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TO: WESTCAS MEMBERSHIP

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SUBJECT: House and Senate FY17 Energy and Water Appropriations Funding Levels

The Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees in the House and Senate are responsible for funding the Corps of Engineers and also the Bureau of Reclamation. Both the House and the Senate Energy and Water bills are making rapid progress through the Congress and have passed full Appropriations Committee and have been cleared for floor action. There are significant increases over and above the Administration's FY17 budget requests. Here are some details:

HOUSE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY17

- Increases Corps of Engineers funding \$1.469 billion over the Administration budget request.
- Increases Corps Investigations from \$85.0 million request to \$120 million.
- Increases Corps Construction from \$1.090 billion request to \$1.945.580 billion.
- Increases BOR funding for Water and Related Resources from \$813.402,000 to \$982,972,000.

SENATE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY17

- Increases Corps of Engineers funding by \$1.380 billion over Administration request.
- Increases Corps Investigations from the \$85.0 million request to \$126.522 million.
- Increases Corps Construction from \$1,090 billion to \$1.813.649 billion.
- Increases BOR funding for Water and Related Resources from \$813.402 million to \$1.114.394 billion.

For those who advocate for additional water resources infrastructure investment these figures in the respective House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bills are an encouragement. Will draft letters for the review of the WESTCAS Board thanking Congressional Appropriators for their support and advocating for the higher amounts in the respective House and Senate bills.

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