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**CHAMBER APPLAUDS SAN YSIDRO, CALEXICO PORT OF ENTRY FUNDING**

**SAN DIEGO (Dec. 13, 2014) –** The [San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce](#)

applauds the inclusion of funding for the San Ysidro and Calexico Ports of Entry in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of fiscal year 2015 approved by Congress. The bill allocates \$98,062,000 for Phase 1 of the Calexico West Port of Entry project and \$216,828,000 for the final phase needed to complete the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry.

“This funding is essential for the growth and development of the Calibaja region,” said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO. “These projects are instrumental in improving domestic supply chains, strengthening our national security, reducing the Port’s carbon footprint, and facilitating economic growth, not only for California, but also for the entire nation. The leadership of Rep. Vargas and support from the San Diego Congressional Delegation should be praised for ensuring these necessary funds were included in the budget.”

The funding allocated for the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry is the final installment necessary to complete the modernization and expansion project of the Port of Entry that began in 2009.

The Calexico funding will allow for construction of Phase 1 of the project which will consist of ten northbound POV inspection lanes, a headhouse, and sitework necessary to accommodate those facilities on the sloping site. Improving the Calexico Port of Entry is just as critical to the San Diego region as cross border commerce depends on a system of ports for the efficient movement of goods and people in the global economy.

The completion of these projects will further solidify San Diego as the gateway to domestic and international markets.

### **About The San Diego Regional Chamber**

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 3,000 businesses and 400,000 employees, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit [SDChamber.org](http://SDChamber.org) or call 619-544-1300.

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