

Under the leadership of Ana Koval I am firmly convinced that the CCA, through their governance of the I&M Canal, will continue to successfully educate citizens of the nationally historical importance of the I&M Canal and to play a pivotal role in the continued economic redevelopment of the region.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4492, which includes legislation to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route. I would first like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the New Jersey delegation for their support of this reauthorization, especially Representative JIM SAXTON whose assistance helped to bring this legislation to the floor today. I would also like to thank Chairman POMBO and his staff for their support and guidance.

I firmly believe the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail incorporates the very best of what the great state of New Jersey has to offer the rest of the Nation. Established by Congress in 1988, the Trail unifies New Jersey's many scenic points of interest. These points of interest include a wealth of environmental, historic, maritime and recreational sights found along New Jersey's coastline, stretching 300 miles from Perth Amboy to the north, Cape May in the extreme southern tip of the State and Deepwater to the west.

The Trail's area includes three National Wildlife Refuges, four tributaries of a Wild and Scenic River system, a Civil War fort and National cemetery, several lighthouses, historic homes, and other sites tied to southern New Jersey's maritime history. Through a network of themes and destinations, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail connects people with places of historic, recreational, environmental and maritime interest.

H.R. 4492 would extend the authorization of the Trail to provide additional funding over 2 years to continue the work began in 1988. It would also require that during this period, a Strategic Plan be created in order to explore opportunities to increase participation by national and local private and public interests, as well as organizational options for sustaining the Trail.

The New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail has helped New Jersey residents develop pride, awareness, experience with, and understanding of our coastal resources and its history. This reauthorization will allow the Trail to continue and flourish.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4492, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3874) to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3874

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CONVEYANCE.—*The Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration and subject to valid existing rights, to S.V.D.P. Management Inc-DBA Father Joe's Villages (referred to in this section as the "Villages"), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel described in paragraph (2) for use by the Villages for the purposes described in subsection (b).*

(2) PARCEL.—*The parcel referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel of land identified for disposal and consisting of approximately 44 acres under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, as generally depicted on the map entitled "H.R. 3874 Coachella Valley Land Transfer" and dated March 5, 2004.*

(b) PURPOSES OF CONVEYANCE.—*The purposes of the conveyance under section (a) are to provide a homeless shelter, a training center, and affordable housing.*

(c) REVERTER.—*If the Villages or any subsequent owner of the land transferred under this section uses that land for purposes other than those described in subsection (b), all right, title, and interest to the land (and any improvements thereon) shall revert to the United States to be administered by the Bureau of Land Management if the Secretary of the Interior determines that such a reversion is in the best interests of the United States.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3874, the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3874, introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. BONO), as amended by the Committee on Resources, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey 44 acres of Federal land identified for disposal in Riverside County, California, to Father Joe's Villages, a successful nonprofit organization that assists the homeless in California. Father Joe's plans to develop a comprehensive operation that will address both housing

and training needs for the homeless in the greater Coachella Valley.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3874 is supported by the majority and minority of the Committee on Resources and by the administration.

I urge adoption of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from California's (Mrs. BONO) bill, H.R. 3874, would transfer a parcel of BLM land in North Palm Springs, California, to a charitable organization.

As the administration testified before our committee, the Federal Government would normally require some amount of compensation for a land conveyance such as this one, a requirement this legislation waives. However, it appears that, in this instance, making this conveyance free of charge may be in the best interests of the entire community.

Father Joe's Village has a long history of working in the community to address the problems of unemployment, substance abuse and homelessness. It is our hope that this conveyance will enable this organization to continue its fine work and expand whatever projects that are currently ongoing.

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, it is truly rewarding when we, as Members of Congress, can move a bill that will make such a positive impact in our own communities. This bill, H.R. 3874, does just that.

As we all know, no matter how well our economy does, there will always be a segment of our population in need of a safety net. H.R. 3874 takes a step in the right direction as it relates to helping those less fortunate in our society.

This legislation conveys 44 acres of BLM land, which is already on the disposal list, to Father Joe's Villages. Together, with a local charity called Martha's Village and Kitchen, the plan is to build a residential center for the homeless, a job training center and 100 units of affordable housing.

Many would be surprised to learn that even Palm Springs and its surrounding community have numerous people in dire need of a helping hand. But my community, much like everyone else's, unfortunately has a need for shelters, worker training and other forms of assistance.

Father Joe's, located in San Diego and part of Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS's district, and Martha's Village and Kitchen, which is headquartered in my district, are two very reputable and successful organizations. That is why Congressman DAVIS and I want to help them make this village a reality.

Thanks to the most generous individuals I know, Mr. Tom Martin and his wife Rita, much of the money to build this project is secured. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have helped Martha's Village and Kitchen and have again put themselves on the front line of fighting for compassion by getting involved in this effort. Furthermore, we have the energy and enthusiasm of

Father Joe Carroll to run this project. We are ready to go.

Our contribution of this land will enable new workers to enter the workforce, provide shelter and assume other functions that will take the burden off the local, State and Federal governments. The relative cost of this land will come back to us tenfold. In short, this is a perfect example of how a private-public partnership can work for the betterment of so many.

So while I fully realize H.R. 3874 does not create new broad sweeping national policy, it helps people I really care about the people I really care about and that is reward enough.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a very special thank you to Chairman RICHARD POMBO who is responsible for this bill being on the floor of the House today. My heartfelt thanks go out also to Chairman RADANOVICH and Ranking Member RAHALL for shepherding this legislation through committee. These three gentlemen showed great care and dedication in moving this bill through the process. And thanks also to their very able staff, especially Rob Howarth, as well as my staff, Linda Valter, for their help on this important piece of legislation.

I look forward to your support of this bill.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3874, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### INCREASING CEILING ON FEDERAL SHARE OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1156) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1156

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. INCREASE IN CEILING ON FEDERAL SHARE OF WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT.

Section 1631(d) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h-13(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1) by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The Federal share of the costs of the project authorized by section 1624 shall not exceed \$80,000,000.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Mr. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. HAYWORTH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1156, the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1156, introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ), increases the authorized Federal cost ceiling of the phase I Regional Water Reclamation Project in Orange County, California, by \$60 million.

Local project sponsors have expressed a desire to expand the groundwater replenishment system, which injects highly treated wastewater blended with other sources of water into the local groundwater aquifer. This project will provide an additional water supply for future use and create a freshwater barrier to prevent seawater intrusion.

The project reduces the region's dependency on imported water supplies and provides drought-proofing safeguards.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, as many of my colleagues know, the Colorado River Basin is now experiencing the worst drought in 500 years. H.R. 1156 authorizes a modest increase in Federal financial support to expand water recycling in southern California's Orange County water district.

There is a strong Federal interest in completing this project, as it will help reduce the amount of water that now must be imported from the Colorado River. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ) for introducing this important legislation.

I urge support for H.R. 1156.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ).

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1156, a bill that I authored. I am

pleased to see that the bill is on the Suspension Calendar today, and I thank the leadership for putting it on today's calendar.

H.R. 1156 would increase the authorized Federal share for the Orange County, California, groundwater replenishment system from \$20 million to \$80 million. This will allow Orange County to complete its innovative groundwater replenishment system. The groundwater replenishment system will serve about 2.3 million residents of north and central Orange County, and it will create a new water supply of 72,000 acre-feet per year. It is basically a recycling program, a very innovative one; and many States and nations around the world have come to Orange County to look at our tertiary cleaning system that we have.

What this bill does is to increase the Federal share of the project, bringing it closer to the 25 percent level, the level at which almost every other reclamation project is funded in the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992 and the Reclamation Cycling and Water Conservation Act.

The project is not just important to Orange County, California, but is important to the entire western United States because by recycling our own water, we would not rely so heavily on the Colorado River Aqueduct or the San Francisco Bay Delta water.

Members from both sides of the aisle recognize the need for this project, and I would like to particularly recognize the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER) for his cosponsorship and his continued support. The gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER) is also offering H.R. 142 today, authorizing the Interior Secretary to participate in Inland Empire water projects; and I am pleased to be a cosponsor of that, and I urge my colleagues to support that as well.

At the same time, I would like to thank the Committee on Resources chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO); the ranking member, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL); as well as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Water and Power, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT); and the ranking member, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) for their overwhelming support of H.R. 1156.

I would also like to say in a very bipartisan manner, the rest of the Orange County delegation, including the gentleman from California (Mr. COX), the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRBACHER), and the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE), have been strong supporters of H.R. 1156; and I thank them as well.

Lastly, let me thank Denis Bilodeau, Virginia Grebbien, Craig Miller, and everyone affiliated with the Orange County Water District and Orange County Sanitation District for their hard work and leadership in groundwater recycling. Their innovation has