



February 7, 2019

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STARES AT ANOTHER BUDGET DEADLINE

On January 25th, the 35-day partial federal government shutdown ended. Congress and the President agreed to a stopgap bill to reopen the government for three weeks to allow for negotiations to take place to approve an appropriations bill that both parties could agree on. The President has stated that if Congress fails to reach a deal by **February 15**, he would shut down the government again or declare a national emergency and use military funding to build the wall. Given the wide Republican opposition to the President declaring a national emergency for this purpose, another shutdown is a real possibility.

The result of the stopgap bill is that the partial government shutdown agencies are currently funded through Feb. 15. Roughly 75% of the government is funded as their appropriation bills were passed. The approximate 25% shutdown agencies include the Department of Interior, but not the Bureau of Reclamation, as they are primarily funded out of the Energy & Water Appropriations bill that was enacted, and the Department of Transportation.

The impact of this partial shutdown was starting to be felt by the wider construction industry and undoubtedly there are projects in design / permitting stages that have been delayed as a result. CWCC Members are asked to share relevant information related to impacts your members experienced during the partial shutdown, if any. CWCC will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you up-to-date.

FY 19 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

The FY 19 Interior Appropriations bill is still pending but will include funding for the CWSRF and SDWSRF.

The FY 19 Energy and Water Appropriations bill (\$147 billion total) was enacted and included an appropriation of the final \$20 M authorized funding for the WIIN Act recycled water grant program. The appropriations bill also includes \$1.54 billion for Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT)-funded work. The bill also increases funding amounts and allows new starts in both the Corps of Engineers' investigations (studies) and construction accounts.

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DRAFT 2019 COALITION PRIORITIES

The Coalition's proposed priorities for 2019 include supporting a mega-infrastructure bill with robust funding for water; reauthorizing the WIIN Grant program with an increased program authorization; supporting Clean Water Act reauthorization; supporting earmarks for water projects; and, advocating for increased CWSRF and SDWSRF funding and water funding in general in the FY 20 appropriations process. Many of these priorities are carried over from 2018. Any input on these priorities from members is welcome. We ask that input be shared by the end of February to Dan Kennedy (kennedy@utcanj.org). These priorities will be used for materials for the Fly-In in early April.

CWCC FLY IN / WATER WEEK 2019

Last week, all members received details for the CWCC Fly-In During Water Week.

CWCC is proud to have been asked to sign on as official sponsor of the Fly-In portion of Water Week. The organizing partners (National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), and the WasteReuse Association (WRA) see great value at having contractors at the table and part of their targeted advocacy. Building off the momentum of major advocacy wins in 2018—such as the bipartisan passage of the America's Water Infrastructure Act—and the significant potential for congressional focus on infrastructure during the next Session.

As a reminder, we recommend you arrive by Tuesday April 2nd at noon into DC.

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

Tuesday, April 2

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CWCC Member-Only Briefing (Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill)

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

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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**.

Please email Dan Kennedy (kennedy@utcanj.org) confirming attendance for you and/or your association members/affiliates.

Your registration fee includes access to all activities Wednesday through Thursday, including but not limited to: briefings; roundtables; and, evening receptions. Meals included are: breakfast during the meeting on Thursday; as well as light hors d'oeuvres at the Wednesday & Thursday evening events; and, afternoon beverage service Wednesday based on programming.

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. After this date, the organizers must release the unreserved rooms, and reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only with no guarantee that the conference rates will apply.

To ensure a hotel room, contact the Hyatt Regency Washington at 202.737.1234. Be sure to identify yourself as a Water Policy attendee. You may also make your reservation [online](#).

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

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CWCC REBRANDING EFFORT – NEW LOGO SELECTED

We hope you noticed the refreshed look of this report. The look is based on the logo that was overwhelming selected by CWCC members (see below). The selected logo and color scheme will be used to update all communications materials and website in short order. We will have re-branded materials ready for the CWCC Fly In During Water Week.

SELECTED OPTION



KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

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