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# SPECIAL REPORT: FY 2001 Appropriations Bill for *Interior* May 25, 2000

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The California Institute presents here a quick analysis of several of the California details of the House Appropriations Committee version of the FY01 spending bill for the Department of Interior. The report was prepared in a short period of time -- we apologize for any errors or omissions in our discussion of these documents, and would appreciate any input/feedback on how to make improving corrections. The order of appearance does not mean to imply relative importance.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior marked up their version of the bill on May 17, and the full committee completed work on May 25. No bill or report number was available at press time.

The California Institute report is available on the Institute website, <http://www.calinst.org>

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
BILL, 2001 AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 5/25/00  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$14.6 billion**

## **I. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### *Bureau of Land Management*

- The Management and Lands Resources concept, which includes the administration of about 4 million acres of commercial forest lands, including the Oregon and California

### Resource Management

- Salton Sea recovery - Of the total \$731 million recommended in the bill, the bill would make available \$996,000 for the recovery, the same as the Budget request. These funds would be contingent on matching state funds.

### *US Fish and Wildlife Service*

#### Construction

	Budget Request	Cmttee. Rec.
	(in thousands)	
Coleman NFH (Seismic safety rehab of 3 buildings - Phase I (p/d))	301	301
San Pablo Bay NWR (Renovate office - Phase I (p/d))	275	275
Sonny Bono Salton Sea NWR (Seismic safety rehab of 1 bldg. - phase I (p/d))	55	55
grand total	44,231	48,395

#### Land Acquisition

- San Diego NWR: \$3 million out of a total \$30 million

#### Historic Preservation Fund

Construction	\$
Manzanar NHS	4,179,000
Redwood NP (remove failing roads)	713,000
Santa Monica Mountains NRA (rehabilitation)	1,345,000
Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP (restoration)	8,381,000
Project Total	81,239,000

#### Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Santa Monica Mtns. NRA: \$2 million out of a total \$65,000,000; The Committee notes that these funds be matched by a non-Federal effort. As of June 30, 2000 and each year after the Service shall certify the level of non-Federal contributions to land acquisition at Santa Monica Mountains.
- Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP): \$2 million towards five counties in southern California participating in the NCCP divide funding.

#### Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration

##### Assessment Fund

##### General Provisions - continuations

- Makes permanent, a provision carried last year permitting the retention of proceeds from Golden Gate National Recreation Area for preservation and maintenance.

Lake Tahoe Ecosystem (CA/NV)	\$2 million
San Bernardino NF	\$2.5 million
Pacific Crest (CA/OR/WA)	\$3 million
Total	\$50 million

Changes in application of existing law

- Under general provisions, Department of the Interior, language is included restricting various oil and gas preleasing, leasing, exploration and drilling in many areas, including Southern and Central California Planning areas.
- Language is also included that would limit the use of funds to establish a National Refuge in the Yolo Bypass of California.