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Washington, DC — Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that Sacramento will receive \$4.1 million in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill. This includes \$2.6 million to finish the cleanup of what was the former McClellan Air Force base sewer system, as well as \$1.5 million for economic development in Rancho Cordova.

“This funding is an investment in Sacramento’s economy,” stated Matsui. “Because of this funding, critical progress will be made on converting McClellan, the former Air Force base, into a successful business park. With the replacement of the sewer system, we will be able to redevelop and reuse this land in addition to creating jobs.”

The \$2.6 million dollars in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill will fund disposal of Air Force contaminated soil, pipe and materials associated with Sacramento County’s replacement of the 60 year-old sewer system on the former McClellan Air Force Base. Once cleanup is completed Sacramento will be able to better utilize McClellan Park.

Also included in the bill was \$1.5 million to support the design and development of equipment by a Rancho Cordova company, which will better coordinate troop and equipment movement in the battlefield — improving efficiency — for the Department of Defense. The company is developing a system to improve our military’s field performance. This funding will directly support the economic development and job creation in the Rancho Cordova community.

Concluded Matsui, “Through innovation, a Rancho Cordova business has created a system that will allow our troops to be safer when they are on the front lines. I am pleased that we will also advance the revitalization of Rancho Cordova with a federal investment in this defense system. Rancho Cordova has made huge strides to build and grow their economy and it is because of companies like this that the city will continue to thrive.”

Funding was included in the conference report for the FY '06 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, which has been approved by both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. The report will now go the President to be signed into law.

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