



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

March 20, 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 funding for the Shandon Tank Installation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Luis Obispo located at 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The project would fund the installation of a 350,000-gallon water storage tank and upgrade old and failing water infrastructure in Shandon, CA, a rural town of less than 10,000 residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because documented storage deficiencies, leaking and undersized infrastructure, prior boil water notices, limited system redundancy, and seismic risk associated with proximity to the San Andreas Fault, all threaten resident's access to drinking water. Upon receipt of funding, the project can immediately advance into construction to ensure the continued delivery of safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water for the Shandon community.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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".

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress