



November 15, 2022

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senator
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
United States Representative
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The Honorable Jim Costa
United States Representative
2081 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Josh Harder
United States Representative
209 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Valadao
United States Representative
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Members of the Central Valley Delegation,

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council is thankful for your hard work to address critical needs in the Central Valley. We greatly appreciated your efforts to request Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects from the Valley in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 House and Senate appropriations legislation. We ask for your continued support to ensure that that these investments are ultimately included in any omnibus considered by Congress this December.

As you know, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees included a number of surface transportation and water infrastructure projects from the Valley in the House and Senate FY 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD), and Related Agencies spending bill and Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bill at your request. The House of Representatives approved those projects requested by Members in the lower chamber as part of a “minibus” spending package (H.R. 8294) passed in July. The Senate Appropriations Committee released its final list of projects from the upper chamber shortly thereafter.

We urge you to work to ensure that the following highway, transit, rail, aviation, and workforce development projects from the Valley are ultimately funded in any final agreement on the FY 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies spending bill:

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- 1) \$1.5 million for the Rail Academy of Central California – Rail/Transit Workforce Development Program sponsored by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission and requested by Representative McNerney;
- 2) \$7 million for the State Route 99/120 Connector Project Phase 1B sponsored by the San Joaquin Council of Governments and requested by Representative McNerney and Representative Harder;
- 3) \$7 million for the State Route 132 West Project Phase 2 project sponsored by the Stanislaus Council of Government and requested by Representative Harder;
- 4) \$3.86 million for the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Fleet Replacement Project sponsored by the Merced County Association of Governments and requested by Representative Costa;
- 5) \$1.95 million for the State Route 41 Expressway project sponsored by Madera County and requested by Representative Costa;
- 6) \$4.4 million for the FAT Runway 11L-29R Reconstruction Project sponsored by the City of Fresno – Airports Division and requested by Representative Costa;
- 7) \$5 million for the Kings County Regional Multi-Modal Transit Center project sponsored by the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency and requested by Representative Valadao; and
- 8) \$2.1 million for the Amtrak Hanford Station project sponsored by the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and requested by Senator Padilla.

We also urge you to ensure that the following water infrastructure projects from the Valley are ultimately funded in any final agreement on the FY 2023 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies spending bill:

- 1) \$3.5 million for the Crows Landing Water Wells project sponsored by Stanislaus County and requested by Representative Harder;
- 2) \$3.5 million for the SSJID Surface Water Connection Project sponsored by the City of Ripon and requested by Representative Harder;
- 3) \$3 million for the Buhach Road and Gurr Road Utility Expansion project sponsored by the City of Atwater seeking and requested by Representative Costa;
- 4) \$5 million for the McFarland Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project sponsored by the City of McFarland seeking and requested by Representative Valadao;
- 5) \$3 million for the Fowler New Well and System Interconnection for Drought Resiliency Project sponsored by the City of Fowler and requested by Representative Valadao;
- 6) \$150,000 for the Allensworth Well Solar Array project sponsored by the Allensworth Community Services District and requested by Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla;
- 7) \$1.75 million for the Grayson Well and Tank Replacement project sponsored by the City of Modesto and requested by Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla;
- 8) \$500,000 for the Water Delivery System project sponsored by the City of Tulare and requested by Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla;
- 9) \$200,000 for the Drinking Water Kiosks project sponsored by Tulare County and requested by Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla;
- 10) \$1.15 million for the Woodville PUD Well No. 4 Replacement project sponsored by the Woodville Public Utility District and requested by Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla; and
- 11) \$1.5 million for the Well 21 Construction project sponsored by the City of Dinuba and requested by Senator Padilla.

We are grateful for your efforts to date to try to secure Community Project Funding and Congressionally

Directed Spending for these important local projects. As lawmakers in both chambers negotiate a FY 2023 spending agreement in the lame-duck session of the 117th Session of Congress, the Policy Council asks for your continued advocacy to ensure that our requests are ultimately funded. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information that would be helpful as bipartisan and bicameral discussions on appropriations continue. We appreciate your continued partnership and advocacy on behalf of our shared constituents and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Poythress". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'P'.

Robert Poythress
Chair of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council
Madera County Supervisor