

November 25, 2025

DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2026

Dear Colleague,

The *Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)* is a comprehensive water resources infrastructure bill successfully enacted, on a bipartisan basis, in each of the last six Congresses.

Specifically, *WRDA* authorizes studies and projects within the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Civil Works mission areas, including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration. Through *WRDA* legislation, Congress also provides the Corps with authority to address water supply and conservation needs, aid in the production of hydropower, and manage a national recreation program.

Regular consideration of locally driven, rigorously studied, and nationally significant Corps infrastructure is key to preserving our Nation's economy, protecting our communities and businesses, creating jobs, and maintaining our quality of life. This work, typically carried out by the Corps, is made possible through predictable and timely enactment of *WRDAs*. The biennial enactment of *WRDA* also provides Congress with a regular opportunity to oversee Corps policy on the development and implementation of water resource studies and projects.

On Thursday, December 4th, at 11:00 a.m. in Rayburn 2167, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will hold a "*WRDA 101*" briefing for staff. In the weeks following, the Committee expects to begin formally accepting requests from House Members for Corps related projects, studies, and policy priorities for consideration in a *Water Resources Development Act of 2026*.

The Committee will be providing additional information on the submission process for Member projects and policy requests soon. Finally, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment is planning to hold a Member Day hearing on *WRDA 2026* requests in early 2026. The official notice of this hearing will be sent at a later date.

The Committee encourages all member offices to reach out to local elected officials, stakeholders, and your local Corps district on local water resources challenges that may be addressed through *WRDA*. If you need a point of contact for your local Corps district office, please reach out to Ryan Fisher via the contact inbox at WRDA2026@usace.army.mil.

Should you have any questions regarding the *WRDA* process or the upcoming *WRDA* Member Day hearing, please contact the Subcommittee Majority staff at (202) 225-4360 or the Minority staff at (202) 225-0060. In addition, the Committee's *WRDA 2026* website at

<https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2026/> has more information on resources for *WRDA 2026* and updates on the *WRDA 2026* development process.

Sincerely,

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