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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our Washington, D.C. Advocates have been able to identify the following earmarked Federal funding for projects in Los Angeles County which were included in the recently adopted Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 omnibus appropriations bill (H.J.Res. 2).

Sheriff's Department Funding: The bill includes \$2 million for a video system to enable video, audio and other data to be viewed via their intranet. The system will enable the Department to train its employees and provide real time alerts to its employees. Representatives Dreier and Roybal-Allard were instrumental in obtaining this earmark.

Through the efforts of Representative Harman, the bill also contains \$250,000 for the purchase of a mobile communications system that will assist the Department in enabling different public safety systems to communicate with each other.

Crime Safety: The bill includes \$500,000 for the Community Development Commission (CDC) to expand its crime safety program through the efforts of Representative Solis. The funding enables the CDC to upgrade its security equipment, including security cameras, to reduce crime at the County's major public housing projects.

Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA): The bill contains \$3.16 million to improve recreational facilities and environmental restoration at the Hansen Dam. An additional \$100,000 was appropriated for additional maintenance on LACDA's Compton Creek segment.

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Marina del Rey/Ballona Creek: The Army Corps of Engineers budget includes \$275,000 for a Marina del Rey and Ballona Creek study and provides an additional \$100,000 to fund restoration of the Ballona Creek ecosystem.

Coast of California Study: The Army Corps' budget also includes \$350,000 for a Coast of California Study.

Santa Monica Mountains: Through the Department of Interior's Land Acquisition and State Assistance program, \$1 million is provided to purchase land for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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