

## National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies

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House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

Hon. David Rouzer Hon. Grace Napolitano Chairman Ranking Member

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Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee

Dear Chairmen Graves and Rouzer and Ranking Members Larsen and Napolitano -

The National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) represents flood control, flood risk and stormwater management agencies throughout the country, many of which are non-federal partners of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on flood risk management and ecosystem restoration projects.

NAFSMA greatly appreciates all you and your staff do to keep the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) on a twoyear authorization schedule. The actions you have taken are necessary to keep the nation's water resources policies, projects and funding priorities authorized and moving in a timely manner.

NAFSMA members are actively working to protect their regions and communities from the risks of flooding and water quality impacts. As a result, NAFSMA works closely with USACE as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on mitigation, flood mapping and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater management program and other non-point source programs and water infrastructure.

WRDA legislation is critical for NAFSMA members working to improve the environment through ecosystem restoration projects, provide greater flood risk benefits through major USACE construction projects and achieve a more streamlined delivery of authorized USACE projects and NAFSMA is pleased to support this legislation.

Please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:sunnys@nafsma.org">sunnys@nafsma.org</a> at 503-705-4944 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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