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San Joaquin County Requests Over \$13.7 Million in Funding from Federal Lawmakers

Stockton, CA – As part of the 2025 Federal budget process, San Joaquin County recently submitted more than \$13.7 million in funding requests to support six local projects to enhance programs, services, and infrastructure throughout the County.

In collaboration with Senators Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler, as well as Representatives Josh Harder and John Duarte, San Joaquin County submitted the following funding requests in priority order:

- **\$2.5** million for Stockton Metropolitan Airport's (Airport) aircraft passenger boarding ramps and boarding bridges. As a critical component of the San Joaquin region's economic development engine, the funding will enable the Airport to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act aircraft boarding standards by eliminating its current reliance on air stairs. It will also modernize and complement planned enhancements and future upgrades to the Airport.
- \$1.8 million from the Department of Public Works for design and environmental clearance activities to repair and replace the existing structure and portions of Corral Hollow Road across Corral Hollow Creek to provide reliable access for goods movements and to national points of interest.
- \$2.41 million from the Department of Public Works for the Victor Storm Drain System Retention Pond. The funding will allow the County to purchase land and construct pumps, pipes, and other infrastructure to develop a retention pond for excess storm water in the disadvantaged community of Victor. In turn collection, transmission, and storage of storm water will combat the effects of a critically over drafted groundwater subbasin and promote sustainable water practices in the region.
- <u>\$2 million</u> from the Department of Public Works for Acampo Area Drainage Phase 2B. The funding will allow the County to design a system that will intercept and divert flood waters before reaching the Cooper's Corner area in Acampo. Instead, the storm water would be diverted towards the Mokelumne River and spread onto agricultural lands with suitable soils for drainage and groundwater recharge.
- **\$401,250** from Health Care Services and the Veterans Services Office for a Veterans Mobile Clinic van that would be used to provide personalized, on-site support services for elderly, disabled, indigent, blind, and working Veterans. The Mobile Clinic would meet Veterans where they are at, physically and figuratively, and be capable of providing medical, behavioral health, and general benefit services.
- **<u>\$4.59 million</u>** from Health Care Services and Behavioral Health Services for infrastructure related to the San Joaquin Be Well (SJ Be Well) Campus which is at the initial stage of a multi-phased construction effort. The funding would be used for off-site work like establishing connections to water, sewer, and power, plus street and sidewalk improvements, and traffic signals and signage. Once the infrastructure is completed, SJ Be Well will integrate diverse components of the behavioral health system into a holistic campus solution.

"Community Project Requests like these are essential to our local community because they provide the additional funding needed to get vital projects off the ground," said Miguel Villapudua, Chair of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

"The Board is grateful to our Federal and State delegations for helping to secure funding that will be directed to support the health, welfare, and economy of San Joaquin County."

Members of Congress are expected to submit their selected projects to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in April or May for consideration as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Federal funding process.

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