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FY20 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS INCLUDE KEY FUNDING FOR EPA'S SRF PROGRAMS

As reported in the December 26, 2019 CWCC Report, the House and Senate passed two bills that will allocate \$1.4 T to fund the federal government nearly three months after FY 2020 began. The measure was sent to President Trump for his signature, thus avoiding a post-Dec. 20th shutdown. These bills fund operations of the federal government for the remainder of the Fiscal Year that ends September 30, 2020 after months of negotiations and two continuing resolutions.

Included in this funding breakthrough is substantial EPA funding for a variety of CWCC program priorities. Notably, FY20 Water Appropriations highlights include:

- **Clean Water SRF** - \$1,639 billion (versus \$1,394 billion enacted in FY19);
- **Safe Drinking Water SRF** - \$1,126 billion (versus \$864 million enacted in FY19);
- **WIFIA** - \$60 million;
- \$28 million for **Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Control Grants**; and
- \$1 million for the **Water Workforce and Infrastructure and Utility Development Grants**; as well as language to ensure timely implementation of the Integrated Planning Clean Water Act Amendment that passed in January.

In June and September, the House and Senate passed different FY20 Interior Appropriations bills that were ultimately merged into the final bill reported above. Initially for the Clean Water SRF, the House called for \$1.81B, compared to the Senate's \$1.638B. For the Safe Drinking Water SRF, the House called for \$1.3B whereas the Senate appropriated \$1.13B, and for WIFIA, the House allocated just \$50M compared to the Senate's \$65 M.

Also included in the FY 20 Appropriations bills is funding for the Reclamation Program Funding (AKA "Title XVI") of which \$20M is for the Title XVI WIIN grant program and \$43.6M for Title XVI (WaterSMART) grants and \$134M for Water Storage Projects. For more information on these programs please see <https://www.usbr.gov/main/programs/>

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2020 FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE OUTLOOK

In one word: unclear. As outlined in the attached report from Key Advocates, sources are mixed on whether there is any chance for a broader infrastructure package pending the fallout from the impeachment process and of course, highly dependent on the November election.

A bright spot is that in the fall T&I Committee Chairman DeFazio briefed the House Democratic Caucus on his outline for an infrastructure package. The broad package of spending priorities includes, highways, transit, airports, water, clean water, dredging and other infrastructure priorities. No price tag or specific details were released. Other than that, no substantive activity other than for a few meetings USDOT had with OMB on its proposed outline of principals.

The Key Advocates report includes a prospectus for 2020 for key legislation being tracked and promoted by the CWCC including:

- S. 1932, "Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act"
- H.R. 1162, the "Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act"
- H.R. 2473, "Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act"
- H.R.1497, the "Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019"
- Huffman Omnibus Water Bill
- H.R. 2741, the "Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow's American Act" (the "Lift America Act")

PREPARATIONS FOR WATER WEEK 2020

The CWCC will again join with 30+ partnering / supporting organizations for Water Week 2020. Official details, including downtown lodging options, will be released **by the end of January** 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 2020 to look something like this:

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- Tuesday, April 28th
 - CWCC Member Event (EARLY AM)
 - Hill Visits (LATE AM – AFTERNOON)
- Wednesday, April 29th
 - National Water Policy Fly-In
 - Water Week Congressional Reception (PM)
- Thursday, April 30th
 - National Water Policy Fly-In Continued (EARLY AM)
 - Joint Congressional Briefing (LATE AM)
 - Hill Visits (AFTERNOON)

You can review this website with resources from events related to the 2019 Water Week:
<https://www.waterweek.us/>

One early lodging option is the Hotel Lombardy. It is located on Pennsylvania Ave and from all reports a nice boutique hotel. Thanks to UCA – IL’s Mike Wiedmaier, they have extended to CWCC members the same rate as last year for Water week of \$289.00 plus tax. You can access this rate by following this link:

https://bookings.hotellombardy.com/reservation/roomdetails/139725?rooms=1&adults_1=1&checkin=20200426&checkout=20200503&bookingcode=61V2I8

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

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

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