

Congresswoman Barbara Lee Announces \$50 Million in Federal Funding for Harbor Deepening

I am very pleased to report that this year's federal appropriations legislation included nearly \$42 million in funds for new dredging construction, and over \$8 million in support for our existing maintenance dredging activities.

This funding will ensure that we remain on schedule to complete the dredging of our shipping channels to -50 feet, and allow the next generation of container vessels to call on Oakland, thereby delivering substantial economic benefits to the city and our region. I'd like to recognize and thank our local congressional delegation, including Members of Congress Barbara Lee and Ellen Tauscher, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and US Senators Feinstein and Boxer, among many others, for their strong support of this project.

I was also honored to join Congresswoman Lee yesterday for an event at McClymonds High School announcing several of this year's funding initiatives in the Ninth Congressional District, including our dredging project. The partnership between the port and our local elected officials is a testament to the broad support for the port's activities and our role as the economic engine for Northern California. In addition to the economic benefits and supporting thousands of jobs, there are significant environmental benefits from this project including wetland and habitat restoration. We also thank our labor, environmental, agricultural, community and business partners for their help in securing this critical funding.

This Meeting is Adjourned In Memory of Frank Kiang