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TO: WESTCAS Membership

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SUBJECT: House T&I Subcommittee Hearing On One-Year Anniversary of WRRDA

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act [WRRDA] became law a year ago today. The House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment is holding a hearing tomorrow to mark the event featuring the testimony of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo Ellen Darcy and Lieutenant General Bostick, Chief of Engineers.

The purpose is to review what has been done over the past year by the Corps to implement the various provisions of WRRDA and to use this feedback as the basis to launch the next authorization cycle that could be completed next year. We have attached the T&I briefing paper addressing a number of issues including:

--Implementation of the section 7100 format for identifying new project needs.

--Accelerated project delivery.

--Update on the ability of local sponsors to help fund the Corps permitting process.

--Progress on WIFIA.

--Progress on identifying \$18 billion worth of projects to deauthorize.

The Corps FY16 budget will likely include nearly \$4.7 billion dollars in feasibility, construction, and O&M funding. So this is a very big game in terms of water infrastructure.

Hicks-Ray will be covering the hearing tomorrow and we will be making a full report on what we learned during our presentations at the annual conference in San Diego next week.

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