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BREAKING NEWS

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HOUSE & SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE WRDA REAUTHORIZATION MEASURE STRIKES A BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT TO DOUBLE DRINKING WATER SRF FUNDING

Late Monday, U.S. House and Senate Conference Committee leaders announced a bipartisan and bicameral agreement on the WRDA infrastructure legislation. It is likely that the Conference bill will be on the House floor for a vote later this week. The legislation dubbed the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, was announced by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA), House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY), Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE), House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR), and House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-NJ). The bipartisan and bicameral agreement must now be approved by both the U.S. House and Senate chambers.

The 300+ page draft bill is still being reviewed line by line by CWCC representatives. Here are the highlights specific to water infrastructure investment programs:

- Reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) at \$1.174B for FY19, \$1.3B for FY20 and \$1.95B for FY21. As FY18 appropriation for SDWSR was \$1.16 B, if authorized and implemented, the SDWSRF would be funded at 180% of current levels by 2020.
- A number of provisions drawing from a bipartisan House Energy and Commerce Committee bill, including Davis Bacon, assistance for disadvantaged communities, compendium of best practices, technology review, source water usage, assessment and elimination of cross-cutting requirements, natural disaster area assistance, monitoring of contaminants, drinking water fountain replacement for schools, innovative water technology grant program.
- \$100M authorization for meeting regulations in "under-served areas".
- WIFIA would be made permanent, special rules for certain combined projects and repayment, \$50M authorized for FY20 and FY21, state loan funds can finance up to 100% of project costs subject to default, can't pass through fees, no new reviews required, 180-day approval of applications, and funding tied to SRFs' FY18 or 105 % of FY17, whichever is greater, levels).
- Combined Sewer Overflow Control grants for \$225M authorized for FY19 and FY20.
- Provides grants for schools to replace lead in drinking water fountains and increases emergency assistance for areas affected by natural disasters.

[CLICK HERE](#) for legislative text of the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018.

Once the U.S. House and Senate pass this bipartisan consensus bill, it will be sent to President Trump for his signature.