



December 6, 2019

FY20 APPROPRIATIONS IN GENERAL

The FY20 Continuing Resolution to fund the government has been extended until Dec. 20. That action was necessary given the House has passed only 10 of 12 appropriations bills and the Senate has reported (not passed) 9 of 12.

FY20 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Progress on Appropriations bills has been stalled with the Impeachment Hearings taking the focus and attention from infrastructure and other critical policy matters.

The House has decided to package appropriations bills into what it calls “minibuses” rather than consider bills individually on the Floor. On June 25, the House passed a minibus that includes the FY20 Interior Appropriations Bill providing \$1.81B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.3B (the amount authorized by the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018) for the Safe Drinking Water SRF, and \$50M for WIFIA.

On Sept. 26 the Senate reported its version of the bill which provides \$1.638B for the CWSRF, \$1.13B for the SDWSRF, and \$65M for WIFIA.

On June 19 the House passed its version of the FY20 Energy and Water Appropriations bill as part of another minibus which provides \$63.617M for Bureau of Reclamation Program Funding (AKA “Title XVI”) of which \$10M is for the Title XVI WIIN grant program and \$60M for WaterSMART, and lists the names of the FY18 USBR Title XVI grant awardees, as required by law. For more information on these programs please see <https://www.usbr.gov/main/programs/>

On September 12 the Senate reported its version of the bill which provides \$65.017M for Title XVI, of which \$20M is for Title XVI WIIN grants, and \$60M for WaterSMART.

On June 25, the House passed a minibus that includes the FY20 Transportation Appropriations bill. In total, the bill provides \$137.1 billion, an increase of \$6 billion above the 2019 enacted level and \$17.3 billion above the President’s budget request. Included in the bill: TIGER, \$1B; Amtrak, \$1.3B; highways, \$49B; and, transit, \$2.3B.

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On September 19 the Senate reported its version which provides \$1B for BUILD grants, \$46.3B for highways, \$17.7B for aviation, \$2.9B for rail, \$13B for transit, \$904M for maritime, and \$972M for safety.

STAND-ALONE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED BILLS

Beyond tracking a “mega” deal on infrastructure, Key Advocates, on behalf of the CWCC, is focusing on the many bills that would address several Coalition priorities and details are included in the report from Key Advocates. These bills include but are not limited to:

- **H.R.1497, “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019”**
- **H.R. 2741, “Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act” (the “Lift America Act”)**
- **H.R. 1162, “Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act”**
- **H.R. 2473, “Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act”**
- **S. 1932, “Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act”**
- **H.R.2019 - Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019 (the “West Act”)**

CWCC FLY-IN DURING WATER WEEK

Details are still pending but the CWCC Fly-In and Water Week Events will take place in Washington, DC between **April 26-May 2, 2020**. Please consider joining us for this event.

CWCC BUSINESS MEETING

On Tuesday, December 3rd the Underground Contractors Association of Illinois hosted the 2019 Business Meeting of the Clean Water Construction Coalition. Sante Esposito from Key Advocates joined the following 10 Members for the meeting:

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IN PERSON (4 Members):

- Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey
- UCA of New England
- Minnesota UCA
- UCA of Illinois

TELECONFERENCE (6 Members):

- Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association
- General Contractors Association of NY
- Georgia UCA
- New Mexico UCA
- CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley
- Associated Utility Contractors of Maryland



Pictured from Left to Right: Jeff Mahoney (UCANE), Stephanie Menning (MUCA), Mike Wiedmaier (UCA of IL) and Dan Kennedy (UTCA of NJ)

A full report is forthcoming next week but in brief, the meeting was a success and identified the following key conclusions / actions to be taken to improve the value the CWCC adds to its members. These include:

- Members Reported High Value from Key Advocates / CWCC Staff Reports
 - Continue existing process and seek ways to improve, when/where possible
- To Increase Participation, CWCC Staff Should Get Dates for In-Person Events Out Earlier
 - Set upcoming year calendar in fall of previous year to coincide with budget planning
 - Take census of other events (warmer climates?) to hold concurrent business meetings
- Undertake Member Involvement / Recruitment Drive Lead by Existing Members

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- Develop BMPs for CWCC Members
 - For example, BMPs for Workforce Development (DBE, WMBE), Industry Leadership Training Programs, State Funding Advocacy
- Expand Scope of Work to Include Resiliency (Hardening / Flood Protection)
 - Coastal Members will coordinate, as needed, on Offshore Wind
 - Mid-Atlantic / NE Members will coordinate, as needed, on TCI Climate Tax Proposal
 - Update Existing Mission Statement
 - Update language to be consistent with current goals, that go past just SRF funding
 - Update language to expand project focus past just SRF funded projects to projects that are related to resiliency, hardening and flood protection of infrastructure

On Wednesday, December 4th those that attended in person attended the Planet Underground TV Roundtable event. This event featured a day full of sessions and networking on matters related to the current state of damage prevention in the construction industry. This was a day filled with very relevant information for the construction industry and presented an opportunity for us to expand the awareness of the work of the CWCC and its Members. CWCC Members moderated and participated in several sessions with some highlights below:



UCANE's Jeff Mahoney (center) participates in a panel about the view of the construction industry and the media's focus on the "negative" events (i.e. water main breaks, explosions, etc)

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MUCA's Stephanie Menning and UTCA of NJ's Dan Kennedy moderate a panel on one call delays and the impact of late tickets

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

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

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