

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hostelling International USA, which is celebrating 75 years of promoting youth travel and intercultural understanding.

Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1934 to promote hostels and educational programs throughout the United States, especially for young travelers. The organization aims to help travelers of all ages, but particularly young people, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people. Annually, its hostels host nearly one million overnight stays by domestic and foreign travelers. Hostelling International USA creates cultural exchange through travel and education, and its 70 hostels across the country bring jobs and tourism revenue to local economies.

In my own community of Chicago, Hostelling International's local nonprofit hostel, the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Hostel, provides 85,000 overnights for travelers every year. The hostel offers an inexpensive, safe, and comfortable place for visitors of all ages to stay in Chicago, and was rated by travelers as the Best Large Hostel in the World in 2006 and 2007.

Hostelling International Chicago not only welcomes international visitors, but it also serves our local community. The hostel teaches cultural understanding to over 1,500 local students each year through a variety of programs, including Exchange Neighborhoods and Cultural Kitchen. These programs are offered in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and the Girl Scouts, as well as other youth-serving organizations.

Madam Speaker, Hostelling International encourages young people to travel, to see the world and meet people from other countries, and to become responsible global citizens. I congratulate Hostelling International USA for its 75 years of service, and I thank Hostelling International Chicago for its service to the metropolitan Chicago area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 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. 3183, the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, General

Entity Requesting (multiple): City of Murrieta, 1 Town Center—24601 Jefferson Avenue, Murrieta, California 92562; Riverside

County Flood Control and Water District; 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark: \$2,000,000 is provided for the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project, which would provide 100-year flood protection, environmental restoration/enhancements, and recreation benefits to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula, located in Southwestern Riverside County. The project would create seven miles of soft earthen channelization as well as the development of a continuous riparian habitat corridor throughout the length of the project. The riparian corridor can become a safe home for several listed endangered species that have already been found to exist nearby. The channel would not only facilitate species movement and connectivity to existing wildlife preserves, but will also create an extensive natural wetlands system that can efficiently remove contaminants from stream flows and help ensure improved water quality for local residents and soldiers stationed at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funding will be used for ongoing phases of this project as follows:

Phase II Construction: \$12,000,000

Phase III Complete Plans & Specification & DDR: \$2,000,000

Total \$14,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$117,000,000

Federal Share: \$75,270,000

Non-Federal Share: \$41,730,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92552

Description of Earmark: \$500,000 is provided in the legislation to help address flooding concerns in the area surrounding March Air Reserve Base (MARB). Heacock and Cactus Channels are undersized channels that have proven inadequate to contain flooding, even during moderate rainstorms. Furthermore, substantial vegetation has grown within both channels and impedes the conveyance of tributary flows to an existing ultimate downstream outlet, resulting in drains backing-up within the city of Moreno Valley, flooding in local neighborhoods and impeding emergency services' access. The significant flooding through MARB results in major disruptions to operations at the base, including the fueling of airplanes, the transport of troops and supplies to the Middle East. Additionally, the flooding has caused extensive erosion along Heacock Avenue, which has jeopardized existing major utilities within the road right of way.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Funds awarded would be utilized to compliment planned expenditures as follows:

Completion of the Feasibility Study: \$667,000

Completion of the Plans and Specifications: \$333,000

Total: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Entity Requesting: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92572

Description of Earmark: \$250,000 is provided for a project that would take restaurant

grease waste that ordinarily is disposed of at a landfill and use it to make biodiesel by constructing a biodiesel plant at Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. In addition to the benefit of eliminating the disposal of the grease at considerable cost into the environment, the biodiesel project would create an alternative fuel source for EMWD's fleet of vehicles. Currently more than five million gallons of restaurant grease trappings are produced each year in the EMWD service area.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—Cost of Project with Budget Description and Timeline:

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Total State/Local Contribution to Date: \$5,000 (primarily storage drums to store thickened grease and studies)

Total Federal Contribution to Date: \$0

FY10 State/Local Contribution: \$450,000

FY10 Federal Funding Request: \$450,000

FY 2010 Federal Request Cost Breakdown: \$250,000 (Pumping, heating, screening, and piping systems to clean and handle the grease and waste streams)

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

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Requesting Member: Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 206

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Forest Preserve District of Will County

Address of Requesting Entity: 17540 West Laraway Rd, Joliet, IL 60433

Description of Request: Prairie Bluff Preserve occupies much of the groundwater recharge zone for the seeps at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. Modifying how storm water is managed at the preserve and using best management practices, along with restoring naturalized plant communities across this portion of the recharge area, will increase water infiltration and stabilize the seepage flow at LPNP. This is important for protecting the rare habitats and would address several goals and objectives contained in the federal recovery plans for these species.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2996

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LoBIONDO (NJ-02)