

Subcommittee Approves \$10 million for Energy and Water Projects in 14th Congressional District

Washington, D.C.— Rep. Anna G. Eshoo released the following statement after the Energy and Water Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee passed the FY2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act. The bill includes nearly \$10 million in funding that will benefit the 14th Congressional District including: \$2.8 million for the San Francisco Shoreline; \$100,000 for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Project; \$6.7 million for dredging the Redwood City Harbor; and \$300,000 for the San Francisquito Creek flood project. The full House Appropriations Committee will next evaluate and mark up the bill which the Subcommittee has approved and send the bill to the full House for consideration.

"I'm very pleased that the Subcommittee has passed a bill that includes some of the most important funding priorities for the 14th Congressional District. Each of these projects will help with the ongoing flood protection and water conservation efforts in Silicon Valley," said Rep. Eshoo. "As the budget crisis in California worsens, it's essential that projects critical to protecting our major routes of transportation, water systems, and homes not be neglected."

The FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act includes money for the following four projects:

- \$300,000 for the San Francisquito Creek to be used to complete a feasibility study of critical flood protection measures for the cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and portions of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The project will provide flood protection to three important Bay Area and state highway connector systems, a regional commuter rail system and a local airport.

- \$2,800,000 for the San Francisco Shoreline to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to make satisfactory progress on completion of the Feasibility Report as directed by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The project generated from the Shoreline Study is expected to provide tidal and fluvial flood protection for Silicon Valley, including approximately 42,800 acres, 7,400 homes and businesses, and major highways, parks and airports.

- \$100,000 for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program. The funding for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program will be used to construct pipeline and related conveyance facilities to develop and expand the use of recycled water to augment surface water supplies, helping to preserve overdrawn river and groundwater supplies, protect the environment, and improve the overall security and reliability of the Bay Area's urban water systems.

- \$6,745,000 for the Port of Redwood City to dredge the Redwood City Navigation Channel to its authorized depth of 30 feet. The dredging is necessary in order to preserve the commercial activity that passes daily through the Port of Redwood City, the only port that serves the many industries in Silicon Valley.

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