



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**  
**Jimmy Panetta**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1.5 million for the Jessie Street Marsh Wetland Restoration project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santa Cruz, located at 526 Barson St., Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060. The project will restore approximately 1.5 acres of wetland in Santa Cruz by removing contaminated fill, improving stormwater capacity, enhancing habitat, and adding ADA-accessible public access features.

The Jessie Street Marsh Wetland Restoration Project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses long-standing environmental and public safety challenges in a vulnerable neighborhood. The project will remove contaminated fill, restore natural hydrology, and increase stormwater retention capacity, reducing recurring flood risks for surrounding residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', written over a white background.

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress