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**WOOLSEY RELEASES FULL LIST OF FY '09
SPENDING REQUESTS**

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) today released a full list of the spending requests (earmarks) that she has submitted to the Committee on Appropriations for funding during Fiscal Year 2009. This is the second year in a row that Congresswoman Woolsey has made all of her requests public. Requests are listed by bill in alphabetical order.

Angel Island State Park, Immigration Station Hospital Rehabilitation \$1,500,000

National Park Service – Statutory or Contractual Aid

This project will provide for schematic design, and construction documents services, to be performed by the DPR Architect and the Consulting Architecture/Engineering team, for the purpose of rehabilitating this deteriorating historic structure. Due to water intrusion and failing footings, the building is in imminent danger of total failure. The construction portion of the project will include building stabilization and partial new construction.

Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail

\$500,000

FHWA – TCSP

The proposed project would fund the construction of a minimum 8' wide separated Class 1 type paved bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the west side of Bay Flat Road between Eastshore Road and Highway 1 in the Town of Bodega Bay. Currently, Bay Flat Road is a very steep, one-way road that has no sidewalks or bicycle lanes. Although only one segment, in a list of proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes through Bodega Bay, it would complete the most critical link between Porto Bodega Marina and the center of town. It is believed that substantial mode shift away from single passenger automobiles can be engendered with improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the Town of Bodega Bay.

Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

\$700,000

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

Federal appropriation of \$700,000 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that a Locally Preferred Plan, now being developed in partnership with the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, is implemented through a revision of the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration Draft Feasibility Study, consistent with Army Corps capability.

The California Cities Gang Prevention Network **\$1,300,000**

Department of Justice – Office of Juvenile Justice

The California Cities Gang Prevention Network seeks to create a model by which the state, as a whole, can combat gang violence. The Network itself serves as a vibrant peer-sharing community between 13 cities (including Santa Rosa) and provides them with the necessary resources to develop gang prevention programs.

California Indian Museum and Cultural Center **\$500,000**

Museums and Libraries

This 12-month construction project will produce construction documentation, obtain permits and complete construction work including interior finish out and utilities (electrical, plumbing, data, HVAC) to prepare a 5,000 square foot warehouse space within the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center for the installation of fixed exhibits. CIMCC serves the lifelong learning needs of a national K-12 audience and the general public internationally by providing multi-media educational exhibits and programs at our facility in Santa Rosa and through distance learning.

Canal Bike and Pedestrian Access **\$2,250,000**

FHWA-TCSP

The project includes design and environmental for implementation of San Rafael’s Canal Front Access and Design Plan Which widens the bike/pedestrian access along the East Francisco Blvd and across the Grand Avenue Bridge, as well as extends a paseo along the Bay Trail and creates a safe and enjoyable path through one of the most dynamic communities in the Bay Area. This segment of the Bay Trail will enable thousands of people to enjoy the historic Canal waterway and connection to the San Francisco Bay.

The project grows out of the recently completed Canal Neighborhood Community Based Transportation Plan to prioritize transportation needs in low income communities. TAM and City of San Rafael staff led and outreach intensive community planning effort to identify transportation issues and prioritize solutions to overcome them in the Canal neighborhood. The project supports local and regional efforts to support multimodal infrastructure.

Center Point -- Re-Entry and Community Integration Services **\$500,000**

Department of Justice – Byrne Discretionary Grants

Provides critical safety net services for offender populations transitioning from incarceration to community and family life.

Coastal Data Information Program: Monitoring and Prediction of Waves and Shoreline Change **\$3,000,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

The Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) measures, models and forecasts waves, and develops and tests regional sediment management models. A broad range of coastal groups and individuals use these wave and erosion data for safe and effective ocean use and for making educated policy decisions for protecting and enhancing local beaches.

Colgan Creek Restoration **\$750,000**

Natural Resource Conservation Service – Watershed/Flood Prevention Operations

These funds would assist in the design and construction of the Colgan Creek Restoration Project. The project would restore and enhance the Creek for federally protected steelhead and increase flood protection to a growing area of the City.

Community Health Centers Infrastructure – Sonoma County \$2,000,000

HHS-HRSA

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$2 million in funding to support the construction/expansion of Community Health Centers facilities operating in Sonoma County thereby increasing their capacity to provide vital health care services to the County's underserved population.

Corte Madera Creek Flood Control \$700,000

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Continued Federal funding of the Army Corps of Engineers Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project is requested in the amount of \$700,000 for FY 2009. The local share was collected during a three year period in the 1980s. The money remains and is reserved for this project.

Corte Madera Creek Watershed Reconnaissance Study \$500,000

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration study based on the findings of an ACOE Section 209 Watershed Study for the Corte Madera Creek Watershed in 2006.

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Dominican University Center for Sustainability \$460,800

Department of Education – Higher Education

The Dominican Center for Sustainability (Center) is a first-of-its-kind research, education, and training center dedicated to environmental sustainability. The Center partners with business, government and other universities by designing, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating multiple environmental research initiatives focused on practical solutions and innovative responses to the extraordinary challenges of climate change, energy constraints, pollution and waste.

Doyle Drive Reconstruction: \$5,000,000

FHWA-PLH

Doyle Drive is a main transportation artery leading to and from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Doyle Drive was originally constructed in the 1930's and needs major safety overhaul to remain safe for vehicle traffic. Currently, state, regional and local officials including Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Committee, and the City of San Francisco have been working on a plan to rebuild the bridge and make it seismically safe. This request will add additional federal funds towards the estimated 1.1 billion cost of the project.

Dry Creek (Warm Springs) Lake and Channel O&M **\$7,679,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – O&M

Funds are requested to continue the US Army Corps of Engineers operation and maintenance program at the Warm Springs Dam at Lake Sonoma and to make modifications and procedural changes in dam operations to support salmon restoration programs.

Education and Workforce Training Academy – Center Point, Inc. **\$800,000**

Department of Labor – ETA/TES

Center Point’s proposed Education and Workforce Training Academy will provide critical services for the underemployed, unemployed, formerly homeless, returning veterans and those with other barriers to economic self-sufficiency.

Fair Play: Engaging Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – Girl Scouts of America **\$1,000,000**

Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education

Funding will be used to engage more girls and provide expanded learning opportunities for more California girls through the Fair Play: Design & Discovery program which builds and reinforces girls’ interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Participation in Fair Play will support their continued involvement in these fields as they reach critical decision making points and will ultimately help girls achieve parity in these career areas.

Ferry Terminal Channel and Turning Basin Dredging **\$4,000,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – O&M

The navigational channel and turning basin at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal (LFT) require dredging approximately every three years to remove built-up sedimentation. This project is required to maintain safe operating depths and widths for Golden Gate Ferry service.

For Those Who Serve: The CSU-Veterans Initiative **\$900,000**

Department of Education – Higher Education

By uniting two powerful movements in higher education today – community engagement and outreach – the CSU can play an even more pivotal role in supporting the educational and personal success of veterans and active duty personnel and their families. The “For Those Who Serve” initiative will catalyze CSU efforts in support of two major objectives: Strengthening educational outreach to veterans, active duty personnel and their families to help them attain a college degree; and providing a wide array of community-based activities to address veterans’ health needs.

Fort Baker Transportation Improvements **\$750,000**

FLHP-PLHD

This project will enhance and augment the alternative transportation options for visitation of this historic National Park Service site. Specifically, the project will accomplish three important objectives. First, an alternative fuel shuttle for transporting community members, employees, and visitors to the newly renovated Fort Baker site will be purchased. Second, the project will improve and create safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the site. Finally, the project will create a plan for roadway and parking improvements and infrastructure improvements in the immediate vicinity of the beach.

Galbreath Wildlands Preserve Observatory – Sonoma State University

\$1,700,000

Department of Education – Higher Education

To build and equip a 1-meter telescope observatory facility on the donated 3,600 acres Galbreath Wildlands Preserve in Southern Mendocino County near Northern Sonoma County in Northern California. The Observatory will be used physically, and remotely by students of Sonoma State University, K-14 and other educational institutions in Northern California.

Gallagher Well and Pipeline Project

\$875,260

EPA – STAG

The existing water wells that serve the West Marin communities of Point Reyes Station, the US Guard housing area, Inverness Park, Paradise Ranch estates, Bear Valley (including Point Reyes National Seashore) and Olema are under the influences of tidal salt water flows. The wells are subject to salinity intrusion and occasional inundation. The proposed project would provide a secure source of water for these communities by constructing a new well at the Gallagher Ranch and installing 7,200 feet of pipeline to supply water to North Marin Water District’s Point Reyes water treatment plant.

Geroscience Research Initiative

\$4,000,000

Department of Energy – Science

The Buck Institute for Age Research is seeking federal funding to support its cutting-edge Geroscience Research Initiative. Federal funds would supplement privately raised funds and other Federal support including the recently awarded \$25 million NIH Roadmap grant and help to support the acquisition of key research personnel, equipment and related facility renovations and expansions.

Geroscience Research Initiative – Buck Institute

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HHS-HRSA

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Golden Gate Bridge Moveable Median Barrier

\$4,500,000

FHWA – TCSP

This project would install a moveable median barrier (MMB) to enhance the safety of the Golden Gate Bridge by providing a physical barrier to separate opposing directions of traffic. This MMB is similar to the barrier used on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge over the Potomac River connecting Washington, D.C. with Virginia. The MMB project proposed for the Golden Gate Bridge consists of 12-inch wide, 32-inch high steel clad units filled with high-density concrete pinned together to form a semi-rigid median barrier and the transfer machine. The MMB, which satisfies National Cooperative Highway Research Program test 350 criteria, would provide a physical separation between opposing directions of traffic and eliminate crossover, head-on

collisions. The MMB would also allow for a continuation of the critically needed lane reconfigurations that occur throughout the day to accommodate commute hour traffic on weekdays and tourist traffic on weekends.

Hamilton Airfield Wetlands Restoration

\$14,000,000

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Federal funding of \$21 million is required to use clean dredged sediment from San Francisco Bay to recreate tidal and non-tidal wetlands at the Hamilton Airfield along northern San Francisco Bay.

Hamilton Airfield Wetland Restoration – Access Road

\$1,700,000

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

For the Bel Marin Keys Unit V Wetlands Restoration, California, project to construct a road to service as an alternate to the existing Todd Road access point.

Hamilton Low-Income Community Center

\$1,000,000

HUD-EDI

As part of the Hamilton Reuse Planning effort, the City acquired a number of recreational lands and buildings. The two most significant facilities, and those which will serve the most participants, are the gymnasium and the community pool. The Parks and Recreation Commission has identified these two facilities as the top two priorities for recreational enrichment as they will promote recreational, social, and cultural well being in the low income Hamilton community. It is critical that the Hamilton facilities encourage and foster active participation in wholesome programs, provide opportunities for positive role models, develop self esteem and bring positive choices to those at risk. One of the most necessary components of such a program is that of appropriate facilities for active and passive recreation, gathering, playing and building positive life experiences and relationships. To accomplish this goal, the City has joined with other community agencies to help create a sense of community in this, the most ethnically diverse, economically mixed, and residentially dense neighborhood in Marin County.

Highway 101 Widening (Santa Rosa-Windsor)

\$2,000,000

FHWA-TCSP

The project will increase capacity, reduce congestion, improve safety and facilitate the movement of goods and people in the northern portion of Sonoma County. The project maximizes benefit and minimizes public inconvenience and throwaway work by combining the project with a county project to replace the Airport over-crossing. The North project phase two will correct both northbound and southbound non-standard weaving distances, which include a collector distributor between Airport Boulevard and Fulton Road (a major cross town connector to Santa Rosa); corrects ramp geometry; provides standard mainline shoulders; and provides ITS elements, including ramp metering. The added benefit of phase two is improved circulation to and from the Sonoma County Airport, which has just re-started commercial air service. The project can be awarded for construction by the winter 2009, pending full funding.

Integrated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Information and Communication System

\$400,000

Department of Justice – COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Sonoma County is seeking funds to improve the communications interoperability of the EOC to effectively manage county-wide emergency response.

Intelligent Transportation System- City of Santa Rosa **\$500,000**

FHWA-TCSP

The City of Santa Rosa is in the process of implementing a citywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enhance air quality and reduce fuel consumption by automatically adjusting traffic signal timing on a second-by-second basis to respond to current traffic conditions. The City of Santa Rosa is very near to completing the first Systems Engineering Process for ITS in Northern California initiating system deployment and could serve as an effective “Urban Partner” showcasing the effectiveness of adaptive traffic control and intelligent transportation system in a medium sized urban center (population of approximately 160,000).

Laguna de Santa Rosa General Investigation **\$400,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

This request would provide funds to continue a US Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study intended to determine the causes and extent of excessive sedimentation in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The study will provide a detailed analysis of the problem and evaluation of options to minimize its impacts on the community and ecosystem.

Laguna Learning Center **\$200,000**

EERE – Building Technologies

The Laguna Learning Center will be a world-class education and research facility welcoming the public into enjoyment and exploration of the Laguna de Santa Rosa wetland complex, one of the richest wildlife areas in Northern California. The facility will include a new “green” interpretive center building with an exhibit hall interpreting the Laguna’s natural, agricultural and Native American history, a research center providing educational opportunities for local college students, a native plant nursery supporting restoration efforts, offices for Foundation staff and a trailhead to the system of Laguna trails being developed by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

Las Gallinas Creek/Santa Venetia Levee **\$200,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – Section 205

Marin County seeks federal funding for FY 2009 in the amount of \$200,000 for the completion of the Initial Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Las Gallinas Creek/Santa Venetia Levee Flood Control Project.

Larkspur Ferry Parking Improvements **\$4,000,000**

FHWA-FB

This project will provide additional parking spaces to augment existing inadequate parking at the LFT. It will facilitate increased ferry ridership in existing services and will reduce traffic congestion on Highway 101. This project will provide environmental, design, engineering and construction to rehabilitate LFT parking to overcome impediments to future growth of Larkspur ferry ridership. It will construct a parking garage to provide additional parking spaces to augment existing inadequate parking at the LFT and improve parking, traffic and pedestrian circulation

around and within LFT.

Law Enforcement Technology Enhancements **\$1,000,000**

Department of Justice – COPS Law Enforcement Technology

The funds to complete the MESH technology would complete the second (and last) phase of the project funded three years ago.

Lower Petaluma River Maintenance Dredging **\$3,900,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – O&M

Dredging of the Lower Petaluma River is needed to ensure that commercial vessels which depend on a navigable channel across the mud flats of San Pablo Bay can safely access the remainder of the navigable portion of the river up to the turning basin in downtown Petaluma. Several commercial businesses and industrial activities depend on the river for the transport of raw materials and finished products, contributing to an increase in the commercial tonnage carried by the river.

Lower Russian River Stabilization Project **\$850,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

This project will stabilize a badly damaged section of the lower Russian River that is threatening to destroy a community's new sewer system and only access road, while it leeches tons of sediment into critical ESA listed salmonid rearing habitat.

Marin County Breast Cancer Research **\$1,000,000**

HHS-CDC

Funding of \$1million is requested to finance the federal share of a \$5.5 million research project to investigate the high and increasing incidence rate of breast cancer in Marin County. Marin County has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in California and the United States.

Marin/Sonoma Narrows **\$2,000,000**

FHWA-TSCP

Funding for this project will provide High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, improve ramps, provide frontage roads, and improve mainline traffic operations on the Novato Narrows section of Highway 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Highway 101 is a major artery for commercial traffic from the North Bay area and through the northern areas of California into Oregon and is currently crippled by congestion. The widening of this section will complete the effort to bring much needed traffic relief to the North Bay region and promote the flow of goods on this vital traffic corridor. Both Marin and Sonoma Counties are requesting funding for this project.

MiVIA, Using Technology to Empower Vulnerable Populations -- St. Joseph Health System **\$234,744**

HHS-HRSA

MiVIA is a patient "owned" electronic personal health record (PHR) piloted by SJHS Mobile Health Clinics and community partners with migrant workers and expanded to include anyone with a medical condition: low income, culturally diverse, mobile populations, women, children with special needs, homeless. MiVIA allows the patient's health record to follow them wherever they go, with that in mind we are seeking funding to take MiVIA to the next level; creating

interfaces to make it interoperable with hospital and clinic Electronic Medical Record Systems (EMRs) allowing care provided and documented in the hospital or clinic record to be electronically transferred into the patient's MiVIA personal health record.

Muir Woods National Monument Shuttle

\$500,000

FTA – Buses and Bus Facilities

Continuation of a successful pilot program that has been providing shuttle service to visitors of the Muir Woods National Monument park during peak summer months. The number of visitors to the park ranges from 900,000 to one million each year, which causes significant congestion on roads leading to the park, and environmental degradation of parklands and affected gateway communities.

The National Institute on State Policy on Trafficking of Women and Girls

\$950,000

Department of Justice – Byrne Discretionary Grants

US PACT (Policy Advocacy to Combat Trafficking) -- The National Institute on State Policy on Trafficking of Women and Girls advises state legislators on policy reform, educates community leaders on international trafficking of women and girls and the US response, and maintains an online Clearinghouse on Trafficking Policy. The Institute also conducts the annual GlobalPOWER® (Partnership Of Women Elected/Appointed Representatives) program.

The North Bay Water Reuse Project

\$500,000

Bureau of Reclamation – Water and Related Resources

The proposed project consists of a recycled water supply, storage and distribution system that will provide recycled water to primarily agricultural users in southern Sonoma, Napa and Marin Counties, utilizing pipelines that will be constructed to both help restore the Napa Sonoma Salt Marsh and serve agricultural end users and reduce environmental degradation in the Napa-Sonoma Marsh.

Novato Bus Yard Purchase

\$2,000,000

FTA – Bus and Bus Facilities

One of the largest properties under single ownership within the Downtown is a 6.5 acre bus yard with only 5,000 square feet of buildings. This underutilizes industrial site is strategically located along the freeway, Highway 101, highly visible to 97,000 vehicles per day. The property owner is the Golden Gate Bridge District, which operates the bus system between San Francisco and the two North Bay Counties of Marin and Sonoma and within the two Counties. Novato is located in Marin County. The Golden Gate Bridge District has owned the property for 40 years and is willing to relocate, with Novato's assistance, to a more appropriate industrial property.

Occidental Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

\$1,500,000

EPA – STAG

This project would fund upgrades to the Occidental CSD wastewater treatment plant in order to comply with regulatory orders imposed on the facility. Occidental is a rural, lower income community that lacks the resources to implement these upgrades without federal assistance.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – Sonoma State University

\$601,249

Department of Education – Higher Education

Provide vital resources to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Sonoma State University to ensure the present high quality programming while expanding its on-campus program, establishing a satellite program at Oakmont (with necessary support services), increasing volunteer work in the community, and outreaching to new and underrepresented members. These goals will be accomplished through increased resources for staff support, marketing, scholarships, sponsoring community events and volunteer efforts, and an increased web presence.

Pacific Coastal Salmon Restoration Fund

\$90,000,000

Department of Commerce – National Marine Fisheries Service Operations, Research and Facilities

Three species of salmon and steelhead in coastal California are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. Funds are needed to complete projects intended to restore these species and prevent future regulatory actions that could limit water supply and have other adverse impacts on the state.

Pacific Way Bridge, Marin County, CA

\$3,900,000

FHWA-PLH

Construction of a new, longer bridge over Redwood Creek at a more effective location, to provide creek and wetland restoration, to mitigate traffic hazards and to encourage mixed use of the bridge by pedestrians and cyclists. The bridge is a major component of the Big Lagoon restoration project, which is an ongoing, collaborative effort between the National Park Service and Marin County.

Perinatal Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program -- Sonoma County **\$1,000,000**

HHS – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$1 million to support community perinatal alcohol and drug treatment programs.

Petaluma Flood Control

\$350,000

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

This is a post-construction investigation of a portion of the floodwall to verify the design factor of safety and ensure the long-term integrity of the project, post Hurricane Katrina. The other funding will support preparation of the operations and maintenance manuals for the Petaluma River Flood Control Project to ensure the project is properly maintained.

Reach Out and Read

\$10,000,000

Department of Education – National Projects

The funding would be used for the purposes authorized in Section 5411-5414 on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Russian River Ecosystem Restoration General Investigation

\$600,000

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

Funds are requested to complete a watershed study to reduce flood damage and restore

ecosystem values in the Russian River Watershed. The watershed is the source of drinking water for 600,000 people and supports a large agricultural industry.

San Pablo Bay Watershed General Investigation **\$500,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

About 90% of the historic tidal wetlands of the San Francisco Bay have been lost to development or agriculture. This project would perform studies necessary to protect and/or restore about 80 square miles of habitat in an important location on the Pacific flyway.

San Rafael Canal Dredging Project **\$6,500,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – O&M

The San Rafael Creek Federal Channel (“San Rafael Canal”) is an 8,450 waterway comprised of a 60-foot wide Inner Channel and a 100-foot wide Outer Channel, vital to numerous marine-related businesses and the San Rafael Police Department’s search and rescue operations. Since 1930, the Army Corps of Engineers has dredged the Canal on 12 separate occasions, most recently in 2003.

Santa Rosa Creek Flood Damage Reduction Feasibility Study **\$500,000**

Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

A preliminary hydrologic study conducted in 2002 indicated that existing flood protection projects in the Santa Rosa area may be inadequate to protect residents during a 100 year flood event. Studies conducted under this project are necessary to verify these findings, determine the capacity of existing facilities and identify steps required to improve flood protection.

Santa Rosa ITS Closed Circuit TV **\$250,000**

FHWA-TCSP

Santa Rosa is implementing a citywide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enhance air quality and reduce fuel consumption by automatically adjusting traffic signal timing on a second-by-second basis to respond to current traffic conditions. Closed circuit television surveillance camera will enhance the project.

Santa Rosa -- Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce **\$11,725**

Department of Justice – Office of Juvenile Justice

Design and development of gang prevention and intervention community awareness campaign that will assist in promoting the strategies of the Santa Rosa Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force.

Santa Rosa Urban Water Recycling Program **\$1,700,000**

Natural Resource Conservation Service – Construction

This project would begin to retrofit urban irrigation lines currently using potable water, to use recycled water from the Santa Rosa Subregional Treatment Plan.

Senior Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program – Sonoma County **\$1,000,000**

HHS – Substance Abuse Treatment

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services is requesting \$1 million to support local planning efforts to build partnerships with senior services providers and implement prevention

and education services for the emerging issue of alcohol and drug abuse in the senior population.

Slide Ranch Green Barn Environmental Education Center **\$300,000**

National Park Service – Construction

Slide Ranch promotes an awareness of local agriculture, the sustainable use of natural resources and the importance of healthy food for 8,000 annual visitors. The Slide Ranch Education Center will provide a building for teaching, cooking and demonstrating the principles of the Slide Ranch program. The “green” barn structure will serve as a model of reusable architecture and enable Slide Ranch to radically improve access for the disabled, expand programming to meet the needs and interests of all visitors to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and create new infrastructure for fire suppression and waste water management.

SMART Preliminary Engineering **\$5,000,000**

FTA-Alternative Analysis

The Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is requesting \$5 million in federal funds for Program Management and Preliminary Engineering plans. To date over \$8 million in local funding has been spent on project development, state and federal environmental clearance and analysis. SMART completed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification in 2006 and is finalizing environmental reports in advance of a November, 2008 sales tax ballot measure. The Project is located in Sonoma and Marin counties and includes implementation of a passenger rail corridor and parallel bicycle/pedestrian pathway.

SMART Quiet Zones **\$3,000,000**

FHWA-TSCP

The Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit District (SMART) is requesting \$1,500,000 in federal funding to plan, design and implement quiet zones along the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NCRA) alignment in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Funding for this request would provide for the design, implementation and construction of Quiet Zones at rail crossings in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Solar Cities -- Santa Rosa, CA **\$350,000**

EERE—Solar Energy

Install a 77kw solar array as part of Santa Rosa’s commitment to Solar Sonoma County at Brown Farm. This PV system would offset all the energy used at this site and would reduce GHG emissions by approximately 2,218 tons over 25 years.

Sudden Oak Death Outreach and Control Program **\$1,000,000**

US Forest Service – State & Private Forestry

The Sonoma County Sudden Oak Death project will address the fire hazard caused by the death of thousands of trees throughout the County. Fire Fuels mitigation, fire fuel modeling and a comprehensive outreach program are the objectives of the project.

Tiburon Center Sewer and Water Improvements and Upgrades **\$847,000**

EPA – STAG

Help make necessary improvements and upgrades to the sewage and water systems at the Romberg Tiburon Center, a former U.S. Navy installation.

Tolay Lake Visitor Enhancements
EDI

\$400,000 HUD-

This project will allow expanded public use of the Tolay Lake Regional Park. Regional Parks seeks to provide interim public access improvements, resource protection, and interpretation of this spectacular facility. This project includes park driveway improvements, parking lot, picnic areas, restrooms, trails, viewpoints, and interpretive signs. Sonoma County acquired Tolay Lake Regional Park (1,737 acres) in 2005 for \$18 million with \$691,226 in federal funds, over \$5 million from the State of California, and nearly \$12 million in local funds and private donations. With its diverse habitat, abundant wildlife, lush valley lakebed, and spectacular ridge top vistas, Tolay has been called the crown jewel of the Sonoma Baylands. It is hoped that the Park will enhance opportunities for nearby economic development.

Tomales Bay Wastewater Treatment Phase II
EPA – STAG

\$1,758,750

Federal funding of \$1.8 million is requested to upgrade failing and substandard on-site sewage disposal systems along Tomales Bay to improve water quality within the bay. A forthcoming feasibility study is expected to show that the newly constructed small community waste treatment system can be expanded to accommodate the effluent from additional homes and businesses.

Upper Petaluma River Maintenance Dredging
Army Corps of Engineers – O&M

\$2,700,000

This project includes maintenance dredging of the Upper Petaluma River

Upper Petaluma River Watershed Flooding Reconnaissance Study
Army Corps of Engineers – General Investigations

\$200,000

Residences and businesses are susceptible to flooding along the Upper Petaluma River and its tributaries. The purpose of this study is to identify opportunities for reducing flood damage and ecosystem restoration in this area.

Water Utilities Planning – AWWA Research Foundation
EPA- Science and Technology

\$5,000,000

The research is ongoing to help water utilities plan for future challenges to the Nation's water supply. North Marin Water District uses the research provided by the Foundation.

West Coast Weak Stock Salmon Solutions
Department of Commerce – Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Operations, Research, and Facilities

\$7,000,000

This project will be a collaborative research partnership between the West Coast salmon troll industry and University, federal and state agency scientists. The funds will be used to plan, conduct, analyze, and communicate salmon research in order to improve salmon management. Specific funds will be used to support researchers and graduate students, pay for ship time and other industry participation in all research activities, travel and meetings, publications, and equipment.

West County Bus Facility**\$3,000,000***FTA – Bus and Bus Facilities*

This project would pave and landscape approximately six acres for school bus and some employee parking. Because of the unique nature of the Agency, there are no other sources of funding for this project. Member school districts are mostly small and rural districts that do not have the resources to support such a project. School Transportation operational funding in California was capped in the 1982-83 school year and only occasionally has been given a COLA, consequently the State funds only 45% of school transportation costs on average, forcing Districts to fund the remaining 55% out of their general funds (classroom budgets), further stretching their resources. This project would assist member school districts in funding this necessary project that will ultimately help save operational funds and will not require further demands on their tight budget.

Requested Report Language:

The Secretary of Homeland Security will make excess and transfer to the Secretary of the Interior the following lighthouses, fog signal buildings, and grounds (listed in (1), below) located within the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, only when these designated facilities meet the conditions outlined in (2)–(4), below:

(1) Lighthouses, fog signal buildings, and grounds being made excess by the Department of Homeland Security and transferred to the Secretary of the Interior include: Point Bonita Lighthouse, bridge, and grounds, Marin Headlands; Point Diablo Navigational Aid Station, Marin Headlands; Lime Point Navigational Aid Station, Fort Baker; Alcatraz Island Lighthouse and Foghorn Navigational Aid Stations, Alcatraz Island; and Point Montana Lighthouse and grounds, Montara, San Mateo County (collectively “Excess Property”).

(2) The Department of Homeland Security will rehabilitate the Excess Property to NPS preservation and public access standards. Proposed rehabilitation plans and implementation are subject to NPS review and approval prior to transfer or no later than two (2) years following transfer to permit safe entrance and recreational use by the visiting public.

(3) The Department of Homeland Security will perform permanent clean-up of any existing environmental hazards at the Excess Property prior to transfer or no later than five (5) years following transfer. The Department of Homeland Security will perform the environmental cleanup according to NPS guidelines in a manner that protects cultural and natural resources and public access and safety at the Excess Property. Plans for environmental cleanup are subject to NPS review and approval.

(4) In the course of achieving the above objectives, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall allocate and make available \$2,500,000 for the replacement of the Point Bonita Lighthouse Suspension Bridge – to be transferred directly to the National Park Service within 90 days of this act in order to complete this work.

Requested Report Language:

Most parents work, and for these families, balancing their work and family obligations has been increasingly difficult. The Federal Government has for the last decade a telework initiative involving members of the Federal Workforce. The Department of Labor has an important role in educating and encouraging employers in the private sector to offer telework options to employees. Therefore this bill designates such sums as is necessary for a pilot program in not more than 5 states to raise awareness about telework among employers and to encourage such employers to offer telework options to employees. In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary should produce educational materials and conduct presentations designed to raise awareness of the benefits and the ease of telework; conduct outreach to businesses that are considering offering telework options; acquire telework technologies and equipment to be used for demonstration purposes; and ensure that expectant and new mothers who are employed by businesses that participate in the pilot program are given the option to telework during the 1-year period after the date of birth.