

# Federal Policy Update

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# What's on Tap in Congress

- Infrastructure
- Water Legislation
- Public Lands Package
- WRDA
- Appropriations
- Possible Additional COVID Relief

# Infrastructure

- HR 2: Moving Forward Act; House Infrastructure Package
- Includes the text of Rep. Huffman's FUTURE Drought Act, Rep. Torres-Small's Western Water Security Act
- Will be voted on in the House this week and will likely pass along partisan lines
- Inclusion of western water provisions in the package could put pressure on the Senate to act on these issues

# Senate Water Legislation

- S. 1932 The Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act
  - Bipartisan bill by Senators Gardner and Feinstein
- S. 2718 Western Water Security Act of 2019
  - Senator Udall and Heinrich
- S. 2044 Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Utilization Act
  - Senator McSally and Sinema
- S.886 - Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act
  - Passed the Senate on June 4 by voice vote, also in HR 2

# Colorado River Related

- DCP historic passage and now onto 2007 Guidelines
- Federal Programs
  - Salinity Control
  - Upper Basin and San Juan Recovery Programs
  - WaterSMART funding
  - Cooperative Watershed Management Act

# S. 3422 the Great American Outdoors Act

- Provides \$900 million per year in mandatory funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Provides up to \$9.5 billion in funding for deferred maintenance projects at National Parks
- Passed the Senate 73-25
- House will vote on the bill in late July where it is expected to pass

# Water Resources Development Act

- S. 3591, America's Water Infrastructure Act has been approved by the Senate EPW Committee and awaits floor action
- House will release and mark up its WRDA bill sometime in July
  - Expect a resiliency title in the House bill
  - Expect it to be bipartisan
  - Expect it to be narrowly focused on USACE

# Appropriations

- House Appropriations Committee expects to move all 12 appropriations bills through the Committee process the week of July 13
  - Bills likely to come to the floor in the form of 2 “minibuses” before the August recess
- Senate timing slightly less certain but we expect bills to pass before August
- High probability of CR though the November election