

Rep. Eshoo Votes to Support Renewable Energy, Science, and Research Programs

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Rep. Anna G. Eshoo today voted to invest in critical science, research, and renewable energy programs. The FY2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act funds projects which speed the development and deployment of energy efficient vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles, upgrade the nation's aging water infrastructure, and invest in scientific research which is crucial to America's long-term energy needs.

The legislation includes nearly \$10 million in funding that will directly benefit the 14th Congressional District including: \$300,000 for the San Francisquito Creek flood protection project; \$100,000 for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Project; \$6.7 million for dredging the Redwood City Harbor; and \$2.8 million for the San Francisco Shoreline.

"This bill contains some of the highest funding priorities for Silicon Valley including funding for research, innovation, and science and it makes an historic investment in a clean and renewable energy future. These projects will dramatically improve our environment, our economy, and our security," Rep. Eshoo said. "The bill also invests millions of dollars in shovel-ready projects in the 14th Congressional District which will help with the ongoing flood protection and water conservation efforts in Silicon Valley."

The FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act includes funding for the following four projects in the 14th Congressional District:

- \$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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