

## Legislative work encompasses many issues

### Business

#### Research and Development Tax Credits

Congressman Nunes sent a letter of support to



Speaker Hastert urging him to bring up legislation that deals with Research and Development (R&D) Tax Credits. California companies lead the nation in areas of research and development, and the continued growth of our state's economy is dependent upon the ability to conduct long-term research projects.

### Energy

#### Sequoia National Park – Kaweah Project

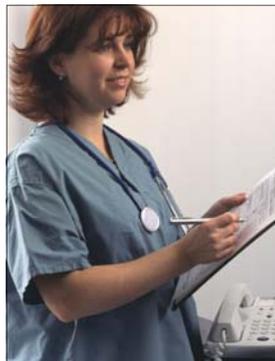
Rep. Nunes submitted testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands on H.R. 3932, legislation he introduced to reauthorize Southern California Edison's use of a hydropower project in Sequoia National Park – known as the Kaweah Project. Four of the project's storage lakes are located within Sequoia National Park. Sections of the Project that are not located in the National Park are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Unfortunately, the Federal Power Act does not allow FERC to issue licenses for

facilities within a National Park. Rep. Nunes is seeking new authorization from Congress to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue two additional 10 year renewals of the existing permit.

### Healthcare

#### Nursing

Congressman Nunes sent a letter of support to the National Association of Workforce Boards supporting the application submitted by Tulare, Kern, Inyo, Kings, and Mono Counties Consortium. The counties are seeking designation as a High Growth Job Training



Initiative model site. The goal of this program is to increase the number of trained nurses in the five county region.

### Transportation

The following provisions were included in the Transportation Reauthorization bill (HR 3550) that passed the House:

#### State Route 99

Designation as a National High Priority Corridor which qualifies SR99 to compete for \$3.3 billion over the next

six years.

Widening SR99 between Kingsburg and Selma

\$14 million; widening SR99 between Tulare and Kingsburg – \$3.8 million

County of Tulare

\$7.5 million to improve Farm-to-Market roads

County of Fresno

\$500,000 for the Save Mart Center street improvements

City of Visalia

\$2 million for improvements to Ben Maddox Bridge

City of Clovis

\$200,000 for the Dry Creek and Enterprise Canal Trail

City of Fresno

Authorized a Major Investment Study (MIS) to evaluate both the environmental and economic impact of developing alternative mass transportation within a specified corridor.

Also included in the House bill:

- \$2.5 million for low emission transit vehicles in Fresno.

- Operation Clean Air's project to accelerate the introduction of low-emission vehicles in municipal fleets, public school fleets, and public private partnerships throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

### Quick Facts

In April, Rep. Nunes wrote to 1,432 constituents in response to their inquiries.

Year to date, Rep. Nunes has responded to 4,530 constituents via the U.S. Mail. Furthermore, since Rep. Nunes was elected to Congress he has responded to 17,433 constituent letters via the U.S. Mail.