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TO: WESTCAS Membership
FROM: Hicks-Ray Associates
SUBJECT: Waters of the US Legislation Introduced

Our thanks to Jim Kudlinski who shared the following information this morning with regard to the Arizona Representative Paul Gosar introducing H.R. 594, the "Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act." This legislation was introduced on Wednesday, January 28 and already has well over 100 co-sponsors in the House.

Here is a list of Congressional co-sponsors to date who represent WESTCAS Member States:

Amodei-NV; Burgess-TX; Cook-CA; Denham-CA; Farenthold-TX; Flores-TX; Franks-AZ; Gohmert-TX; Hunter-CA; Johnson-TX; LaMalfa-CA; Lamborn-CO; Marchant-TX; McClintock-CA; Neugebauer-TX; Nunes-CA; Olson-TX; Pearce-NM; Poe-TX; Salmon-AZ; Thornberry-TX; Tipton-CO; Hardy-NV; Valadao-CA; Weber-TX; Williams-TX; Babin-TX.

In brief, H.R. 594 would; require the Administration, specifically the USEPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to go back to the drawing board with regard to WOTUS, taking their final proposal first through all local stakeholders and then submitting it to the Congress for approval.

This is legislation will be prominent on the list of topics which will be discussed at the upcoming WESTCAS Issues Seminar, February 19-20 in Phoenix. Hopefully you will be there to lend your voice and share your ideas with regard to these important issues.