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FY25 Appropriations Status

While Congress is on recess until next week, it remains unlikely that an agreement will be reached on the Appropriations acts. In fact, discussions are underway on a Continuing Resolution that would avoid a government shutdown.

The Appropriations bills that have received approvals in the Republican-led House would cut discretionary funding while the Democrat-controlled Senate supports increasing spending to account for inflation. Funding bills have advanced in each house, but the two sides remain far apart on allocation levels.

SRF Appropriations: House vs. Senate Bills

Under the Senate bill, Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) would receive funding of \$1.6 billion while the House bill provides \$1.2 billion. The House bill included \$554 million in earmarks compared to Senate earmarks of \$363 million which would reduce overall funding Clean Water SRF allocations to \$1.3 billion in the Senate version and \$649 million in the House bill.

For the Safe Drinking Water SRFs, the Senate bill allocates \$1.1 billion compared to \$884 million in the House version. These funding levels would be reduced by earmarks, bringing the totals to \$884 million in the Senate and \$404 million in the House bill.

WIIN Grant Funding

Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) grants would receive \$30 million in the House Appropriations Act and \$20 million the Senate bill.

According to the Bureau of Reclamation, there is \$62 million remaining from the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law.

CWCC Position on SRF Funding, Earmarks

The Clean Water Construction Coalition (CWCC) is calling for a minimum of \$4.5 billion for Clean Water SRFs, at least \$4.3 billion for Safe Drinking Water SRFs and \$20 million for WIIN Grants.

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In addition, we continue to oppose the use of earmarks as a takedown from funding allocations. If earmarks are utilized, we support the lower levels of earmarks included in the Senate Appropriations acts.

House Republican Budget Proposal

There has been no legislative action on the House Budget Resolution that would cut discretionary spending by \$2.5 trillion over the next ten years.

Other Issues

We are awaiting information from Senator Butler's office on a potential new version of the Stream Act which would provide \$750 million for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects, \$300 million for water recycling, \$250 million for environmental restoration, \$150 million for desalination projects and \$100 million for drinking water projects in disadvantaged communities.

Senate action is pending on H.R. 7023 which includes the CWCC-supported Garamendi Amendment. Under the amendment, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits could be issued for up to 10 years instead of the currently allowed five years.

We are still awaiting action on the Drought Act of 2024 which would increase Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding from 80% to 90% for projects serving historically disadvantaged communities and areas facing extreme drought.

We continue to pursue \$125 million in Alternative Water Source Program (AWSP) funding, expanded eligibility for AWSP grants and additional allocations for mega recycling water projects.

Key Advocates Report

Included with this notice is Key Advocates' report from August 31, 2024, which provides more detail on these and other issues.

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