto that drives Woodbridge Middle School is, "We get

better together." Students, faculty and administration are held accountable for school performance and are encouraged to make the education experience a team effort. The staff is required to follow a set meeting schedule for the purpose of monitoring instructional and support programs. Students who are in danger of failing a course must work with parents and teachers to map out a plan to achieve a passing grade. No one is an island at Woodbridge Middle School where education is a community effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Woodbridge Middle School on this prestigious designation and in encouraging it to continue these proven successful approaches to education. Woodbridge Middle School is a model that provides guidance in how to effectively improve our education system. The students, faculty and entire community benefit when we invest in our nation's future by providing our children with a productive and positive learning experience.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Department of Homeland Security—State and Local Programs

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 88005

Description of Earmark: The City of Moreno Valley currently has plans to construct a new 8,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The City's current EOC consists of one room inside the existing Public Safety Building. With the new facility, the City will be fully prepared to respond to all emergency situations, restore services to our residents as quickly as possible, and provide effective communication among other agencies as well as with our residents. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers. The federal nexus is to assist federal, state and local authorities and help coordinate responses to emergencies such as earthquakes and wildfires.

Spending Plan: The total project construction costs for the Emergency Operations Center are \$4.5 million. The \$400,000 appropriation will be used to fund the purchase of equipment for the EOC. This project is currently out to bid for construction. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers.

THANKING ROBERT WARNICK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on May 1, 2009, we rise to thank Mr. Robert "Bob" Warnick for thirty-one years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives. Bob has served this great institution as a valuable employee of House Information Resources, HIR, in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Bob began his tenure with the United States House of Representatives in May of 1978 in House Information Resources, HIR, as a Senior Systems Analyst, SSA. As an SSA, he successfully implemented a system to generate the Committee Calendar for the Committee on Public Works and Transportation using HIR's Legislative Information Management System, LIMS, developed a case history and mailing list system for the Helsinki Commission, and successfully implemented the first Correspondence Management System, CMS, on the Hill.

In 1987, he transferred to the Administrative Systems Division as the Senior Project Leader for LIMS. In 1995, he was promoted to Senior Systems Specialist and transferred to the Integration Group. As a senior member of this group, he was tasked with the design and implementation of several applications using Standard Generalized Mark-Up Language, SGML. As a proof of concept project, his group successfully converted and produced three House documents using SGML.

In 1996, he was transferred to the Cyber Congress task force within the Integration Group. He was appointed to the position of Senior Internet Systems Specialist when the Cyber Congress task force was renamed the Web System Branch, WSB. His important contributions as a team member in the CAO Advanced Business Solutions Web Solutions Branch have resulted in continued success of the Web Solutions Design team where he designed and implemented Member and Committee Web sites and provided a wealth of knowledge of the Web Indexed Document Automation, WIDA, service application to staff and Member offices.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Robert "Bob" Warnick for many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives. We wish Bob many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

COMMENDING ARTHUR LEE HENRY FOR BEING NAMED A STATE OF LOUISIANA "CITIZEN HERO"

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Lee Henry, a true "Citizen Hero", as honored by the president of Victims and Citizens Against Crime.