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FY 12 Spending for USEPA's SRF Program

Summary & Take-Away .

Strong Senate Support for SRF

With the SRF budget reduction of \$1 billion in the FY11 Continuing Resolution and more cuts expected in the FY12 budget, there was some good news when a large group of Senators signed on in support of the SRF program. See attached letter.

Take-Away:

The Senate letter and the sorts of statistics on the value of the SRF program could be useful to you as a WESTCAS member as you educate your own Congressional delegation with regard to the importance of the EPA SRF program.

The "Big Three" issues we have identified include Clean Water Act Guidance, P&G, and Federal investment in water resources infrastructure. Later this week the FY12 Appropriations cycle will begin for key programs related to this issue with the Energy and Water Development House Subcommittee markup. This is the Subcommittee that funds both the Corps and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mark-up of EPA FY12 spending will be later this month in the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee. This includes the EPA Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs. Total funding for both programs was reduced from \$3.5 billion in FY10 to \$2.5 billion in the FY11 Continuing Resolution. Additional cuts are feared for FY12.

But in an unexpected piece of hopeful news, 35 Senators wrote to the Senate Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee expressing their strong support of the SRF program. We have attached their letter for your review. Among the points made in the letter and in support of investment for water infrastructure were the following:

- EPA estimates that nearly \$524 billion will be needed over the next 20 years for water and wastewater infrastructure.
- But FY11 SRF funding for this program is only \$2.5 billion.
- Every \$1 billion in infrastructure investment yields 26,000 construction jobs.
- Every \$1.00 invested in water resources infrastructure produces \$6.39 in private GDP output.
- The Department of Commerce estimates that every job created in the water resources community produces 3.68 jobs in the national economy.
- Every \$1.00 spent for infrastructure creates \$2.62 in other industries.

These sorts of statistics could be useful to you as a WESTCAS member as you educate your own Congressional delegation with regard to the importance of the EPA SRF program. The presentations and the legislative workshop will be designed to give you the information you need to carry out this historic task.



See you in San Diego!



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