

and we support your efforts and this legislation as a means of providing greater flexibility for management of CVP water supplies.

The diminished water deliveries to the CVP as a result of various regulatory restrictions, including the most recent delta smelt and salmon Biological Opinions and three years of below average precipitation statewide, have, as you know, created a desperate situation in the San Joaquin Valley.

While long-term solutions are being sought, numerous short term efforts are needed to help bridge the water supply gap and great flexibility, as provided in your legislation, to move water supplies within the San Joaquin Valley would be a useful tool.

The Exchange Contractors consist of four member agencies serving over 240,000 acres in the San Joaquin Valley in Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus Counties.

We look forward to engaging in this effort and working closely with you and your staff in advancing this legislation and addressing California water issues.

Sincerely,

STEVE CHEDESTER,  
*Executive Director.*

SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT,  
*Los Banos, CA, October 5, 2009.*

Re Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009.

Hon. DIANNE FEINSTEIN,  
*U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.*

Hon. BARBARA BOXER,  
*U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.*

Hon. DENNIS CARDOZA,  
*House Representatives, Longworth Building,  
Washington, DC.*

Hon. JIM COSTA,  
*House of Representatives, Longworth House Of-  
fice Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SENATOR FEINSTEIN, SENATOR BOXER, MR. CARDOZA, and MR. COSTA: I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Water District and its Board of Directors. We strongly support the Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009. Given the regulatory impacts of recent Biologic Opinions, the survival of our commercial, residential and agricultural water users is increasingly dependent on supplemental water transfers. Your legislation will bring important reform to existing transfer authorization and this essential water management tool.

Coping with chronic water supply shortages impacting the Central Valley Project requires implementation of best management practices including water transfers. The need to transfer water is often urgent. Regrettably, bureaucratic process can unnecessarily thwart successful execution of a transfer. Your legislation will improve the capability of water managers throughout the State to effectively and efficiently respond to the ongoing crisis.

Your continuing efforts to address these important matters are critical and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

MARTIN R. MCINTYRE,  
*General Manager.*

WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT,  
*Fresno, CA, October 6, 2009.*

Re Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009.

Hon. DIANNE FEINSTEIN,  
*U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR SENATOR FEINSTEIN: I am writing on behalf of Westlands Water District to express its support for your bill, the Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009, authorizing certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project and other purposes. Water transfers

are a critical tool for providing water supplies for areas that are faced with chronic water supply shortages. However, the approval process for many transfers often distract from their usefulness. Your legislation will bring important reform to existing transfer authorization thus increasing the efficacy of this essential water management tool.

As you are keenly aware, the chronic water supply shortages impacting the area of the San Joaquin Valley served by the Central Valley Project demands that water users in the affected area rely on water transfers. Moreover, the need to transfer water is often urgent and in response to climactic conditions that are frequently sporadic and ephemeral. Regrettably, bureaucratic process can unnecessarily thwart successful execution of a transfer. The clarity your legislation brings to existing authorizations will only improve the capability of water managers throughout the State to effectively respond to the ongoing crisis and put our scant water resources to use even more efficiently.

The westside of the San Joaquin Valley is inarguably the most transfer dependent region of the State. Your efforts to address this important matter are greatly appreciated. If there is anything I can do to be of help in connection with your efforts, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM,  
*General Manager/General Counsel.*

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE CLOVERDALE HISTORY CENTER

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cloverdale Historical Society as it dedicates and opens the new Cloverdale History Center.

The new 4,000 square foot, temperature controlled History Center will house and preserve a wide variety of artifacts and documents and provide accommodations for historical, genealogical and cultural research. It will be the centerpiece of a cultural renaissance in what has become Sonoma County's fastest growing city.

The Society is staffed 100 percent by volunteers who take great pride in the area's heritage and its diversity. It was founded in 1968 by local residents dedicated to preserving the local history of this vibrant community.

One of its more unique projects is its ongoing work to completely restore Cloverdale's oldest residential structure. The Gould-Shaw house and its gardens face the town's main boulevard and lend a 19th century charm through its Gothic Revival architectural style.

The Historical Society has also hosted the annual "Old Time Fiddle Festival" for the past 35 years. The event helps preserve the historic fiddling culture and has fostered appreciation for this distinctively American music among the thousands of visitors who have participated in this event throughout the years.

Madam Speaker, the City of Cloverdale is rightfully proud of the Historical Society and its new History Center. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge and honor the Cloverdale Historical Society and the countless volunteers who have made this dream a reality.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2467.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467 (Conference Report)  
Account: Army—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: (1) Drexel University; (2) Waterfront Technology Center

Address of Requesting Entity: (1) 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (2) 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.8 million for Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN). ACIN enables the warfighter to rapidly deploy state-of-the-practice communications and networking technology for warfighting and National Security. This funding will build on funding from previous years to fully develop this technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467 (Conference Report)  
Account: Air Force—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Accenture  
Address of Requesting Entity: 200 Federal Street, Suite 300, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4.0 million for Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT). DMIT is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems. This spending will build on funding from previous years to allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, and address current weaknesses in Air Force management years ahead of current schedules. Adoption by major programs and commercial entities would lead to savings in the \$100 millions on current and future DOD programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 2467 (Conference Report)  
Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Absecon Mills Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Vienna and Aloe Avenues, PO Box 672, Cologne, NJ 08213

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2.5 million for Force Protection—Non-Traditional Weaving Application for Aramid (Ballistic) Fibers and Fabrics. By reevaluating standard industry design and manufacturing techniques for force protection technology, we believe Non-Traditional weave designs of Aramid (ballistic) fiber coupled with new applications of microwave plasma treatments can enhance the strength of the fiber and result in enhanced individual mobility, ease of medical access, reduced weight, increased ballistic protection, cost effective savings and weight reduction of ballistic materials currently used.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)