

**House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Water Resources Development Act
High Priority Projects Request Form**

**Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
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DEADLINE: Tuesday, December 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m. (P.S.T.)

(Return via email to Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov AND Brian.Perkins@mail.house.gov.)

Please include your full contact information in all correspondence with the Congresswoman's office.

Organizations must provide complete responses to all questions on this form. Incomplete proposals will NOT be considered. Organizations must adhere to word limitations for each question.

Date submitted: December 1, 2009

Project name: San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge Widening

Local contact(s) *(Please provide full contact information, including email addresses and any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.):*

QUESTION #1: Member's Office:

Rep. Jackie Speier, CA – 12

QUESTION #2: Staff Contact(s):

Cookab Hashemi, Chief of Staff

W: 202-225-3531

Email: Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov

Brian Perkins, Senior Policy Advisor

W: 650-342-0300

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QUESTION #3: Corps Information:

Please enter the contact information pertaining to the Corps District responsible for the project, as well as contact information for the Corps employee most familiar with the project.

Corps District – San Francisco District

Corps Contact: Karen Rippey

Corps Phone number: (415) 503-6747

Corps Contact Email address: Karen.E.Rippey@usace.army.mil

QUESTION #4: Project Location:

Please enter the city and counties in which the project will be carried out. If there are multiple cities and counties in which this project will be carried out, please enter them below.

City: Pacifica

County: San Mateo

State: California

QUESTION #5: Non-federal Sponsor:

Please enter all contact information for the non-federal sponsor of the project.

Name of Non-federal sponsor: City of Pacifica

Name of Non-federal sponsor staff contact: Maria P. Aguilar

Non-federal sponsor phone number: 650-738-4662

Non-federal sponsor email address: aguilarm@ci.pacifica.ca.us

Non-federal sponsor address: 170 Santa Maria Avenue, Pacifica, CA 94044

QUESTION #6: Project details/purposes: (*You may choose more than one. Please highlight section below.*)

Project purpose:

- Navigation
- Environmental Protection and Restoration
- Flood damage reduction
- Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction
- Shoreline Protection
- Hydroelectric Power
- Water Supply
- Recreation
- Aquatic Plant Control
- Environmental Infrastructure

Project description: (150 words or less)

The San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge Widening Project (“Project”) completes the lower portion of the existing San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project (“SPCFC”). The Project includes excavating the existing banks and realigning the channel to conform to the new Hwy 1 Bridge, the existing San Pedro Road Bridge and the completed portion of the SPCFC to be able to convey a 100-year storm event or 3,500 cfs flow of water. The excavated floodplain will be stabilized with vegetation and biotechnical erosion control. The Project cost consists of but not limited to the environmental study, construction design, permit process, construction, traffic control, utility relocation, public outreach, and post construction monitoring and maintenance.

Authorization Amount requested: \$2,000,000

QUESTION 7: Project timeline

Provided there is funding for the Project, the following is the Project Timeline:

January 2010 to April 2011 – CEQA, Design and Permits

April 2011 to June 2011 – Construction Bidding Process

June 2011 to October 2011 – Construction Period, which will be coordinated with the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge Project construction

October 31, 2011 – Construction Complete

October 2011 to October 2016 – Annual Monitoring and Maintenance

Please provide project timeline. (150 words or less).

QUESTION #8: Describe the benefits of this project to the 12th Congressional District.

(500 words or less.)

In the past the downstream area of Pacifica's Linda Mar District was subject to periodic flooding from San Pedro Creek during periods of short duration, intense rainfall. Flooding was caused by inadequate bridge and channel capacities, of which damages from inundation occurred mostly in the lower 1.5 miles of San Pedro Creek between Adobe Drive and the mouth of the creek. Over 300 homes and 100 businesses have flooded numerous times, causing millions of dollars. In 1996, the City of Pacifica partnered with United States Army Corps of Engineer in developing the San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project ("SPCFC"), and adopted the Final Detailed Project Report in 1998. The objective of that project was to identify flood problems along San Pedro Creek and to develop a solution which would maximize National Economic Development (NED) benefits, while minimizing adverse impacts on fishery and wildlife resources. The Flood Control Project would increase the minimum channel capacity downstream of the Adobe Drive Bridge to 3,500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Improvements would include the creation of an excavated floodplain with riparian and wetland habitats, widening of the creek mouth, bank widening and stabilization, and the replacement of the Adobe Bridge. The widening of the Hwy 1 Bridge was also identified because the existing bridge has a capacity of 1,000 cfs and it can only convey a 6-year flow. However, the design and construction of the new bridge was not made part of the SPCFC because during that time, it was believed that the existing bridge will be replaced by Caltrans as part of the comprehensive solution to Highway 1 access issues within the vicinity of Devil's Slide. In August 2000, construction began on the first of two phases of the SPCFC. The lower portion of the SPCFC was completed in early 2006 but does not include the Hwy 1 Bridge Widening and the proposed Project,. The upstream portion, from Adobe Bridge to the constructed lower portion, of SPCFC has not been constructed as planned due to funding limitations and is currently being redesigned for construction by the Corps.

As part of the agreement between the City and the Corps, to begin construction of the project, the Highway 1 Bridge was to have been replaced before the Corps began its construction on the flood control project. With a new Highway 1 Bridge in place, the Corps, at that time, would have been able to adjust the project design to incorporate the

physical attributes/features/supports of the new bridge. However, since the existing bridge is still in place, natural evolution of stream features, vegetation, etc, over time is now reality, and must now be addressed to accommodate the construction of the new Highway 1 Bridge.

The construction of the Hwy 1 Bridge Widening and the proposed Project, which shall be constructed simultaneously, will remove the last chokepoint in the downstream portion of the Flood Control Project, and will improve the conditions at the Lower Linda Mar District for residents, businesses and the City of Pacifica.

QUESTION #9: Previous Federal Funding for project

*Has this project received previous funding from the federal government? Yes or No? **NO***

If yes, please list amount and source?

QUESTION #10: Miscellaneous Information:

*Are there multiple Members of Congress requesting this project? Yes or No? **NO***

If yes, please list other Members and Congressional Districts:

Letter or Support from Non-federal sponsor. Attach a letter of support from the non-federal sponsor. Must be in PDF format.



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December 1, 2009

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Honorable Jackie Speier
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RE: San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge Widening

Dear Representative Speier,

We are writing you to ask for help in funding the San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge.

In the past the downstream area of Pacifica's Linda Mar District was subject to periodic flooding from San Pedro Creek during periods of short duration, intense rainfall. Flooding was caused by inadequate bridge and channel capacities, of which damage from inundation occurred mostly in the lower 1.5 miles of San Pedro Creek between Adobe Drive and the mouth of the creek. Over 300 homes and 100 businesses have flooded numerous times, causing millions of dollars in damages.

In 1996, the City of Pacifica partnered with United States Army Corps of Engineer in developing the San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project ("SPCFC"), and adopted the Final Detailed Project Report in 1998. The objective of that project was to identify flood problems along San Pedro Creek and to develop a solution which would maximize National Economic Development (NED) benefits, while minimizing adverse impacts on fishery and wildlife resources. When completed, the Flood Control Project would increase the minimum channel capacity downstream of the Adobe Drive Bridge to 3,500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Improvements include the creation of an excavated floodplain with riparian and wetland habitat, widening of the creek mouth, bank widening and stabilization, and the replacement of the Adobe Bridge.

The widening of the Hwy 1 Bridge was also identified because the existing bridge has a capacity of 1,000 cfs and it can only convey a 6-year flow. However, the design and construction of the new bridge was not made part of the SPCFC because it was thought that the existing bridge would be replaced by Caltrans as part of the comprehensive solution to Highway 1 access issues within the vicinity of Devil's Slide. In August 2000, construction began on the first of two phases of

the SPCFC. The lower portion of the SPCFC was completed in early 2006 but did not include the Hwy 1 Bridge Widening and the proposed Project.

As part of the agreement between the City and the Corps the Highway 1 Bridge was to have been replaced before the Corps began its construction on the flood control project. With a new Highway 1 Bridge in place, the Corps, at that time, would have been able to adjust the project design to incorporate the physical attributes/features/supports of the new bridge. However, since the existing bridge is still in place, natural evolution of stream features, vegetation, etc, over time has occurred and now must be addressed to accommodate the construction of the new Highway 1 Bridge.

The Hwy 1 Bridge Widening project does not include widening the creek below and around the bridge to conform to the constructed portion of SPCFC. The proposed Project includes excavating the existing banks and realigning the channel to conform to the new Hwy 1 Bridge, the existing San Pedro Road Bridge and the completed portion of the SPCFC. This work will facilitate the conveyance of a 100-year storm event or 3,500 cfs flow of water and will have to be constructed simultaneously with Hwy 1 Bridge Widening. Thus the San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project completes the lower portion of the existing San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project and improves the conditions for the residents and businesses at the Lower Linda Mar District.

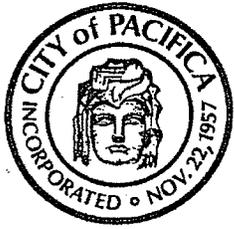
Thank you again for you help and support.

Sincerely,



Julie Lancelle
Mayor

cc: City Council



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RE: San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge Widening

Dear Jackie,

We are writing you again to ask for help in funding the San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project within the Proposed Highway 1 Bridge.

In the past the downstream area of Pacifica's Linda Mar District was subject to periodic flooding from San Pedro Creek during periods of short duration, intense rainfall. Flooding was caused by inadequate bridge and channel capacities, of which damages from inundation occurred mostly in the lower 1.5 miles of San Pedro Creek between Adobe Drive and the mouth of the creek. Over 300 homes and 100 businesses have flooded numerous times, causing millions of dollars in damages. In 1996, the City of Pacifica partnered with United States Army Corps of Engineer in developing the San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project ("SPCFC"), and adopted the Final Detailed Project Report in 1998. The objective of that project was to identify flood problems along San Pedro Creek and to develop a solution which would maximize National Economic Development (NED) benefits, while minimizing adverse impacts on fishery and wildlife resources. The Flood Control Project would increase the minimum channel capacity downstream of the Adobe Drive Bridge to 3,500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Improvements would include the creation of an excavated floodplain with riparian and wetland habitats, widening of the creek mouth, bank widening and stabilization, and the replacement of the Adobe Bridge. The widening of the Hwy 1 Bridge was also identified because the existing bridge has a capacity of 1,000 cfs and it can only convey a 6-year flow. However, the design and construction of the new bridge was not made part of the SPCFC because during that time, it was believed that the existing bridge would be replaced by Caltrans as part of the comprehensive solution to Highway 1 access issues within the vicinity of Devil's Slide. In August 2000, construction began on the first of two phases of the SPCFC. The lower portion of the SPCFC was completed in early 2006 but did not include the Hwy 1 Bridge Widening and the proposed Project.

As part of the agreement between the City and the Corps, to begin construction of the SPCFC, the Highway 1 Bridge was to have been replaced before the Corps began its construction on the flood control project. With a new Highway 1 Bridge in place, the Corps, at that time, would have been able to adjust the project design to incorporate the physical attributes/features/supports of the new bridge. However, since the existing bridge is still in place, natural evolution of stream features, vegetation, etc, over time is now reality, and must now be addressed to accommodate the construction of the new Highway 1 Bridge.

The construction of the Hwy 1 Bridge Widening does not include widening the creek below and around the bridge to conform to the constructed portion of SPCFC that will remove the last chokepoint in the downstream portion of the Flood Control Project. Therefore the proposed Project, which includes excavating the existing banks and realigning the channel to conform to the new Hwy 1 Bridge, the existing San Pedro Road Bridge and the completed portion of the SPCFC to be able to convey a 100-year storm event or 3,500 cfs flow of water, will have to be constructed simultaneously with Hwy 1 Bridge Widening. Thus the San Pedro Creek Enhancement Project completes the lower portion of the existing San Pedro Creek Flood Control Project and improves the conditions for the residents and businesses at the Lower Linda Mar District.

Thank you again for you help and support.

Sincerely,



Stephen A. Rhodes
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council

Patrick Talbot Hall

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Hon. Jackie Speier
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Re: San Pedro Creek Enhancement within the Proposed Highway 1
Bridge Widening

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

My wife and I have lived in the San Pedro Flood Control District since October, 1977, and were flooded out of our home at 1112 Balboa Way on January 4, 1982. Soon thereafter, the City of Pacifica formed a citizen-led Flood Control Committee. I volunteered to serve on the Committee at its inception and have been the Chairperson since 1984.

After a long series of missteps and redesigns, we were finally able to achieve a plan with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which will result in 100-year flood protection and enhance the habitat along the creek. All of the work was completed several years ago—except for the replacement of the Highway 1 bridge, and the enhancement of the Creek beneath the new bridge.

On behalf of the Committee, I strongly urge the Congress to provide the federal funding needed to complete the project which will enhance San Pedro Creek within the (proposed) Highway 1 Bridge Widening.

Sincerely yours,



PATRICK TALBOT HALL
Chairperson, San Pedro Creek Flood Control Committee