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FY24 Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water SRF Appropriations

Under the appropriations acts approved by Congress, the final FY24 appropriation for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) is \$851 million. While the overall funding for the SRFs is \$1.639 billion, this allocation was reduced by \$787 million in earmarks, which the Coalition continues to oppose.

The Safe Drinking Water SRF state allocations in the appropriations acts is \$494 million. The overall funding for the SRFs is \$1.126 billion but this number was also reduced by earmarks.

Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was not addressed in the appropriations process.

WIIN Grants

\$20 million is allotted for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) grants which is what the Coalition supported.

FY24 Appropriations Bills and FY25 Budget

The final FY24 appropriations bills have been approved by Congress and signed into law. The President has proposed his FY25 Budget which includes \$1.24 billion for the Clean Water SRFs, \$1.126 billion for the Safe Drinking Water SRFs, no SRF funding for related earmarks, and \$4 million for WIIN grants.

While the Appropriations Committees will spend the next few months considering the Budget, its future is far from certain, especially in an election year. In addition, House Republicans may again advocate for significant spending cuts.

STREAM Act

Discussions are continuing on the CWCC-backed Stream Act which would provide \$300 million over five years for water recycling, \$750 million for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects, \$150 million for desalination projects, \$100 million for drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities, and \$250 million for environmental restoration projects.

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Garamendi Permitting Amendment

The “Garamendi amendment” passed the House and awaits action in the Senate. The Coalition supported this amendment which would allow the EPA to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits for local wastewater treatment and water recycling facility projects for up to 10 years instead of five years which is what the current law allows.

Other Issues

The Coalition continues to advocate for additional water funding for the Alternative Water Source Program and Mega Recycled Water projects.

Water Week Fly-In

The CWCC will be in Washington, DC to participate in the National Water Policy Fly-In which will take place from April 9-10. The CWCC will be hosting a virtual meeting at 10am on April 10. Please let us know if you did not receive the link for the Teams meeting.

Key Advocates Report

Included with this notice is Key Advocates’ report from March 29, 2024 which provides more detail on these and other issues.