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WASHINGTON, DC -- Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo announced today the funding of several important community and regional projects across the 14th Congressional District through the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act and the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations Act, which were passed by the House of Representatives on November 9th.

The funding will spur research, education, and innovation, as well as safeguard homes and property, reduce crime, and repair important infrastructure at local ports and harbors.

The following are the projects and the funding:

### Research and Education

- \$2 million for the Bio-Info-Nano Research and Development Institute at NASA Ames Research Center to be operated in conjunction with University of California at Santa Cruz. This new collaborative initiative for research, development, and instruction will take advantage of the resources and expertise housed at NASA, UC Santa Cruz and the entire UC system, as well as the other Bay Area private sector and academic institutions.

### Fighting Crime and Reducing Recidivism

- \$200,000 for the San Mateo County Youth Services Center's Girls Ranch. The funding will support gender specific programs to help juvenile female offenders get their lives back on track.

- \$100,000 is provided for Santa Clara County's Providing Assistance with Linkage to Services (PALS) program, an initiative to help mentally-ill offenders make a successful transition into society following their release from detention.

- \$600,000 for improvements at the San Mateo County Forensics Lab.

### Investing in Local Infrastructure

- \$4.47 million for dredging at the Port of Redwood City plus \$100,000 to study the appropriate depth of the Port's

navigation channel.

- \$450,000 for breakwater repairs at Pillar Point Harbor.

#### Protecting Homes and Restoring the Environment

- \$225,000 for an Army Corps of Engineers study to address flood control and restoration efforts within the San Francisco watershed.

- \$1.5 million for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Visitors' Center in Santa Cruz. This is a key part of integrating the Sanctuary into the broader community and will offer education opportunities to those visiting the Coast.

- \$600,000 for studies related to the restoration of the South San Francisco Bay wetlands within the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge.

Congresswoman Eshoo cautioned that the funding could be trimmed by across-the-board budget cuts, but she noted that most of the funding provided in these bills will remain intact.

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