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FY24 Appropriations

As we have reported in our updates, the House and Senate Interior Appropriations bills differ significantly in State Revolving Fund (SRF) appropriations.

The House bill provides a general fund base allotment of \$535 million in Clean Water SRF funding, plus \$470 million for earmarks. The Senate version provides a general fund base allotment of \$1.29 billion, plus \$345 million for earmarks. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which was not changed by either bill, provides an additional \$2.62 billion for the Clean Water SRFs.

For Safe Drinking Water SRFs, the House Interior Appropriations bill provides a general fund base allotment of \$460 million, plus \$410 million for earmarks. The Senate bill provides as a general fund base allotment, \$882 million and \$244 million for earmarks. The BIL, which was not changed by either bill, provides an additional \$3 billion for the Safe Drinking Water SRFs.

President Biden's Budget proposed \$1.63 billion for Clean Water SRFs and \$1.2 billion in general fund base allotments for Safe Drinking Water SRFs. The President's Budget rejects earmarks as a takedown from the basic SRF funding.

In addition, the House Interior Appropriations bill provides \$66 million for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WINN) grants.

Congress recently began a recess with only one of the 12 appropriations bills having passed either House so a continuing resolution is likely.

Earmarks

The Coalition continues to express concern about the FY24 appropriations process regarding final funding of the CWSRF and earmark funding which has resulted in takedowns from base SRF allotments. This policy is contrary to the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which was intended to increase CWSRF spending.

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Issues/Bills of Interest

The CWCC is monitoring a number of bills and continues to seek funding for the Alternative Water Source Program and Mega Recycling Projects.

In addition, we are supporting the STREAM Act which was heard by a Senate Subcommittee in July. This measure would provide \$300 million over five years for water recycling, \$750 million for surface and groundwater projects, \$150 million for desalination projects, \$100 million for drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities, and \$250 million for environmental restoration projects.

Key Advocates Report

Included with this notice is Key Advocates' recent report from July 31 which provides more detail on these and other issues.

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