

Description of Request: Provide an earmark in the amount of \$200,000 to rebuild East Prairie, Missouri's wastewater and storm water infrastructure. The existing 84-year-old water infrastructure is crumbling under the streets due to sinkholes which have plagued the community. The sinkholes are destroying box culverts, which is posing a threat to streets and houses in East Prairie. The money procured will pay for the construction of new stormwater sewers. A minimum of 45% of the total project cost will come directly from the City of East Prairie, Missouri.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010. For the project titled "Replace Joint Base Communications Building," which received \$6,170,000 in H.R. 3082, in the Navy Reserve Military Construction account, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is NAS JRB Fort Worth, in Fort Worth, TX. Funds will be used to build a new communications building. The existing base communications building is undersized. The location of communications assets must remain in that position since communications lines that run throughout the base run underground into the building's terminal/switch room. This facility, built in 1951, does not lend itself to the demands of current technologies. This has resulted in piecemeal renovations over the years in an attempt to meet growing communications needs. The existing space will not accommodate growth requirements for the terminal/switch room, threatening a loss in communication functionality base-wide.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 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. 2996, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK
Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010

Entity Requesting: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and the Friends of the Desert, 45480 Portola Ave. Palm Desert, CA 92260

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided for the protection lands including two properties comprising 871 acres in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, improving resource management.

A 504 acre property is bounded by USFS land on 4 sides. A portion of an 8.1 mile segment of Palm Canyon Creek, found eligible for classification as a Wild and Scenic River in the Forest Land Management Plan, traverses the property, as does the Palm Canyon trail. A 367 acre property is bounded by USFS land on 3 sides. The property also adjoins an existing rural residential area where a paved road provides access to the property. This access and available water and electric service create development potential. Acquisition of the property prevents potential future residential development on it and the attendant wildfire issues and water supply issues in this area of extremely high fire hazard. The property provides habitat for the gray vireo.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—

The total cost for the 871 acres is \$1,500,000. Because both properties have been pre-acquired, they are available for immediate sale to USFS upon the enactment of the federal budget.

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010

Entity Requesting: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy and the Friends of the Desert, 45480 Portola Ave., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided in the legislation for protecting local groundwater resources and preventing pollution in the City of Cathedral City. There are thousands of septic tanks that lie east of the Whitewater Channel in the Coachella Valley that have been identified as a significant threat to public potable groundwater resources. This project will permanently remove these known pollution sources (septic tanks) and will sustain and improve local and regional water supply reliability. Cathedral City is confident that this project will proceed with full community support and participation. Long-term attainment and maintenance of state and Federal drinking water quality standards will also be achieved as a result of this endeavor.

Spending Plan: Project Expenditures—

Task: Right-of-Way Acquisition: \$0; Construction Costs: \$12,700,000.

Design & Construction Management: \$2,300,000—Design and Engineering, Environmental Permits, Environmental Clean-up, Construction Administration, Construction Inspection, Materials Testing, Surveying. Total Cost: \$15,000,000.

Matching Funds Break-down: City of Cathedral City General Fund—\$800,000, Federal Assistance—\$1,000,000, Assessment District—\$9,000,000, California Proposition 84 Grant—\$2,000,000, Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency—\$700,000, Coachella Valley Water District—\$1,500,000. Total Match: \$15,000,000.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I am submitting the following information regarding H.R. 1945, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act. The entity to receive funding authorized

under this act is the Bureau of Reclamation. The project will benefit the Tule River Tribe located at 340 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257. I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project; the project is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; the project is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the authorizing legislation; and the project meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. This legislation passed in the House of Representatives on June 18, 2009.

In the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs account, an earmark for Emergency Communications Equipment for the City of Midland was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Midland, located at 300 North Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Funding for this project will be used to upgrade backup equipment for Midland's emergency communications system, which is used by the city's police, firefighters and other first responders. In the past, not all first responder groups in Midland could communicate with each other due to differences in their systems. An advantage of Midland's new, upgraded communications system is interoperability, enabling police and other first responders to communicate directly. The backup equipment must be upgraded so that it will properly take effect should the main system fail during an emergency.

In the Office of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program account, an earmark for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Program, at the Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas (San Angelo Police Department in partnership with ALERRT) was included on my behalf. The entity to receive funding for this project is the ALERRT Program at Texas State University-San Marcos, located at 601 University Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

ALERRT was established by Texas State University to provide first responders with the tactics they will need to effectively respond to active shooter situations. ALERRT enables officers that have successfully completed a special "Train-the-Trainer" course to train fellow officers at their home agencies, providing an efficient and cost-effective manner to increase the number of officers with these life-saving skills. Continued funding for ALERRT in FY10 will enable the program to train more patrol officers, including San Angelo Police Department, help establish the program as a national

training system; further build train-the-trainer capacity; enhance retention of learned skills by former students; provide valuable research and evaluation to improve first responder abilities; and provide investigative training and support for evolving threats. In addition to providing ALERRT to the more than 400 entities requesting it, FY10 funding and beyond will be integral to sustain and build capacity for a nation-wide effort to standardize a level of preparedness among the more than 650,000 peace officers employed by law enforcement agencies across the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I am placing the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROJECTS

Project Name: Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$133,000 for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support a collaborative research and education program to assist diverse farm operations better adopt more sustainable farming practices. This project will increase field research and demonstration to increase the exposure of farm advisors and farmers to sustainable cropping system practices. Additionally, the project will support research on specific techniques to infuse environmentally and economically sustainable practices into a wide variety of agricultural production systems.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because increased farmer understanding and adoption of sustainable farming practices is critical to meeting future agricultural and natural resources challenges in both the United States and worldwide. Sustainability in agricultural production is a national theme that resonates broadly with national targets of sustainability and responsible use of natural resources. Increasing production without causing permanent ecological damage benefits farmers, consumers, and the environment. It is also my understanding that approximately 25 percent of funding will be used to salaries, approximately 25 percent for graduate students, approximately 48 percent for other direct costs, and approximately 2 percent for travel.

Project Name: Milk Safety, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$771,000 for Milk Safety, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will support research that protects the safety of dairy products for Pennsylvania and the nation. Research will address the continued threat of natural or intentional contamination of the fluid milk supply. The project will focus on continuing to develop more sensitive, accurate, and cost-effective diagnostic tools to identify pathogens and toxins.

Additionally, research will support developing and evaluating alternative preservation techniques that ensure the safety of dairy products while preserving food quality attributes, evaluating the benefits and risks associated with consumer and producer interest in raw milk products, and examining the integrity of the supply chain that moves dairy products from the farm gate to the consumer.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because new technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income. Current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Milk safety funding provides a tool for the federal government to respond quickly to emerging issues within the dairy industry and is necessary to maintain consumer protection and confidence. Improvements can be transferred to producers, processors, distributors, and retailers.

It is also my understanding that approximately 32 percent of funding will be used for salaries, approximately 13 percent for graduate students, approximately 16 percent for wages, approximately 1 percent for travel, approximately 10 percent for equipment, and approximately 28 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$243,000 for Improved Dairy Management Practices, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide research to address improved dairy management practices and specifically nutrient and emissions management. The project will be focused on addressing issues associated with dairy production by utilizing technology to improve water quality, lowering the impacts of emissions, and supporting efficient energy use.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because current challenges have placed the dairy production sector and related industries at risk. Evaluating new management tools for their impact on dairy farm profitability and delivering new tools to the industry based on sound scientific study is vital to the future of U.S. dairy production. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used

for salaries, approximately 23 percent for graduate students, approximately 22 percent for wages, approximately 2 percent for travel, and approximately 29 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Dairy Farm Productivity, PA
Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$349,000 for Dairy Farm Profitability, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance to improve dairy farm profitability. This project will provide technological solutions to real-world problems that are reducing the profitability of dairy farms in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Technologies will be validated for their economic impact and delivered as part of a broader economic analysis of individual farms.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the local dairy farm is part of a complex system which extends from local issues of decisions regarding nutrient management, animal genetics, and operation diversity to global issues of supply and demand for dairy products. New technical approaches to solving crucial problems in dairy farming have high impact and are critical given the importance of the dairy production sector and the multiplier effect of dairy-derived income.

It is also my understanding that approximately 24 percent of funding would be used for salaries, approximately 15 percent for graduate students, approximately 27 percent for wages, approximately 3 percent for travel, and approximately 31 percent for other direct costs.

Project Name: Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture/SRG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pennsylvania State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 117 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$233,000 for Agricultural Entrepreneurial Alternatives, PA

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide assistance for agricultural entrepreneurship development. This project is important both regionally and nationally because it focuses on education and other support necessary to help farmers make a transition from "traditional" types of farming to value-added agricultural enterprises.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because developing the entrepreneurial skills of agricultural producers assists in providing higher profits on farms, a decline in farm consolidation, and increased opportunities for consumers to obtain products that meet their lifestyles. Growth of entrepreneurial skills strengthens farmers' ability to act on consumer-based opportunities. This strengthens the agricultural industry, local communities, and provides consumers with goods and services they are willing and able to buy. Because of its unique production characteristics and market access, Pennsylvania is an ideal location for this project.

It is also my understanding that approximately 75 percent of funding would be used