

into compliance with Section 303 (c)(2)(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Federal mandates dictate an increased number of contaminants for which the City must treat wastewater. The existing WWTP was not designed to meet most of the new standards, and therefore must be upgraded. The City is subject to mandatory Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fines until such time as the project is completed. This project will enable the City of Galt to come into compliance with these Federal mandates.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it responds to EPA mandates to improve wastewater treatment, to provide mitigation against a wider array of water contaminants, in a community acutely impacted by the capital demands of such undertaking.

#### INTRODUCING LEGISLATION PROVIDING STRONG LAND PROTECTION INCENTIVES

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, more than 2 million farms make up America's rural landscape. Ninety-eight percent of these farms are owned by individuals, family partnerships, and family corporations, producing about 86 percent of U.S. agricultural products sold.

The most significant asset held by many of these farmers is their land. In some cases, when the owner of the farm dies, surviving family members must sell portions of the farm to cover their estate tax costs. Today I am introducing legislation to help ensure that families are not forced to sell the farm and that their land resources are available for agricultural and conservation use by future generations.

In 1997, in order to encourage the conservation of sensitive lands and farms, Congress enacted an estate tax exclusion for land placed under a conservation easement. 26 USC 2031(c). That law caps the exclusion at \$500,000. Given the significant rise in land values over the past decade, especially for agricultural regions near urbanizing areas, that cap is now too low to provide a meaningful incentive to many farmers.

My legislation updates and increases the exclusion to \$5 million. By increasing the current cap on the property value that can be ex-

cluded from an estate when the land is protected by a conservation easement from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000 (and by raising the exclusion percentage from 40 percent to 50 percent, this bill will encourage significant additional protection of farmland across our country.

The voluntary placement of a conservation easement on private land is a very effective and successful tool for protecting and conserving our nation's open spaces and sensitive lands. As the American Farmland Trust has written, "We strongly believe that the proper incentives are the most effective way of encouraging landowners to conserve land." This legislation provides strong land protection incentives and will result in the preservation of America's vital farm and ranchlands.

#### HONORING MR. JOHN GAMBLE

#### HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a respected leader of Southwest Colorado, Mr. John Gamble of Durango. Mr. Gamble has served the community of Southwest Colorado with distinction for 24 years and is announcing his retirement this month.

In 1985, Mr. Gamble took over the new Southwest Colorado Volunteers of America in Durango, Colorado. Under his strong and steady leadership, the agency grew to provide many critical services to the community. At the beginning of his tenure, Mr. Gamble helped to open a domestic violence shelter to provide a safe haven for those in need. And, in the early 1990s, he led the effort to open a much needed homeless shelter. To fund all of these critical services, Mr. Gamble opened a very successful thrift store and led many colorful and profitable fundraising events. In his spare time, Mr. Gamble served on the Durango City Council, including a term as the mayor of that proud city.

Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. John Gamble for his outstanding service and dedication to the residents of Southwest Colorado. Mr. Gamble clearly has a heart for service and the skills to get the job done. His community is a better place due to his efforts. While we will all miss Mr. Gamble's service and leadership, I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

#### PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

[Tacoma Emergency Intertie Booster Station]

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. 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. 2996, the Fiscal Year 2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

(1) \$333,000 for the City of Buckley, WA for an emergency intertie booster station.

Requesting Entity: City of Buckley, PO Box 1960, 933 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Account: STAG

Funding requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT

The City of Buckley will construct an emergency intertie booster station to allow the City to use water from the City of Tacoma in an emergency. The City of Tacoma water system in this area operates with a hydraulic grade line of 810 feet. The City of Buckley water system operates with a hydraulic grade line of 882 feet. Therefore the booster station is required to overcome a static head of approximately 72 feet. The City's largest water source is the S. Prairie Creek surface water source. The City's water right for this source is 900 gpm. To allow the system to operate effectively with the S. Prairie Creek source out of service, the booster station will have a capacity of 900 gpm. The booster station will be constructed in right-of-way in a location close to existing City of Buckley and City of Tacoma water infrastructure.

#### Finance Plan:

City of Buckley, Budget Details: This request is for federal funding in the amount of \$550,000 to construct an emergency water intertie and booster station between the City of Tacoma's transmission main and the City of Buckley's water system. As illustrated below in the engineering cost estimate, approximately, \$121,000 is for administration & engineering; and \$485,000 for construction. The City of Buckley is currently working on a major flood damaged repair to our primary transmission water main, but will be able to allocate \$57,000 as a match towards this project.

	Item	Quantity	Unit price	Amount
1.	Mobilization/Demobilization .....	Lump sum	\$34,000	\$34,000
2.	Site Work .....	Lump sum	15,000	15,000
3.	Erosion Control .....	Lump sum	2,500	2,500
4.	Locate Existing Utilities .....	Lump sum	2,000	2,000
5.	Intertie .....	Lump sum	25,000	25,000
6.	Booster Pumps (2 x 450 gpm) .....	Lump sum	32,000	32,000
7.	Booster Station Building (12' x 16') .....	Lump sum	52,000	52,000
8.	Piping, Valves, and Appurtenances .....	Lump sum	80,000	80,000
9.	Site Fencing .....	200 LF	28	5,600
10.	Surface Restoration .....	Lump sum	5,000	5,000
11.	Electrical, Telemetry, and Instrumentation .....	Lump sum	105,000	105,000
12.	Primary Power Service .....	Lump sum	15,000	15,000
	Subtotal .....			373,100
	Sales Tax (8.4%) .....			31,340
	Subtotal .....			404,440
	Contingency (20%) .....			81,060
	TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST .....			485,500
	Engineering and Administrative Costs (25%) .....			121,000
	R.O.W., Easement and/or Land Acquisition .....			—

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE—Continued  
[Tacoma Emergency Intertie Booster Station]

Item	Quantity	Unit price	Amount
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (2008 Dollars)			607,000

2) \$2,150,000 for Mt. Rainier National Park for Land Acquisition.

Requesting Entity: U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 7256, Washington, DC 20240

Agency: Department of Interior

Account: National Park Service

Funding requested by: Rep. DAVE REICHERT, JIM McDERMOTT

This land acquisition will ensure visitors' access to Mt. Rainier National Park at the northwest entrance. The Carbon River Road has frequently been washed out, preventing visitors from reaching the Ipsut Creek campground and picnic area, as well as day-use parking for access to the Carbon Glacier and Wonderland Trail. To address this problem, and to eliminate the considerable maintenance costs necessitated by the frequent flooding, Congress passed an expansion of the park's northwestern boundary three miles along the Carbon River Valley. The addition of these lands will allow the National Park Service to establish a new campground with associated roads and parking, new hiking trails, and river-front fishing areas. The expansion will also afford much needed protection to the beautiful Carbon River Valley, conserving habitat for endangered and threatened species. The valley contains one of the last inland old-growth rainforests in the United States, and connects wildlife corridors from the park to Puget Sound. Among the property included within the newly expanded park boundary is the 240-acre Carbon River Gateway. This parcel lies adjacent to Forest Service lands that link current Park Service lands with the privately owned parcels within the expansion area.

Finance Plan: The National Park Service will use these funds to cover the fair market value (FMV) of two properties located within the expanded boundaries of Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington State. The actual amount to be expended will depend on federally approved appraisals of the parcels. \$2,500,000 is the best estimate of the cost at this time. Due diligence costs for the Carbon River Gateway property will be borne by the The Trust for Public Land and the acquisition management account of the National Park Service. There is no cost-share requirement for this program. This request is consistent with the authorized purposes of the Land and Water Conservation Act and Public Law 108-312, which authorizes land acquisition in this area of the park.

This office conducted site visits to meet with representatives from both of the projects listed above.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the fol-

lowing information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: EPA, STAG account, \$275,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: East Alabama Water Sewer and Fire Protection District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 37, Valley, Alabama 36855

Description of Request: "Wastewater System Planning" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to map the District's entire sanitary sewer system, analyze specific areas within the existing sanitary sewer system and, identify areas within the system where modifications and upgrades must be performed.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: NPS, Save America's Treasures account, \$100,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Talladega College, Talladega, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 627 West Battle Street, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: "Swayne Hall Historic Restoration and Renovation" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding would be used to restore and upgrade Swayne Hall, the original building that housed Talladega College (built in 1852-53).

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriates \$500,000 in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, for land acquisition for the Florida Trail Association. The entity to receive this funding is the Florida Trail Association, 5415 SW 13th St., Gainesville, FL.

Funding will be used for the acquisition of land to protect 16 critical segments of the Florida National Scenic Trail. Designed by Congress in 1983, the Florida National Scenic Trail is an essential part of maintaining Florida's natural beauty for future generations and serves as an inspirational, educational tool for conservation efforts in the state.

#### BOULDER, COLORADO'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 150th birthday of my home town, Boulder, Colorado.

Boulder is a special place. When I meet people from other parts of the country who have passed through our fair state, the very mention of Boulder always brings a smile to their face. On February 10, 1859, settlers from the Nebraska Territory (the beginnings of a world renowned college football rivalry perhaps) founded the "Boulder City Town Company." From its birth, our city has been a shining example of what is possible with a civic minded populace.

From our humble beginning as a supply town for miners, to the national leader in smart growth and environmental stewardship we are today, Boulder has always been dedicated to the careful balance of entrepreneurship and wise land use.

The beauty of our natural surroundings has caused generations of Boulderites to value our town and to embrace a life of grace rather than greed. Over the years, Boulder residents have taken extraordinary measures to mesh the human environment seamlessly with our natural environment. Through a citizen initiative, we brought Frederick Law Olmstead to Boulder at the beginning of the 20th century to craft a vision plan for our city designed to highlight our natural treasures such as Boulder Creek and the Flatirons. In 1959, our residents took action to create the "blue-line" to preserve the mountain backdrop, and made Boulder the first city in the nation to impose a tax for land conservation. We purchased the Arapahoe Glacier to ensure a source of drinking water for our residents and agricultural uses. Boulder was also the first community to adopt a "carbon tax" to deal with the crisis of climate change. Today, our open space program has made Boulder the envy of many an over-crowded community and is now a model duplicated state and nationwide.

Boulder's commitment to the environment is equaled by its commitment to the community and especially to education. The Colorado Territory's first class of high school seniors graduated in Boulder. When Colorado became a state in 1874, Boulder citizens pooled their resources and raised \$15,000, a fortune in those days, to build the state's first public university. The vibrant culture surrounding this top tier institution of higher learning—full of philosophical debate, football, and foreign exchange—has created the colorful lifestyle that makes our town unique.

Our highly skilled workforce has attracted world class employers, such as IBM, Ball Aerospace, and Roche Pharmaceuticals Boulder, as well as some of the nation's premier research institutes, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), the