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MCNERNEY BRINGS HOME FUNDING FOR EAST BAY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that as a result of requests that he made, he secured over \$800,000 in federal funding for the East Bay Regional Communications System.

The funding was included in the Appropriations Bill that passed Congress this week.

“The impact of fires, earthquakes, and storms that strike the Bay Area are felt all across the region. That’s why when major events like that take place, emergency personnel from across jurisdictions should be able to communicate and coordinate,” Rep. McNerney said. “I am pleased that I was able to secure funding for this region-wide emergency communications system. We will all be better off for it.”

“The completion of the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS) is critically important to the public safety agencies in both counties, Congressman McNerney understands how important the EBRCS is to the region, and we’re very appreciative that he has been able to secure federal funding to continue to the build out of the system in the Tri Valley,” said Bill McCammon, the East Bay Regional Communications System’s interim executive director.

A description of the project along with the dollar amount secured appears below.

\$808,400 for the East Bay Regional Interoperability Communications System

Funding will be used to purchase communications equipment for a digital communication system that will allow for shared public safety-related communications between the five Tri-Valley cities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties: Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon. The proposed system would also allow for communication with emergency service personnel in San Francisco and Oakland.

The Tri-Valley sector is part of a larger East Bay network, which itself is part of a much larger network that encompasses the entire Bay Area.