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DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2024

Dear Colleague:

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

Additionally, the biennial enactment of *WRDA* provides Congress with a regular opportunity to oversee Corps policy on the development and implementation of water resource studies and projects.

On Friday, December 1st at 11:00 a.m. in Rayburn 2167, the Committee will hold a "WRDA 101" briefing for staff. Shortly thereafter, 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 2024*. The Committee intends to introduce and consider *WRDA 2024* in the spring and 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 2024* requests in early 2024. The official notice of this hearing will be sent at a later date.

As you initiate the process for developing potential requests for *WRDA 2024*, we encourage you to immediately reach out to your local elected officials, stakeholders, and your

local Corps' district office for more information on local Corps-related water resources challenges that may be addressed through *WRDA* projects. If you need a point of contact for your local Corps' district office, please reach out to David Wethington at David.M.Wethington@usace.army.mil or Amy Klein at Amy.S.Klein@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 2024* website at <https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/> has more information on resources for *WRDA 2024* and updates on the *WRDA 2024* development process.


Sincerely,



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