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BREAKING NEWS

WRDA PASSES SENATE 99-1, HEADS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP

The Senate passed the WRDA bill (S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018) with the same language as the House version passed in September.

WRDA now heads to President Trump for his signature.

This new WRDA bill (aka "America's Water Infrastructure Act") will:

- Authorize federal funding for water infrastructure projects, which leverages billions in water infrastructure spending;
 - Expand water storage capabilities;
 - Include billions of dollars in deauthorizations and reduce the deficit;
 - Assist local communities in complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act by upgrading aging drinking water, wastewater and irrigation systems;
 - Reduce flooding risks for rural, western, and coastal communities;
 - Ensure that America maintains the competitiveness of our coastal and inland ports, and maintain the navigability of our inland waterways;
 - Create a new framework to allow for more Army Corps projects to be budgeted with increased local stakeholder input and expanded transparency;
 - Authorize or reauthorize important water infrastructure programs and projects;
- and
- Address significant water infrastructure needs in tribal communities.

As already reported by the Coalition, the final bill includes the following:

- Reauthorization of 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
- 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

- 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
- 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

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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), sewer overflow control grants (\$225M authorized for FY19 and FY20), and water sense program.

- Coalition's supported provisions not included - Boozman-Feinstein \$100M new loan program; Carbajal new \$25M EPA hydraulic conditions grant program; reauthorization of the CWSRF
- 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.

For more information on the legislation, [click here](#).