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Energy and Water Appropriations Bill Clears House

On Wednesday, the House passed H.R. 2609, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2014. This legislation provides funding for national security, energy, and water programs that will help keep Americans safe and promote economic growth. Specifically, the bill allocates \$30.4 billion for various agencies under the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, which manages hundreds of dams and water storage facilities in California and 16 other western states. These funds will be used to continue research into nuclear defense activities, research and development of traditional and renewable energy sources, and important environmental cleanup activities. In recognition of the need to rein in spending amid our nation's \$16.7 trillion debt, the bill prioritizes funding for these essential programs while reducing overall spending by \$2.9 billion over the current fiscal year.

The measure also includes funding for civil works projects carried out by the Army Corps of Engineers for flood control activities and critical water infrastructure projects. The bill also permits the Corps to be reimbursed up to \$1 billion from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for operations and maintenance projects at our nation's ports and harbors, including the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. This is critical for the 31st District which, as the home to numerous warehouses, distribution centers, trucking firms, and Colton Crossing, one of the busiest railroad crossings in the nation, plays a huge role in moving goods from the ports to store shelves. Ensuring that our ports remain competitive will help support economic growth and jobs in our community. As Congress continues to consider our nation's spending priorities for the upcoming fiscal year I will continue to work to ensure that the needs of the Inland Empire and our nation are met while saving taxpayer dollars.

Upcoming Mobile District Office Information

I would like to remind residents of the 31st District that in addition to my permanent District Office in Rancho Cucamonga, members of my staff will be visiting cities throughout the District to provide assistance to those experiencing difficulties with federal agencies. For additional information or to schedule an appointment during these Mobile Office hours, please contact the Rancho Cucamonga office at (909) 980-1492:

- Colton: July 16, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Colton City Hall, Conference Room, 650 N La Cadena Drive, Colton, CA 92324
- Loma Linda: July 25, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Loma Linda City Hall, Conference Room, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354
- Upland – August 1, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Upland City Hall, Council Chambers, 460 N. Euclid Ave. Upland, CA 91786

- Rialto – August 5, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Rialto Senior Center, 1411 S Riverside Ave, Rialto, CA 92376
- Fontana – August 8, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Fontana City Hall, Conference Room, 8353 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA 92335
- Grand Terrace – August 12, 2013, Hours: 10am-3pm
Grand Terrace City Hall, Community Room, 22795 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace, CA 92313

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