

December 7, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-224
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204 U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA), I write to encourage passage of S.1811 the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020 prior to the conclusion of the 116th Congress. Passing WRDA this year is an important step that will benefit our nation's economy, the health of its citizens, and the environment.

The NWRA is a non-partisan, non-profit association that represents state water associations, and both agricultural and municipal water providers. Collectively, NWRA members help provide water and hydropower to more than 50 million Americans throughout the Western and Southeastern United States. Our members work to deliver water and power resources that help our nation flourish.

Many NWRA members are partners on water supply, hydropower, flood damage reduction, and environmental restoration projects with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The NWRA supports the enactment of a water resources bill every two years and supports Congresses work to develop and move forward with the two-year reauthorization schedule.

The NWRA supports many of the provisions included in the legislation with respect to enhancing our nation's water supply, expanding hydropower production, addressing pressing invasive species issues, and ensuring responsible ecosystem management.

We greatly appreciate your leadership and commitment to improving our nation's water infrastructure and look forward to working with you to build on this good work and ensure our members can deliver safe, reliable and affordable water.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional assistance.



Ian Lyle
Executive Vice President
National Water Resources Association