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BREAKING NEWS

PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS MAJOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

Late yesterday, President Trump signed the WRDA bill (America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018) previously reported by the CWCC to have passed through both houses of Congress.

Of greatest importance to the CWCC, this major water piece of water infrastructure legislation:

- Reauthorizes the DWSRF at \$1.174B for FY19, \$1.3B for FY20 and \$1.95B for FY21, effectively doubling the funding available to State SRF Programs
- Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to undertake 15 major new construction projects that will cost a total of \$8.3B and feasibility studies for 65 new projects
- DWSRF provisions included - David Bacon, assistance for disadvantaged communities, compendium of best practices, technology review, source water usage, assessment and elimination of cross-cutting requirements, natural disaster area assistance, monitoring of contaminants, drinking water fountain replacement for schools, innovative water technology grant program, \$100M authorization for meeting regulations in underserved areas
- WIFIA (made permanent, special rules for certain combined projects and repayment, \$50M authorized for FY20 and FY21, state loan funds can finance up to 100% of project costs subject to default, can't pass through fees, no new reviews required, 180 day approval of applications, and funding tied to SRFs' FY18 or 105 % of FY17, whichever is greater, levels),
- New combined sewer overflow control grants totaling \$450 M (\$225M authorized in both FY19 and FY20) and water sense program funded
- Other provisions of interest included - stormwater infrastructure funding task force, Indian reservation drinking water program, technical assistance for treatment works, study of intractable water systems, and water infrastructure and workforce investment.

A more complete review of this new law is being put together. More details (include project lists, as appropriate) will be shared via the monthly CWCC report in early November.

As we celebrate progress on this long-standing priority, we turn our attention to matters not yet resolved, primarily the reauthorization of the CWSRF and advocacy to substantially increase the funding levels for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects.

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