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CWCC TRACKS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING BILLS

With an overall infrastructure package constrained by high-level DC politics, several bills of note are being tracked by Key Advocates for the Coalition. Key Advocates is meeting directly with sponsors and potential supporters to ensure the Coalition's priorities are considered. This is important because all or some of these bills may become the framework for a larger package or continue to move on their own. Please read the attached report from Key Advocates to get an update on the following bills that would address several of Coalition priorities:

- **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")**

FY20 SRF APPROPRIATION BILLS

As reported last month, the House has decided to package appropriations bills into what it is calling "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 \$1.810B 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. If the Senate passes a similarly funded measure, the Clean Water SRF would be increased \$100M over the last Federal Fiscal Year while the Drinking Water SRF will would be increased \$140 M. There has still been no action to date on the Senate version(s).

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 Title XVI (of which \$10M is for the Title

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XVI WIIN grant program) and \$60M for WaterSMART and lists the names of the FY18 USBR Title XVI grant awardees, as required by law. There remains no action to date on the Senate version(s).

FY20 Transportation Appropriations Bill

As transportation work often includes work on water and/or other underground utilities, it's notable that the House passed a minibus that includes the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations bill and several other appropriations bills for FY20. In total, the transportation legislation provides \$137.1 billion in budgetary resources, 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. No action to date on the Senate bill.

COALITION DATA COLLECTION PUSH

Please be on the lookout for emails and/or phone calls requesting information related to two sets of information that the Coalition will be seeking.

First, the Coalition will be developing two 116th Congress organizational databases. The first is CWCC Hill contacts, which will identify a contact from each Coalition member agency, and then the member agency's Representative(s), and that Representative's contact information, Legislative Assistant for water issues, and email addresses. The second will identify the Democrat and Republican staffs for the Coalition's key committees and those Members of Congress who may not be associated with a CWCC member. We need your help assessing those Members that may be open to working with the CWCC moving forward.

Second, the Coalition is doing a fifty (50) state assessment to identify potential additional members to join. We will be asking for your help with this assessment and review these targets prior to any outreach efforts take place.

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

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

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