

10. Central Valley Project

Jeff Denham wrote a bill (HR 1604) that would help a ton of different kind of contractors in California. The bill exempts ongoing projects in the Central Valley Project (just a huge water related federally funded infrastructure project in California), from stop-work orders related to environmental reviews. In other words, it keeps this big project going, meaning contractors stay on the job.

Interestingly enough, Denham's Chief of Staff lobbied for the Tehama Coulsa Canal Authority, which is currently overseeing a major CVP project, the Red Bluff Dam project.

Several contractors that work on CVP projects donated to Denham this cycle. Denham took \$10,000 from companies with CVP construction contracts: CH2M Hill Companies and Granite Construction INC. Included in that total are donations from the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA), and firms represented by the NSSGA almost certainly have CVP contracts.

On April 15, 2011, Denham introduced HR 1604. The legislation was meant to facilitate certain activities, alleviate the extra regulatory burdens, and reduce costs related to carrying out projects in the Central Valley.

The legislation was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources as well as the Committee on the Judiciary. [HR 1604, [4/15/11](#)]

Auburn-Folsom South Unit Project
Delta Division Project
Folsom and Sly Park Units Project
Friant Division Project
New Melones Unit Project
Sacramento Canals Unit Project
San Felipe Division Project
San Luis Unit Project
Shasta/Trinity River Division Project

Company That Received Contract	Project	Amount
Kiewit Pacific Company	Folsom Dam	\$9,935,000
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VA Tech Hydro USA Corp	JF Carr Powerhouse	\$5,291,868
CH2M Hill Corp	Environmental Policy Act analysis	\$5,100,000
NCLN20 Inc	Armed Guard Services	\$1,366,959
Oregon Mt Constructors Incorporated	Trinity River	\$1,198,000
David Ford Consulting Engineers Inc	Floor plan mapping	\$1,115,170
Tetra Tech Inc	Watershed Management Initiative	\$1,103,133
David Ford Consulting Engineers Inc	Central Valley Hydrology Study	\$833,306

VA Tech Hydro USA Corp	JF Carr Powerhouse	\$767,877
CH2M Hill Corp	Special Study	\$731,914
NCLN20 Inc	Armed Guard Services	\$676,194
Martin Brothers Construction	Folsom Dam	\$622,460
Trofholz Technologies Inc	Folsom Dam	\$545,063
NCLN20 Inc	Armed Guard Services	\$536,449
Tetra Tech Inc	Watershed Initiative	\$500,000
Tri-Technic, Inc	New Melones Power Plant	\$461,700
David Ford Consulting Engineer	Floodplan Mapping Study	\$430,443
Kiewit Pacific Company	Folsom Dam	\$429,545
CH2M Hill Incorporated	Special Study	\$415,699
David Ford Consulting Engineers Inc	Sacramento, San Joaquin and Lower Kings River hydrology study	\$393,450
Tetra Tech Inc	Watershed Management	\$376,400
David Ford Consulting Engineers Inc	Hydrology study for climate change	\$335,431
Oregon Mt Constructors Inc	Indian Creek	\$329,272
David Ford Consulting Engineer	Floodplan Mapping	\$276,027
Stockholm Environment Institute	Special study	\$256,279
CH2M Hill Incorporated	Special study	\$245,802
Staff Tech Inc	Database creation and maintenance	\$241,041
Koontz Electric Company, Inc	New Melones	\$199,048
Kiewit Pacific Company	Folsom Dam	\$193,526
CH2M Hill Incorporated	Modification to previous project	\$182,819
JBR Fiber Optics Inc	Video Projection equipment	\$161,480
Tetra Tech Em Inc	Drinking Water Policy Project	\$150,068
Easky Construction	Nimbus Dam	\$149,520
Tetra Tech Inc	Integrated flood management study	\$148,961
Kiewit Pacific Company	Folsom Dam	\$142,963
Ocean Associates Inc	Special Project	\$142,253
Shimmick Construction Company Inc	Shasta	\$130,171
Stockholm Environment Institute	Special Project	\$125,673
Coleman, Jason A	Cultural Resources Survey	\$102,763
MWH Global Incorporated	Technical Evaluation	\$101,260
Phipps Consulting	Consulting Services	\$100,000
Tetra Tech Inc	Water temperature modeling	\$99,798
Dynaram Construction Corp	Shasta	\$97,243
Westside Aggregate Inc	Keswick Dam	\$87,450
NCLN20 Inc	Armed Guards	\$71,246
Tetra Tech Inc	Flood management study	\$70,089
SP Cramer & Associates	Digital image analysis	\$61,192
MWH Global Incorporated	Technical Evaluation	\$60,591
Dynaram Construction	Shasta	\$57,258
Reed, Rene	Hauling Service	\$47,553

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Budget Technical Services	Facility and program assessments	\$44,444
Reed, Rene	Hauling Service	\$38,086
Ocean Associates Inc	Central Valley flood protection plan	\$35,081
T&V Livestock	North Central Valley Goat Grazing	\$31,438
Reed, Rene	Hauling Services	\$31,286
Redding Air Service Inc	Reclamation	\$29,000
Eaton Electrical Incorporated	New Meclones	\$27,316
Tetra Tech Em Inc	Central Valley Drinking water policy project	\$25,000
Kiewit Pacific Company	Folsom Dam	\$24,983
Reed, Rene	Hauling Services	\$24,909
Tri-Technic Inc	New Melones	\$24,330
Oregon Mt Constructors	Indian Creek	\$21,702
Morgan Beebe and Leck Inc	Appraisal valuation	\$20,000
Oregon Mt Constructors Inc	Indian Creek	\$19,560
Koontz Electric Company	Nimbus Dam	\$19,325
DLT Solutions Inc	CVAS Quantum Libraries	\$17,749
Shimmick Construction Company Inc	Coleman National Fish Hatchery	\$17,148
Erick Ammon Inc	Shasta Dam	\$15,056
Valentine Corporation	Tracy Fish Collecting Facility and Jones Pumping Plant	\$14,921
Martin Brothers Construction	Folsom Dam	\$13,000
Tri-Technic Inc	New Melones	\$12,788
Rosenfield, Jonathan	Non-Personal services	\$12,600
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Koontz Electric Company Inc	Nimbus Dam	\$11,883
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Southwest Communications Co	Network Video Recorder	\$11,282
Reed, Rene	Hauling Services	\$10,429
Herman Miller Inc	Office Furniture	\$9,563
Shimmick Construction Co Inc	Coleman National Fish Hatchery	\$9,187
Easky Construction LLC	Nimbus Dam	\$8,369
Happy Valley Telephone Company	Telecommunications Circuit	\$7,920
Valentine Corporation	Tracy Fish Collecting Facility and Jones Pumping	\$7821
Ponderosa Telephone Co	Telecommunications Service	\$6,000
Tri-Technic Inc	New Melones	\$5,650
Shimmick Construction Company Inc	Coleman National Fish Hatchery	\$5,122
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Central Valley Reporters	Legal Services	\$5,000
Tetra Tech Em Inc	Scientific Data Study	\$4,973

Extreme Coatings, Inc	Trinity River	\$4,585
Miller Joel Environmental Consulting	Water Issues	\$4,500
Automated Video Systems, LLC	Video Cameras	\$3,744
Reed, Rene	Hauling Service	\$3,630
Herman Miller, Inc	Office Furniture	\$3,372
NCLN20 Inc	Armed guards	\$3,181
Reed, Rene	Hauling Service	\$3,090
VA Tech Hydro USA Corp	JF Carr Powerhouse	\$3,026
Miller Joel Environmental Consulting	Water Issues	\$3,000
Central Valley CISM Training	Education/Training	\$2,190
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Reed, Rene	Hauling Service	\$1,805
Central Valley Disposal	Disposal	\$1,302
JM Fiber Optics Inc	Video Projection equipment replacement	\$600
Central Valley Disposal	Disposal	\$27

[USASpending.gov, accessed [9/19/12](#)]

Denham received \$2,600 from employees of companies who received federal grants for Central Valley projects.

Contributor	Occupation	Date of Donation	Amount
Richard Reis	Tetra Tech VP of Operations	5/30/12	\$600
Barbara Bigelow	Ponderosa Telephone Company manager	6/13/11	\$1000
Elizabeth Silkwood	Ponderosa Telephone Company president	6/13/11	\$1000

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 9/21/12]

Denham received \$8,075 from the Associated Builders and Contractions PAC.

Recipient Committee	Date	Amount
Denham for Congress	7/26/12	\$3,076
Denham for Congress	3/06/12	\$576
Denham for Congress	3/06/12	\$1,923
Denham for Congress	6/29/11	\$2,500

[Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/21/12]

Denham Took \$12,500 from PACs that represent companies that would benefit from the legislation.

Company/Association	Amount	Date
CH2M Hill Companies LTD PAC	\$1,000	4/27/11
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Granite Constriction Inc Employee PAC	<u>\$1,000</u>	5/20/11
Halliburton Company PAC	<u>\$2,500</u>	6/25/12
Halliburton Company PAC	<u>\$1,000</u>	12/06/11
Halliburton Company PAC	<u>\$1,000</u>	1/18/12
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association	<u>\$2,500</u>	1/05/11
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association	<u>\$1,000</u>	6/22/11
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association	<u>\$1,000</u>	2/15/12
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association	<u>\$1,000</u>	6/20/12

[Congressional Quarterly Moneyline, accessed 9/20/12]