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## **PARTIAL FEDERAL SHUTDOWN**

Congress recessed without passing a Continuing Resolution to fund the government beyond Dec. 21, thereby causing a partial government shutdown. Entering into the third week of the partial federal government shutdown, the lapse in appropriations affects 25 percent of the Federal government, including funding for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Treasury, State, and Homeland Security, as well as the Food and Drug Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the federal judiciary, and other related government programs. That includes the Interior (SRF funding) and Transportation Appropriations Bills which are currently in conference. It does not include the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill (Corps of Engineers) which was signed into law on Sept. 21.

It appears that EPA began furloughing most of its workers on or around Dec. 29th. Since most of the day to day work under the clean-water and drinking-water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) takes place at the State level, individual projects are unlikely to be delayed due to this partial shutdown. Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans, administered by the EPA, are likely to see delays and any new WIFIA loans are on hold until the EPA gets its FY 2019 appropriations.

CWCC Members are asked to monitor the situation in each state and report to CWCC staff any relevant issues related to the partial shutdown of the federal government. The CWCC will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you up-to-date as it progresses.

## **TALKS CONTINUE ON A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AS A PRIORITY FOR THE NEW CONGRESS**

As the 116th Congress is installed today, new polling from POLITICO and Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health shows that increasing infrastructure spending is one of the top priorities for Americans for the new Congress: 79 percent of those polled said it's "extremely important," falling just behind lowering prescription drug prices and substantially reducing the federal deficit on the list of issues polled. Infrastructure spending ranks high for both parties, with 88 percent of Democrats and 81 percent of Republicans surveyed calling it "extremely important".

The CWCC will be looking for progress on reauthorizing the Clean Water SRF and (at a minimum) doubling the annual funding appropriation like WRDA did for the Drinking Water SRF.

## **CWCC REBRANDING EFFORT – TAKE THE SURVEY**

Please help the CWCC strategically re-brand its image! A communications firm was engaged by the Coalition and the firm prepared various options for our consideration. The selected

- AGC of America
- AGC of Texas
- Alabama Utility Contractors Association
- Arizona Utility Contractors Association
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland \*
- Connecticut Construction Industries Association
- CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley \*
- Engineering Contractors Association
- General Contractors Association Of New York
- Georgia Utility Contractors Association
- Indiana Constructors Inc.
- Long Island Contractors Association
- Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association
- Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- Minnesota Utility Contractors Association\*
- National Rural Water Association
- New Mexico Utility Contractors Association
- Ohio Contractors Association
- Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland
- Tennessee Road Builders Association
- Underground Contractors Association of Illinois \*
- United Contractors \*
- UCA of Anne Arundel County
- Utility Contractors Association of New England \*
- Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey \*
- Contractors Association Of West Virginia
- Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

\* Steering Committee Member

logo and color scheme will be used to update our communications materials and website. Options shown in color and black white as we would use both depending on the situation. Large format versions of the options presented are included at the end of this report.

Please only submit one response per CWCC Member Organization by EOD **Friday, January 11th via this online survey:** <https://goo.gl/forms/s2O6ruRhPrq3sGOe2>

We expect to have re-branded materials ready for Water Week 2019 (see below).

## **PREPARATIONS FOR WATER WEEK 2019 CONTINUE**

As previously reported, the CWCC will change its annual Wahington, DC Fly-In (traditionally held concurrent with the ARTBA/TCC Fly-In Meeting in May) into participation with relevant national organizations during Water Week 2019. Official details, including downtown lodging options, will be released on or around January 15th and will be sent out to Coalition members immediately. CWCC will be an official sponsor of this event.

Water Week has three primary events, a Policy Fly-In (Plenary Sessions / Program Updates), a Joint Congressional Briefing and a Congressional Reception. With new information from the sponsoring organizations, we anticipate the formal events around Water Week 2019 to look something like this:

- Tuesday, April 2nd
  - CWCC Member Event (EARLY AM)
  - Hill Visits (LATE AM – AFTERNOON)
- Wednesday, April 3rd
  - National Water Policy Fly-In ([sample agenda from last year](#))
  - Water Week Congressional Reception (PM)
- Thursday, April 4th
  - National Water Policy Fly-In Continued (EARLY AM)
  - Joint Congressional Briefing (LATE AM)
  - Hill Visits (AFTERNOON)

You can review this website for a perspective on how the 2018 Water Week was structured: <https://www.waterweek.us/>

## **KEY ADVOCATES REPORT**

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to the end of December 2018.

**FIRST OPTION**



**SECOND OPTION**



**THIRD OPTION**

