



May 5, 2020

## VIRTUAL FLY-IN SUMMARY / FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to everyone that joined the CWCC Virtual Fly-In last week. A special thank you to our sponsors (UCA of Illinois and UCA of New England) and guest presenters (Navis Bermudez, Staff to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Deidra Finn, Executive Director, CIFA). We had over 15 CWCC members participate and several of our partners. After a first-person account of activities in Congress related to water infrastructure, our Washington, DC-based lobbyist Sante Esposito provide a run down of several critical measures that may yield progress on several of our CWCC priorities. The end of the meeting included an “around the room” assessment of what our trade-associations are facing in their individual states. The tone was positive and focused on making the best of the conditions presented by the response to this international pandemic. The CWCC Virtual Fly-In was a success based on feedback received to date and we appreciate the great level of participation.

In terms of follow up, during our time together we briefly covered draft language for a CWCC Mission Statement and revised the “About Us” Statement to be featured on our redesigned website. We invite feedback on this language and the website design by May 15<sup>th</sup> if you have any input to provide.

### Draft Mission Statement

The mission of the Clean Water Construction Coalition is to promote federal actions that increase funding and accelerate project delivery for water infrastructure and related projects.

### Draft “About Us” Statement

This Clean Water Construction Coalition was formed in December 2005 and is currently comprised of 27 state construction associations representing 11,000 member firms. The Coalition is also supported by organizational partners from labor and industry. Dan Kennedy, Utility and Environmental Operations Director of the UTCA of NJ, serves as Chairman of the organization. Sante Esposito, former chief counsel to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, serves as the Coalition’s lobbyist and key advisor.

Last week you received via email access to the PPT presentation used for the Webex, the 2020 CWCC Priorities, and a draft of CWCC Website Redesign. Please let us know if you have any further questions or needs.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the PPT presentation used for the Webex

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2020 CWCC Priorities

[CLICK HERE](#) for the DRAFT CWCC Website Redesign

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## UPDATE ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The attached report from Key Advocates includes a full run down of the various vehicles for funding increases to support water infrastructure investment.

Since that report was issued, Sante Esposito has shared that a Senate markup is due this Wednesday (May 6<sup>th</sup>) on two bills (the "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020" (AWIA) and the "Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020") which, combined, represent the Senate's WRDA 2020 bill. There are two bills because of the split jurisdiction in the House - AWIA is a Corps of Engineers/clean water bill which is under the jurisdiction of the House T&I Committee; the Drinking Water bill falls under the jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Highlights of both bills -

- \$25M for FY 2022-2024 for the Alternative Water Source Grants Program;
- \$2B in FY 2022, \$2.5B in FY 2023 and \$3B in FY 2024 for the Clean Water SRF (subject to scorekeeping and offsets if necessary);
- Reauthorization and expansion of the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resiliency Program (50M for FY 2022-2024 of the Drinking Water bill), and the creation of a companion \$50M for FY2022-2024 program for clean water systems;
- \$250M for FY 2021-2022 for reauthorization of the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grant Program;
- \$50M for WIFIA for FY 2022-2024;
- No authorizations for the Safe Drinking Water SRF as that was re-authorized and increased last Congress;
- No funds for the Title XVI WIIN grant program as that falls under the jurisdiction of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee;

Sante Esposito reports that House T&I Committee is aiming for introduction on a single bill by the end of May. This is good progress.

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## COVID RECOVERY – PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

The US Small Business Association has submitted a summary of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - Second Round Approvals from 4/27/2020 through 05/01/2020. This includes a state by state and loan size summary for this second phase of funding for this program, which is primarily focused on avoiding large layoffs during the pandemic.

You can find that report by following this link:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP2-Data-05012020.pdf>

## KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

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

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