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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sylmar Channel Improvement Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles-Council District 7, 200 N Spring Street, Rm 455, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The funding would be used to improve the water quality for the 82,000 residents of Sylmar, California, by updating the existing Sylmar Channel. The Sylmar Channel Improvement Project will implement green infrastructure elements to the existing and outdated Sylmar Channel. This includes installing 2,200 feet of channel improvement and enhanced infiltration; 9,000 square feet of bioretention added to channel perimeter, 25 drywells, approximately 45 trees, removal and replacement of 700 square feet of impervious surfaces with bioswales and vegetation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will increase and improve the water quality in Sylmar through storm water management measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e., storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.)

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. (Clean Water Projects).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz M. Rivas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Luz M. Rivas
Member of Congress
California's Twenty-Ninth Congressional District