

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Glenn Colusa Irrigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$600,000 to accelerate work on correcting deficiencies in the Gradient Facility and to initiate bank stabilization work in the vicinity of River Mile 208. The Corps of Engineers was a critical project participant in the construction of a large, state-of-the-art fish screen and pumping facility along the Sacramento River at Hamilton City, CA. Specifically, the Corps constructed a "Gradient Facility" within the mainstem of the river in order to stabilize the river's surface level and ensure optimal effectiveness of the new screened diversion. Recent surveys have uncovered various deficiencies at the project area during low river flows. As many as 298 "high spots" have been identified where the Gradient Facility breaks the surface of the water and creates a hazard for boaters. In addition, significant bank erosion is also occurring within the vicinity of the fish screen project. Left unchecked, this erosion could jeopardize the operability of the pumping station.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction General

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Yuba County Water Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3,110,000 to strengthen the federal levee system up to a 200-year level flood protection for communities in Yuba County, California. To date, local interests and the State of California have invested \$145,000,000 in the project, and anticipate an additional expenditure of up to \$215,000,000. With total project costs estimated to be approximately \$400,000,000, the only anticipated federal construction contribution will be \$33,000,000 for improvements to the Marysville ring levee, a figure that is well below the authorized 65–35 percent cost-share ratio. When completed, the Yuba River project will provide the highest levee of flood protection for any community in California's Central Valley.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, California Bay Delta Ecosystem Restoration Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Family Water Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 365, Maxwell, CA 95955

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 to facilitate the screening of small water diversions (fewer than 100 cubic feet per second) throughout the Sacramento Valley. Section 103(d)(6)(iii) of the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act (P.L. 108–361) authorizes the Secretary to participate in fish screen and fish passage improvement projects as part of the larger Ecosystem Restoration program established under the CALFED program.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern California Water Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 335, Sacramento, CA 95814

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,000,000 for additional screening of large agricultural diversions. Section 3406 (b)(21) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (P.L. 102–575) requires the Bureau of Reclamation to work with state and local partners to protect federally protected aquatic species through the screening of major water diversions throughout the CVP system. USBR and its local partners have achieved considerable accomplishments under this program in recent years. The Meridian Farms Water Company and the Natomas Mutual Water Company in Northern California are each working to consolidate and screen major water diversion facilities on the Sacramento River in order to preserve reliable water supplies for agriculture and managed wetlands and remain in compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources, Central Valley Project, Sacramento River Division

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northern California Water Association; Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority; Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 335, Sacramento, CA 95814 (NCWA); PO Box 1025, Willows, CA 95988 (TCCA); 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA (GCID)

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$6,449,000, which of the funds provided: \$1,200,000 is to be coupled with state and local investments for the Sacramento Valley Integrated Plan in order to seek a better understanding of the process for groundwater recharge and production from the main aquifer system in the area; and \$2,900,000 is for the Red Bluff Diversion Dam to ensure reliable water deliveries for over 120,000 acres of mostly small and mid-sized farms, and will greatly complement other restoration projects throughout the CVP aimed at improving anadromous fish populations. Funding is also provided for the Hamilton city pumping plant and other programmatic purposes.

DIVISION I—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Requesting Member: Congressman WALLY HERGER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Butte County Association of Governments

Address of Requesting Entity: 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95928

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$998,450 to upgrade a 9.6 mile section of roadway that crosses federal lands between communities of Inskip and Butte Meadows from a one-lane gravel road to a paved two-lane route. Fire danger in this area is extremely high with high volumes of very dense fuel sources. These improvements are nec-

essary to provide Upper Ridge residents, recreational visitors, and emergency vehicles with an emergency evacuation route in the event of a catastrophic wildfire. It will also increase the chances for effective efforts to control instances of wildfire by cutting in half the response time for fire backup support services. The project is estimated to cost \$19,000,000 over the next three construction seasons. The county is using its State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dollars (approximately \$1,892,000) for funding environmental, design, and right of way construction and support. The project has received \$5,000,000 from the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Lands Highway Program. It has also received \$5,800,000 in SAFETEA-LU, and \$980,000 in last year's appropriations bill for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

CONGRATULATING THE FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, who celebrated their Silver Anniversary in November. This outstanding group of people has made the city of Fort Worth a leader in Texas transportation.

The "T", as it is commonly known, was officially formed on November 8, 1983, when Fort Worth voters approved its passed a referendum on its creation with over 55% support. Over the years, service was extended to other nearby townships. In 1991, Lake Worth joined The "T", and in 1992, Blue Mound and Richland Hills joined. In 2001, the Trinity Railway Express (TRE), a joint effort with DART of Dallas, connected the two cities, allowing riders to travel the 35 miles from one downtown to the other on a single train, and also connecting the two cities to DFW International Airport. The TRE is currently the tenth-most ridden commuter rail in the country with nearly 9 million annual passenger trips.

The "T" serves Fort Worth and the surrounding partnering communities with 36 bus routes operated and maintained from their facilities at 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue at the entrance to the 26th District. It also runs a carpool and vanpool service, allowing people who live close to one another to reduce the cost, and the exhaust emissions, of their daily commutes. Finally, it operates a Mobility Impaired Transportation Service, which provides vehicles, drivers, and passenger assistance to those who require it.

With the completion of the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC), The "T" has provided the downtown connection between bus service, the TRE, and Amtrak and an instrumental resource to the thriving business core of Fort Worth. Future plans for new Commuter rail for Southwest and Northeast Tarrant County will further connect participating cities with DFW airport. Also, development to address congestion in communities such as Arlington and the explosive growth found in communities in the Alliance area provides further

support to The "T" in providing additional commuter rail routes and other transit solutions.

Again, I commend The "T" for its leadership in improving public transportation in and around Fort Worth. I am proud to represent its management and employees in the 26th District of Texas, and I wish them continued success with local and regional transportation solutions over the next quarter century as they transform Fort Worth into a worldwide leader in comprehensive public transportation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 9, 2009, and Tuesday, March 10, 2009, I was not present for 6 recorded votes. Please let the record show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 110—"yea"; Roll No. 111—"yea"; Roll No. 112—"yea"; Roll No. 113—"nay"; Roll No. 114—"yea"; and Roll No. 115—"yea".

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MILLARD FULLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the life and legacy of Mr. Millard Fuller, and his steadfast service in giving back to the world.

Mr. Fuller was born in Lanett, Alabama. As many folks know, he dedicated his life to serving others through his Christian housing ministries, Habitat for Humanity, which built 200,000 homes in 100 countries, and later The Fuller Center for Housing. In recognition of his lifelong service, in 1996, Mr. Fuller was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Mr. Fuller passed away on February 3rd 2009, at the age of 74. On March 14, 2009, a celebration of his life will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

I am honored to recognize this inspirational philanthropist who spent his lifetime helping others in need. It is my hope his memory will serve as an example of how we all should live.

HONORING COLORADO COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE FOR THEIR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. John Stulp and

former Commissioners Mr. Don Ament, Mr. Tom Kourlis, Mr. Steve Horn, Mr. Peter Decker, Mr. Tim Schultz, Mr. Evan Goulding, Mr. Morgan Smith, Mr. Roy Romer, the late Mr. Clinton Jeffers, the late Mr. John Orcutt, and the late Mr. Paul Swisher for their service and leadership.

The foundation of Colorado's history was built by the farmers and ranchers who dedicated their lives to settling the land. Today producers continue to be a fundamental pillar of our state's communities. Over 30 million acres in Colorado are dedicated to agriculture and our producers work endlessly to provide our nation with a safe and reliable food supply. Under the guidance of those who have served as Commissioner of Agriculture, Colorado's farmers and ranchers have been able to efficiently transfer food from their fields to our tables.

Over the years, Colorado agriculture has survived economic strain, destructive weather and severe drought. The unyielding leadership of all our Commissioners has ensured that our food supply would be secure even in the face of hardships. They have worked to develop the sustainable farming programs that serve our rural communities and strived to overcome the challenges that were presented to them. March 20, 2009 is National Agriculture Day, celebrating producers across the country. I would like to honor the Commissioners who have led Colorado's agriculture community towards a thriving future and thank them for their dedication.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Requesting Member: Congressman LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Bill Number: FY 2009 Omnibus

Account: Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grants account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Police Athletic/Activities League

Address of Requesting Entity: 658 West Indiantown Road, Suite #201, Jupiter, FL 33458

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 to develop and maintain a national youth crime prevention that promotes interaction and trust between law enforcement officers and youth. Primary focus on underserved communities where there are high incidences of youth crime. Funding will also be used towards the creation of pilot program to address gang related crime in several states; including FL, MD, NJ, OH, CA, PA and TX.

RONALD H. BROWN UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 837, the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building". I would like to thank my colleague CHARLIE RANGEL for introducing this legislation. H.R. 837 moves to designate the federal building at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York as the Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building.

Former United States Secretary of Commerce under President Clinton, Ronald Brown, has always been a dedicated U.S. servant. Born in Washington, DC, he quickly showed an interest in public service, as a young man he was a member of the African-American social and philanthropic organization. Brown also worked for the Jack and Jill foundation, an organization that works to help children to have cultural opportunities, develop leadership skills, and form social networks even in a segregated society.

Having not only a passion for public service Brown had a strong desire to serve his country as well. In 1962 upon graduation of Middlebury College he enlisted in the army, where he served in Korea and Europe.

Upon being discharged Brown joined the National Urban League, an organization that aims at advocating on behalf of African Americans and against racial discrimination in the United States. He would excel within the organization where he moved all the way up to Deputy Executive Director for Programs and Governmental Affairs. Following his service with the National Urban League, he immediately began fighting for another great American public servant, EDWARD M. KENNEDY. Brown served as campaign manager for the now second most senior member of the United States Senate.

After running KENNEDY's successful Senate campaign, Brown began a string of political occupations that include lobbying for the law firm Patton, Boggs & Blow, Head of the Jesse Jackson convention team for the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. Finally Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee in February of 1989. Tragically, on April 3, 1996 on an official trade mission, his plane carrying him and 34 other passengers struck a mountain while attempting a procedural landing.

Ronald H. Brown was a man that dedicated his entire life to bettering the lives of others. Whether it be young African Americans in New York, fighting for the freedom of all Americans in some of the world's most dangerous battlefields, or working day in and out to help promote and excel the careers of others whose ideals and policies he believed would better the nation. Brown's is a story that deserves to be recognized everyday. I feel designating a building in his name is the perfect way to recognize this true American public servant. This building will stand long after generations have gone and will hopefully remind all generations to come, that a dedicated spirit