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TO: WESTCAS Membership
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SUBJECT: Senate Releases WRDA-2018 Draft

On Friday the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works released its 202-page draft of the Water Resources Development Act. The release was bi-partisan with both Republicans and Democrats supporting the draft bill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee plan to release its own draft next week.

All of this is good news in that the release of Senate and House bill drafts of WRDA increases the odds that a final bill will be completed and sent to President Trump before the end of the year. Again, it is of the very greatest importance that the Senate draft bill is bi-partisan.

We have attached this draft along with a Senate Environment and Public Works “Summary” of the bill.

With both a Senate WRDA draft and the House draft expected soon the timing is great for a thorough review of both versions of WRDA during the WESTCAS annual conference in San Diego, June 20-22. Come and participate in the discussion as WESTCAS determines which of the provisions included in the WRDA drafts are most relevant and merit the support of water stakeholders in the Arid West.

Also, stay tuned for additional updates and information on WRDA as we get a chance to closely study the House and Senate bill drafts.

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