Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation FY12 Work Plans

You will recall that just before Christmas, the Congress passed and the President signed into law the FY12 Omnibus Appropriations Act. This measure wrapped nine of the unpassed FY12 Appropriations bill into a single bill.

WESTCAS was actively involved in the process including submitting letters to the House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Committee asking that the higher Senate figures for Corps and Bureau funding be retained in the final version of the Omnibus. The final bill included $29.660 million in Corps Environmental Infrastructure funding not requested by the Administration and $90.00 million more than requested for the Bureau.

Because of the “no earmark” environment, the Congress instructed both the Corps and the Bureau to present “Work Plans” by February 7th detailing how these additional funds would be spent.

We have attached these Work Plans as submitted for your information and your review. The Corps Work Plan contains a column entitled “Additional Work Plan Amount” while the Bureau uses a sort of summary of how additional funds will be spent.

Neither plan appears to us to allocate all of the additional money so this should not be considered the final FY12 spending document but rather the intentions of the Corps and the Bureau at this relatively early stage of the FY12 year.

As a WESTCAS member, you helped to support and secure this additional water infrastructure funding. What are your feelings with regard to how it was spent?