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## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RELEASES ITS VERSION OF THE WRDA REAUTHORIZATION MEASURE

On May 25, 2016, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure unanimously released its version of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016. To the dismay of the Coalition, the House bill does not include funding for the Clean Water or Drinking Water SRF program. A prior bipartisan agreement to fund the Clean Water and Drinking Water program at the last five-year average was agreed to by Committee members. What eventually was approved was strictly a Corps of Engineers bill.

The House measure contains the following provisions:

- Authorizes investment in ports, channels, locks, dams, and other infrastructure.
- Authorizes 28 Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports received since WRRDA 2014.
- Authorizes studies for future water resources projects and makes modifications to previously authorized projects.
- Utilizes the new process reforms established under WRRDA 2014 for project selection.
- De-authorizes \$5 billion in previously authorized projects, off-setting the approximately \$5 billion in new authorizations.
- Sunsets new authorizations to prevent future project backlogs.
- Reduces the inventory of projects that are not needed for the missions of the Corps.
- Contains no earmarks.
- Follows the new transparent process developed in WRRDA 2014 to review and prioritize water resources development activities with Congressional oversight.
- Returns to the two-year cycle of considering WRDA legislation.

The clean water and safe drinking water issues will be major issues in conference on the two bills. Clean Water Construction Coalition representatives will be meeting with the Congressional Clean Water Caucus staff (Chairman, Congressman John Duncan, R-TN-2, advocate of a national clean water trust fund, and Co-Chair Congressman Dan Lipinski, D-IL-3 – both members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee). The purpose of the meeting with these House Representatives is to “push” them on clean water and safe drinking water reauthorization and funding.

- AGC of America
- AGC of Texas
- Alabama Utility Contractors Association
- Arizona Utility Contractors Association
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland \*
- Connecticut Construction Industries Association
- CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley \*
- Engineering Contractors Association
- General Contractors Association Of New York
- Georgia Utility Contractors Association
- Indiana Constructors Inc.
- Long Island Contractors Association
- Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association
- Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- Minnesota Utility Contractors Association\*
- National Rural Water Association
- New Mexico Utility Contractors Association
- Ohio Contractors Association
- Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland
- Southern California Contractors Association
- Tennessee Road Builders Association
- Underground Contractors Association of Illinois \*
- United Contractors \*
- UCA of Anne Arundel County
- Utility Contractors Association of New England \*
- Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey \*
- Contractors Association Of West Virginia
- Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

\* Steering Committee Member

## **CLEAN WATER CONSTRUCTION COALITION WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-IN MEETING**

Representatives from the Clean Water Construction Coalition met in Washington, D.C. on May 10, 2016 to discuss Coalition business and to prepare for Coalition Congressional meeting to urge members of Congress to fully fund Clean Water & Drinking Water SRF programs at the highest amount possible, as well as approve the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Attached for your review are the minutes from the Coalition meeting.

## **KEY ADVOCATES JUNE REPORT**

Included with this notice is Key Advocates June 2016 report.