



December 7, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

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

The National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA) strongly supports the passage of S.1811, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2020*. NWSA appreciates the commitment and effort by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works to consistently produce a meaningful and bipartisan water resources bill every two years. Addressing policies, programs, and projects on a regular basis is critical to ensuring the efficient and effective management of the nation's water resources.

NWSA is more narrowly focused on water supply related to Corps of Engineers reservoirs, but we absolutely support the WRDA process generally and the Committees' engagement with stakeholders in particular. Over the past few years, NWSA has been working very closely with the Committees and Corps of Engineers leadership and staff to define and refine Corps policy on managing water supply at Corps reservoirs to optimize reservoir usage now and into the future. The productive discussions with the Corps will continue, to include deliberations on the water supply-related provisions in S.1811, such as enhancing water supply and water allocation data and the study of water supply at Corps of Engineers' reservoirs. NWSA looks forward to working with the Committees and the Corps to implement the water supply provisions in the bill and to continue to strengthen the nation's water supply policy.

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Director, Cara Hendricks, PE, Kansas Water Office
Dave Mitamura, Executive Director

Please do not hesitate to contact me if NWSA can be of assistance on federal water supply issues. Thank you for focusing attention on the nation's water supply needs.

Sincerely,



Dave Mitamura
Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio, Chairman
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

The National Water Supply Alliance (NWSA) comprises 20 members from across the country. NWSA was formed to advance the interests of water supply providers before the United States Congress and federal agencies whose actions impact water supply storage and projects. Our members include state, regional, and local governments, as well as wholesale water providers and utilities who rely on water supply stored in federal facilities maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. NWSA was formed to give water supply providers across the nation a unified voice to advocate for the preservation and enhancement of the nation's water supply, protection of traditional State authorities, and to ensure that water supply interests share equitably in the benefits provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.