



March 7, 2019

“WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2019” INTRODUCED

On March 6th, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Chair of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Representative Don Young (R-AK), and Representative John Katko (R-NY) introduced the bipartisan Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019 to address America’s crumbling wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges. This bipartisan bill, if signed into law, would meet a long-standing Coalition priority, more than doubling the Clean Water SRF (CWSRF). Primarily, the bill would authorize **\$20 billion in Federal grants over five years (\$4 B / year would be more than double the current FY appropriation of \$1.6 B)** to capitalize State CWSRFs. These funds provide low-interest loans and additional loan subsidizations (e.g., principal forgiveness and negative interest loans) to communities for wastewater infrastructure.

In addition to the CWSRF funding, the bill:

- Authorizes an additional **\$900 million for grants to municipalities** to capture, treat, or reuse combined and sanitary sewer overflows or stormwater.
- Authorizes **\$1.5 billion over five years** for grants for State water pollution control agencies to implement State water pollution control programs.
- Provides **\$600 million over five years** for Clean Water pilot programs (including Federal technical assistance and/or grants) for watershed-based or system-wide efforts to address wet weather discharges, to promote stormwater best management practices, to undertake integrated water resource management, and to increase the resiliency of treatment works to natural or man-made disasters.
- Authorizes **\$375 million in grants over five years** for alternative water source projects under section 220 of the Clean Water Act, including projects that reuse wastewater or stormwater to augment the existing sources of water.

Key Advocates worked with the sponsors and was asked to sign on as an early supporter. See: <https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/water-quality-protection-and-job-creation-act-> for a full list of supporters. If you click on the Coalition’s name in the list of supporters it takes you to our support letter. A copy of the CWCC letter of support is attached to this report for your convenience.

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“WATER” COMMITTEE / SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Key Advocates reports that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Clean Water SRF and Alternative Water Source Program), Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32) was elected Chair of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. Congressman Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4) is the Ranking Member.

On the House Natural Resources Committee (WIIN Grant Program), Congressman Jared Huffman (D-CA- 2) was elected Chair of Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee. Congressman Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) is the Republican Leader.

On the Energy and Commerce Committee (Safe Drinking Water SRF), Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), a strong Safe Drinking Water SRF supporter, was elected Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee. Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL-15) is the Ranking Member. Staff assignments still in progress. Lastly, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3) (National Water Trust Fund), sits on the Ways and Means Committee (new revenues).

On the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water SRFs and the Alternative Water Source Program), Senator Kevin Cramer, (R-ND) was elected Chair of the Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife Subcommittee. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) is the Ranking Member. Senator Martha McSally (R-AR) was elected Chair of the Water and Power Subcommittee. Senator Cortez Masto (D-NV) is the Ranking Member.

Details on staffing changes are included in the attached report from Key Advocates.

REMINDER - CWCC FLY IN / WATER WEEK 2019

All members received details for the CWCC Fly-In During Water Week last month. **PLEASE NOTIFY DAN KENNEDY ASAP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.** For those attending, please join in on a call to briefly review the details and respond to any questions on:

MARCH 19th 2 PM EST

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The schedule is as follows for **CWCC MEMBER / FLY-IN RELATED EVENTS**

Tuesday, April 2

1:30 – 3:30 pm CWCC Member-Only Briefing (Congressional E Room - Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill) – Light Refreshments

Wednesday, April 3

Morning – 2:00pm OPEN TIME FOR HILL VISITS

2:00pm - 5:00pm Policy Fly-In Plenary Session - U.S. EPA Water Priorities

3:30pm - 5:00pm Federal Agency Roundtables

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill

Thursday, April 4

8:00am - 10:00am Congressional Breakfast (CLOSED TO THE PRESS)

11:00am - 12:15pm Joint Water Week Congressional Briefing

12:00pm - 4:30pm OPEN TIME FOR HILL VISITS

5:30pm - 7:00pm Fly-In Closing Reception

REGISTRATION

Register for the 2019 National Water Policy Fly-In online at your convenience. The registration fee is \$100 per person. Advance registrations must be received by **Friday, March 15, 2019**.

LODGING

The event organizers have secured a special group rate of \$329 per night (standard king/standard double), plus applicable taxes at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill (400 New Jersey Avenue, NW). Reservations must be made by **Monday, March 11, 2019** to receive the special rate, while rooms are available.

More details can be found at: <https://www.waterweek.us/hotelreginfo/>

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to the end of February 2019.

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