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United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510–6175

April 20, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Committee on Environment and Public Works intends to begin its work on the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA is the authorizing legislation for the programs and projects of the civil works program of the Army Corps of Engineers. As we begin this process, we would like to know your priority water resources requests.

Water resources projects typically included in WRDA include those with completed Chief of Engineers reports, modifications to existing Corps of Engineers' projects, study authorizations for new projects, and miscellaneous projects consistent with the Corps' program and demonstrating a Federal interest. Projects authorized under WRDA are subject to cost-sharing defined in statute and range from 20 percent to 100 percent non-Federal share depending on the project's purposes.

To provide the Committee with specific project and programmatic requests you would like considered for inclusion in this bill, we ask that you submit a signed letter listing your requests, a request form (Attachment A) for each request, and a completed request spreadsheet (Attachment B). You may also include such additional information as you consider appropriate to aid the Committee in the consideration of your request. Only requests accompanied by a signed request letter will be considered by the Committee.

Please note that the requirements of Senate Rule XLIV, Congressionally Directed Spending and Related Items, may apply to your requests. That Rule requires, among other things, that specific information be provided to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee, including a certification that neither the Senator nor the Senator's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the item. If Rule XLIV applies to your requests, the certification required under that Rule must accompany the request in writing and should be included in your request letter to the Committee. We also ask that a summary of all requests submitted to the Committee be posted on your official website. Suggested certification language is attached (Attachment C). You may provide one certification if your request letter notes the specific requests to which the certification applies.

Your signed request letter, request forms, request spreadsheet, and any required certifications should be submitted electronically in one email to WRDA2010@epw.senate.gov and on paper to the Committee majority and minority offices in Dirksen 410 and 456, respectively, by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact us or our staff – Jason Albritton of the majority Committee staff at 224-8832 and Angie Giancarlo of the minority Committee staff at 224-6176. We look forward to working with you to meet our nation's critical water resources needs.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
Chairman

James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member

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