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## **Miller Hails Passage of Water Resources Development Act**

Washington, DC – Following a similar vote in the House yesterday, the Senate today voted to override the President’s veto of H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA). Congressman Miller is delighted that this important bill, which contains a number of crucial projects to improve water infrastructure in Southern California, will at last become law. The bill has been more than six years in the making.

As a member of the House Water Resources Subcommittee, Congressman Miller has been heavily involved in crafting this legislation. Following passage by the Senate, he observed, “This bill is long, long overdue. Southern California simply cannot wait another day for the funds this bill will make available to enhance and improve our aging flood control and water infrastructure.”

Congressman Miller secured \$35 million in authorizations for technical and planning assistance and construction funding for several environmental infrastructure, resource protection, wastewater, and water-related infrastructure projects for 42<sup>nd</sup> District cities. These projects include:

- **\$10,000,000** for Anaheim, Brea, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, and Yorba Linda
- **\$9,000,000** for Chino and Chino Hills
- **\$3,000,000** for Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, and La Habra Heights
- **\$8,000,000** for Whittier
- **\$5,000,000** for La Habra

Additionally, WRDA contains the following provisions requested jointly with other Members of Congress.

- **Santa Ana River Interceptor Line (SARI Line) Relocation:** Language was included to increase the authorization of the Santa Ana Mainstem Project to \$1.8 billion to accommodate the relocation of the Santa Ana River Interceptor Line (SARI Line). The SARI Line is a sanitary sewer line that conveys raw sewage from Orange County and wastewater from agriculture, commercial, and other sources in the Inland Empire to the Orange County Sanitation District’s wastewater treatment plant. Requested jointly with Senator Boxer.
- **Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Prado Dam and OCWD:** Language was included to reaffirm that the construction activities at Prado Dam do not impose new operating agreements or responsibilities on the Orange County Water District once the project is complete. Requested jointly with Reps. Calvert, Campbell, and Loretta Sanchez.
- **Ontario Francis Street Storm Drain System:** Language was included to direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to carry out a flood control project in Ontario and Chino. The Francis Street Storm Drain Project would help prevent future flooding in Ontario and Chino by restricting and improving stormwater flow and drainage into the Grove Avenue Floodwater Detention Basin. Requested jointly with Rep. Baca.