

McClintock defends his stance on earmarks

Publisher's note: *Rep. Tom McClintock also represents El Dorado County.*

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As the federal budget season heats up, some Placer County officials are grumbling that Republican Rep. Tom McClintock's ideological opposition to congressional earmarks puts their constituents at a disadvantage.

"It's already hurt us," Supervisor F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm said in a recent interview.

McClintock said he will not seek congressional earmarks "budget requests made outside of the budget process."

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