

*Funding comes as Port of Stockton celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressmen Jerry McNerney (CA-11) and Dennis Cardoza (CA-18), in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Port of Stockton, announced that they have secured \$2.909 million in federal funding for the Port of Stockton.

The funds will be used for maintenance of the Stockton Ship Channel – the vital link that allows deep-draft vessels to access the Port of Stockton.

“The importance of the Port of Stockton to the vitality of our region cannot be understated. I am happy to announce that the Port of Stockton will receive this funding to maintain the vital link that allows deep-draft vessels to access the Port of Stockton.”

“As the second largest inland port in the country, the Port of Stockton is a crucial economic driver both regionally and nationally. I am pleased to announce that the Port of Stockton will receive this funding to maintain the vital link that allows deep-draft vessels to access the Port of Stockton.”

“I deeply appreciate the Congressman McNerney and Congressman Cardoza’s efforts to maintain the Stockton Ship Channel. This funding will be used to conduct maintenance dredging and riverbank protection along the 35-foot deep Stockton Ship Channel.”

Descriptions of the two projects appear below:

**\$2.909 million for San Joaquin River-Port of Stockton Dredging**

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**\$410,000 for San Francisco Bay to Stockton Project**

The Port of Stockton and local governments have expressed interest in widening and deepening the navigational channel from San Francisco Bay to Stockton.