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
- 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 it’s 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