

**LAS VIRGENES TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**  
Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Board Room, 370 N. Westlake Blvd., Ste. 100,  
Westlake Village, CA 91362

**AGENDA**  
**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY - REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 – 5:00 PM**

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## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 4.A **Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 1, 2024 (Pg. 4)**  
Approve.

5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

- 5.A **State and Federal Legislative Update (Pg. 12)**
- 5.B **Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update (Pg. 60)**

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6.A **Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids (Pg. 64)**

Find that the work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a call for bids for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project.

- 6.B **Title 22 Engineering Report Update: Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2 (Pg. 69)**  
Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve Contract

Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$100,894, with Larry Walker Associates for the Title 22 Engineering Report update.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

8. **ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

10.A **Repair of Boiler Hot Water Loop at Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility:  
Update (Pg. 76)**

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**LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

July 1, 2024

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by David Rydman.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Jay Lewitt in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro (arrived at 5:01 p.m.), Tjulander and Wall

Absent: None

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shapiro

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Director Shapiro arrived at 5:01 p.m.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024: Approve**

**B Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position: May 2024**

**Receive and file the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the period ending on May 31, 2024.**

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

**A State and Federal Legislative Update**

Ana Schwab, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), reported that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on three court cases, which would impact the JPA. She stated that the rulings would reduce the ability of administrative agencies, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of the Interior, Fish Wildlife Services, and National Marine Fisheries Service, to associate, promulgate, and enforce rules, and their ability to receive or have an action against them should an injury occur. She reported that the first case dealt with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) where the Supreme Court ruled that administrative law judges with a civil suit against the SEC could not decide on a civil matter as the matter would need to go before a jury. She also reported that the second case overturned 40 years of environmental and agency precedent by overturning Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council (Chevron doctrine) in a case titled Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo. She explained that the National Marine Fisheries Services required fisherman to pay to have an observer on their vessels, and the question was whether this went beyond the statute permitted for the agency to interpret. She also stated that the third case was Corner Post v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She explained that previously a case had to be brought against a final rule within six years of the rule being promulgated; however, the Supreme Court ruled that the six-year trigger begins when the injury occurs by the party.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with BBK, stated that with the loss of the Chevron doctrine and the less solid statute of limitations for challenging federal regulations, he believed the court's role would be larger, agency rulemaking would be slower, and there could be more stays of new regulations while they are litigated in court.

Ms. Schwab also reported that the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanoic sulfonate (PFOS) were now in effect, and the JPA would have three years to come into compliance for monitoring and five years for meeting the standards. She also stated that Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) designations for PFOA and PFOS would go into effect on July 8, 2024. She noted that the EPA was being sued by a group of Texas farmers who indicated that the EPA did not do enough to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in biosolids. She stated there were a few exemptions in CERCLA; however, lawsuits were being filed. She also reported that the House of Representatives was continuing to work on the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations; however, the Senate had not yet set a date for its review and a continuing resolution was likely to be adopted in September.

Mr. Crook reported the House of Representatives marked up the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which contained provisions that would make water supply a core mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He stated that the WRDA provisions could also result in having the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers prioritize updating water control manuals to keep more water storage in California for the State Water Project or where projects have water or supply benefits in addition to flood control. He commented that he expected a WRDA bill would pass after the election.

Ms. Schwab mentioned that the Democratic and Republican parties would be holding national conventions in the summer, and Legislators would be attending conventions instead of holding sessions in Washington D.C.

Ms. Schwab responded to a question regarding how the decision regarding the *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* would affect state agencies by stating that the ruling pertained to the Administrative Procedures Act, which dictates and guides federal agencies' formal and informal rulemaking. Mr. Crook added that the ruling was limited to federal agencies; however, the ruling could perhaps have some indirect impact to state agencies.

Ms. Schwab also responded to a question regarding impacts from the Supreme Court's ruling on federal regulatory powers of intra-basin river flows by stating that this ruling would have an impact on the Colorado River.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC, reported that SB 366 (Caballero), The California Water Plan, Long-Term Supply Targets, was moving forward, and SB 1255 (Durazo), Public Water Systems, Needs Analysis, Water Rate Assistance Program, would likely to move forward. He noted that concerns with this bill were shared with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He provided an update regarding the Climate Resilience Bond, which proposes to include \$3.8 billion for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience. He noted that the bond also included \$386 million for water

recycling. He recommended that the JPA watch the bond and not take a position. He responded to a question regarding whether the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) would only receive \$75 million for regional conveyance as part of this bond by stating that \$75 million was included for water storage with the Water Investment Storage Program. He commented that he was not sure whether this amount was earmarked for conveyance, and he would need to research whether these funds would be dedicated to MWD. He also responded to a question regarding whether funding was included for saltwater or brackish water desalination by stating that funding was included for brackish water desalination.

## **B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report. He stated that he would bring back architectural renderings for the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF), and schedule a second architectural theme workshop in August. He responded to a question regarding the introductory meetings held with the Cities of Agoura Hills and Thousand Oaks by stating that the meetings were held to identify personnel to coordinate preconstruction activities. He also responded to a question regarding commissioning the full-scale AWPF slated for 2027 by stating that staff were in discussions with the Walsh Team regarding the Phase 2 schedule. He stated that the initial goal was to begin commissioning in 2027 and have full startup by 2028, the deadline for regulatory compliance would be 2030, and 2028 was still the target for full startup. He also responded to a question regarding the 60 percent design by stating that the 60 percent design was scheduled for December 2025 due to the regulatory deadline. He also responded to a question regarding a geological survey of the AWPF site by stating that the Walsh Team planned a geological survey to take additional borings to identify geological locations for final siting of the facility. He also responded to a question regarding meetings with Urban Water Group by stating that a meeting was held with Urban Water Group and RRM Design for an initial site walk and to discuss possibilities for a public benefit at the AWPF site. He also responded to a question regarding the projected cost of the project due to inflation by stating that the \$364 million projected cost was developed during conceptual design, and staff was working with the Walsh Team to produce an updated estimate.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update on Public Outreach Plan**

**Receive and file an update on the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo Outreach Plan, and provide feedback on new or additional outreach activities for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.**

Mike McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, presented the report and a PowerPoint presentation.

Director Burns moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

A discussion ensued regarding concerns with advertisements for water treatment and water softening systems and informing the public that pure water is better than these types of systems; communicating to the public that Southern California has had water reuse since the 1960s; compiling a list of civic organizations to invite to tour the Pure Water Demonstration Facility; differentiating the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and the Advanced Water Purification Facility; using a different term for adding chemicals to produce pure water such as adding materials or polishing water; providing presentations and distributing flyers at the local elementary schools; providing a presentation at a community event in Oak Park; touring the route for the reverse osmosis concentrate pipeline; marketing campaign for the Landscape Transformation Program; seeking local celebrities to provide a public service announcement; and installing a sign at the Advanced Water Purification Facility site.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**B Purchase and Sale Agreement for Solar Renewable Energy Credits:  
Authority**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of Solar Renewable Credits generated by the JPA's four-megawatt solar energy generation facility.**

Jim Korkosz, Facilities Manager, presented the report.

David Purdick, representing Terra Verde Energy, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

Mr. Purdick responded to questions regarding the sale of solar renewable credits.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall



NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**C Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Second Grant Application for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Title XVI WIIN Act Funding**

**Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 34, authorizing the submittal of a grant funding application to and execution of a grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE FUNDS, ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, AND ADMINISTER A GRANT FOR THE WATERSMART: TITLE XVI WIIN ACT WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECGS GRANT**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 34 on file in the JPA’s Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Jarecky.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Shapiro expressed concern regarding the overuse of acronyms for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and the Advanced Water Purification Facility. He noted that the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo was the overall program, and the Advanced Water Purification Facility was one component of the project. He asked everyone to be mindful of the two separate terms.

Director Polan spoke in support of having a social space at the Advanced Water Purification Facility to provide a place for tours, students, and City Councils, and to possibly rent meeting room space.

Chair Lewitt acknowledged Mike McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, for providing a presentation to the Agoura Hills City Council. He noted that Mayor Illece Buckley Weber attended the Pure Pizza event.

Director Burns suggested holding Board retreats at the Advanced Water Purification Facility and allowing space to host others, such as OceanWell and desalination. Chair Lewitt suggested that this be discussed at the next architectural theme workshop.

Director Jarecky reported that he attended the Pure Pizza event, and noted that many people commended the taste of the pizza and shaved ice made with pure water. He acknowledged staff for a well-planned event, and he stated that he hoped pure water would be provided at an event in Oak Park.

**8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the flow in Malibu Creek measured 2.5 cubic feet per second (CFS), and there was no need for fish flow augmentation at this time. He provided an update regarding the Malibu Lake Siphon Replacement Project, and noted that the new siphon was installed, and construction of the manholes had commenced. He also reported that an underground water leak had occurred in the hot water boiler system of the digesters at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility. He stated that staff were working on replacing the hot water pipeline, which was found to be corroded and uncoated, and staff would bring back an item on the agenda for the Board to appropriate funds for the repair. A photograph of the corroded pipe was shared with the Board.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:54 p.m.**

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Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:

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James Wall, Vice Chair

## Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

July 30, 2024

Ana Schwab, Lowry Crook, Chris Keosian, Madeline Voitier, and Alex Dunn

### Congress

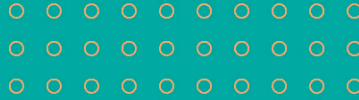
In just three weeks the political landscape across the nation and in Washington D.C. has changed dramatically. It began with President Biden’s performance in the debate with former President Trump in June, which caused Biden to bleed Democratic support for his re-election campaign. Then came the shocking assassination attempt on former President Trump at his rally in Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. A few days later, at the Republican National Convention, former President Trump announced his Vice-Presidential running mate – Ohio Senator J.D. Vance. Approximately a week later, President Biden stunned the world when he announced that he is dropping out of the race for president, but would stay in Office for the remainder of his term.

Following his announcement, President Biden promptly endorsed Vice President Harris to be the Democratic candidate. The official Democratic Party nominee will be decided the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

These events have shaken up the political calculus for November. Vice President Harris is rapidly consolidating support within the Democratic, meanwhile, Republicans continue their efforts to materialize a red wave, with many seeing an opportunity to gain seats in their House majority and to flip the Senate and White House.

### House Approves Water Resources Development Act of 2024, Awaits Senate Movement

On July 22, 2024, the House considered H.R. 8812, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2024* (WRDA), under suspension of rules, necessitating a two-thirds majority, and overwhelmingly approved it by a vote of 359 to 13. The House bill would authorize 161 feasibility reports and 12 projects by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to be completed with nearly \$10 billion in federal and nonfederal funding. A significant portion of this funding, \$5.9 billion, is allocated for flood mitigation in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, the home district of Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA-01). Other highlights within the House’s bill include:



- Reauthorization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Dam Safety Program through fiscal 2028
- Language similar to that of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's (D-CA-31) H.R. 7065, Priority for Water Supply and Conservation Act of 2024, mandating that the Army Corps of Engineers prioritize water supply and conservation in their projects.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed their chamber's version of WRDA (S. 4367) with a 19-0 vote on May 22, 2024. The Senate bill proposes 81 feasibility studies and would authorize funding for eight projects with an estimated \$3 billion in federal and nonfederal costs, excluding the costly Louisiana project and several others. Once the Senate passes its respective bill, both chambers will enter conference negotiations to finalize the legislation.

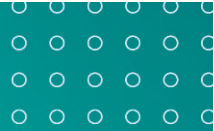
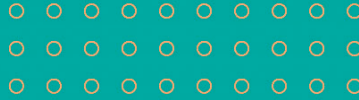
### House Natural Resources Advances Fix Our Forests Act to House Floor

On June 26, 2024, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered H.R. 8790, the *Fix Our Forests Act*, to be reported favorably to the House floor following a voice vote after the bill's markup. The legislation, led by Natural Resources Committee Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR-04) and Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-50), aims to simplify and expedite environmental reviews for forest management projects in high-risk wildfire areas. It would also promote innovative technologies, modernize standards, and create a framework for research and development in wildfire and land management, while also providing financial assistance to communities and tribes. Additionally, the bill strengthens the Good Neighbor policy to include tribes, facilitating cooperative forest management among various agencies.

Despite its bipartisan support, the bill faces opposition from critics who argue it undermines environmental regulations. Opponents contend that the bill could compromise forest management practices based on scientific principles.

### DOD to Ask Congress for Deadline Extension on AFFF Use

The Department of Defense (DOD) is seeking a one-year extension to the congressionally mandated deadline to stop using PFAS-laden firefighting foam, known as aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF). Pursuant to the FY20 NDAA, DOD must stop using AFFF by October 1, 2024 – with a limited option to invoke two separate one-year extensions up to 2026. Before using these extensions, the Secretary of Defense must update Congress on its progress in finding a PFAS-free alternative and the challenges faced in making this transition.



To support its ask, DOD cites the capability limitations of fluorine-free foam (F3), cost concerns, and a difficulty in maintaining safety standards. DOD stated that while significant progress has been made, the agency “needs additional time to ensure a methodical and safe transition of approximately 1,500 facilities and over 6,000 mobile assets.” DOD is particularly concerned with maintaining “mission readiness” during this transition.

DOD is still assessing costs but estimates that it will need over \$2.1 billion to make the transition, according to a GAO report. Moreover, F3 is costlier than AFFF on a per-unit cost basis, making DOD wary of entering into long-term contracts with F3 manufacturers. DOD estimates that supply, demand, and costs will take approximately two years to stabilize and DOD will then be better positioned to take advantage of long-term F3 contracts.

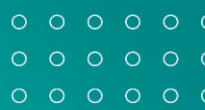
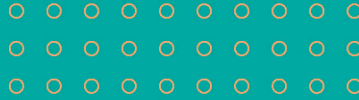
DOD is also evaluating other technologies to help phase out AFFF, including high expansion foam, water-only sprinklers, trench nozzles, and numerous others. It is expected that DOD will request a second one-year extension from Congress next year while it continues to pursue AFFF alternatives.

### House Sends WATER Data Improvement Act to Senate

On July 8, 2024, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5770, the *Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act*. This legislation, led by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2), would reauthorize U.S. Geological Survey streamflow data and groundwater monitoring programs through fiscal year 2028. It allocates \$10 million per year to enhance the streamgauge program, aiming to operate at least 4,700 flood-hardened streamgages equipped with precipitation water quality sensors. Additionally, the bill authorizes \$4 million annually for a systematic groundwater monitoring program for each major aquifer system in the United States, expanding coordination and prioritization to include tribal input. Lastly, the bill would allocate \$5 million per year for the Interior Department to provide non-reimbursable grants to federal agencies, academic institutions, and private entities with expertise in developing cost-efficient technologies for measuring water resources data. With limited time remaining in the Senate calendar and a long to-do list of major legislation, it appears unlikely that the bill will be considered by the Senate.

### Reps. Garcia and Bacon Introduce SEWER Act

On July 11, 2024, Congressman Robert Garcia (CA-42) and Congressman Don Bacon (NE-02) introduced H.R. 9008, the *Surveilling Effluent Water for Epidemic Response (SEWER) Act*. This bill seeks to amend the *Public Health Service Act* to improve the detection and

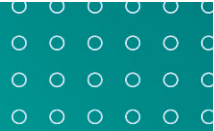
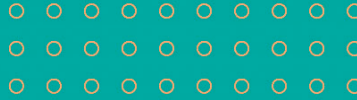


monitoring of infectious diseases through wastewater analysis. The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to expand the National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS). Initially established during the COVID-19 pandemic, the NWSS connects independent and local wastewater systems to create a sustainable national network. By testing and detecting pathogens in sewage, wastewater surveillance helps track disease transmission within communities. The bill authorizes \$150 million annually from 2025 to 2029 for these efforts. Notably, the bill does not mandate wastewater utilities to comply with surveillance requests.

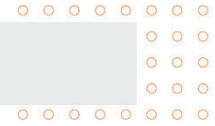
### Chairmen Graves and Comer Request Agency Information Post-Chevron Ruling

On July 10, 2024, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO-6) and Oversight and Accountability Committee Chairman James Comer (R-KY-1) sent letters to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and EPA Administrator Michael Regan requesting information on agency rules, actions, or decisions affected by the Supreme Court's recent ruling in *Loper Bright v. Raimondo*. In *Loper*, the Supreme Court overturned the longstanding administrative law doctrine known as *Chevron* deference, which stemmed from its 1984 ruling in *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*.

Congress is now working to assess the *Loper* ruling's impact on current agency practices. In particular, Graves and Comer are seeking details on legislative rules proposed or promulgated, agency adjudications initiated or completed, enforcement actions taken, and interpretive rules issued since President Biden took office on January 20, 2021, as well as any judicial decisions involving these agencies since the 1984 *Chevron* decision. They requested that this information be provided no later than July 23, 2024. It is unlikely that the agencies will be able to provide all requested information by this deadline, which may lead to friction between the agencies and committees of jurisdiction in a post-*Chevron* world.



### Federal Budget/Appropriations



During the midsummer months, Congress has continued its work on the appropriations process. The House has made significant headway, with all 12 FY25 appropriations bills moving through subcommittee and full committee stages, and five bills passing out of the House. The Senate has seen some progress, with seven bills advancing through the full committee.

Senate Appropriations Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) have agreed to boost both defense and domestic agency budgets above the 2023 Fiscal Responsibility Act, contrasting with the House's focus on spending cuts for FY2025. This bipartisan agreement includes an additional \$13.5 billion for nondefense and \$21 billion for defense programs. To reach a final bipartisan funding package for FY25, both chambers will need to reconcile their bills, which is expected to occur after the November elections and the passing of a Continuing Resolution (CR) to avert a government shutdown.

#### House Passes FY25 Interior & Environment Bill

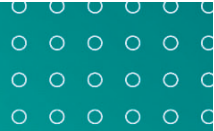
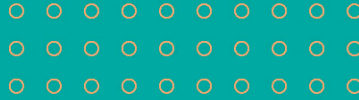
On July 24, 2024, the House of Representatives passed their FY25 Interior and Environment on the floor in a vote of 210 to 205. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act allocates a total discretionary budget of \$38.478 billion, which is \$72 million below the FY24 enacted level and \$4.407 billion below the President's Budget Request.

Notably, the Interior and Environment bill includes a significant \$1.82 billion reduction to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which amounts to nearly a 20% cut. The Agency already faced a \$1 billion funding cut in FY24, but some of those cuts were targeted at the Superfund program, \$745 million of which was offset by tax receipts under CERCLA's "Polluter Pays" law. However, those receipts were lower than anticipated, and the FY25 bill allocates \$661.17 million to the Superfund program, \$123.47 million above the FY24 enacted level, to account for this deficiency.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- \$35,000,000 allocated for Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP)
- \$14.69 billion provided for the Department of the Interior





- State and Tribal Assistance Grants totaling \$3.67 billion, which represents a reduction of \$748.7 million from FY24 enacted levels and \$857.8 million below the President's Budget Request
- \$2.81 billion in funding, a 14.5% increase, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- \$3.12 billion in funding for the National Park Service (NPS)
- \$1.26 billion for the Bureau of Land Management
- Community Project Funding of \$1.033 billion earmarked for 895 water infrastructure projects requested by 285 Members.

In order to accommodate the large numbers of Community Project Funding (CPF) requests, the Committee shifted \$778 million from Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) to CPF accounts for water projects. Opponents of this shift in funds argued this amounted to an SRF cut, affecting projects without earmarks.

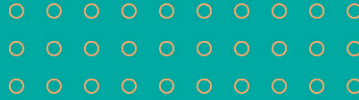
This bill will face strong opposition in the Democratic-controlled Senate and White House. Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK-04) acknowledged this, calling the bills in their current form a "starting point" for negotiations that outline GOP priorities.

### Senate Appropriations Releases FY25 Interior and Environment Bill

On July 24, 2024, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved their chamber's version of the FY25 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, providing \$44.6 billion in total funding, \$1.71 billion above the Presidential Budget's request.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- \$4.145 billion for wildfire suppression, including \$2.75 billion for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund. Establishes a permanent pay fix and job series to prevent a pay cut for federal wildland firefighters.
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants totaling \$4.43 billion, maintaining FY24 funding levels
- \$15.8 billion for the Department of Interior, including \$1.47 billion for the Bureau of Land Management, \$1.76 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and \$3.49 billion for the National Park Service.
- \$9.29 billion for Environmental Protection Agency, up from \$7.4 billion in House counterpart. Increases the Hazardous Substance Superfund program to \$546 million.
- \$6.45 billion for the United States Forest Service, including \$4.02 billion for non-wildland fire management, \$208 million for hazardous fuels reduction, \$34 million



for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, and \$6 million for the Legacy Roads and Trails program.

- Congressionally Directed Spending of \$604.89 million earmarked for 330 water infrastructure projects requested by 65 senators.

The Senate Appropriations committee shifted \$604 million from Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) to Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) accounts for water projects, \$174 million less than the House of Representatives. With the Senate expected to continue their markup of the final five appropriations bills the week of July 29, 2024, passage of this bill through the Senate remains uncertain, with negotiations on a Continuing Resolution expected in September.

### House Appropriations Advance FY25 Energy & Water

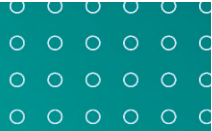
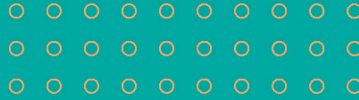
On July 9, 2024, the House Appropriations Full Committee approved the FY25 Energy and Water bill for consideration on the House floor. The bill allocates a total discretionary budget of \$59.190 billion, reflecting an increase of \$999 million from FY24 enacted levels and a slight decrease of \$139 million below the President's Budget Request. Nearly all of the new funding is directed towards defense activities. The bill notably reduces funding for the Department of Energy (DOE), allocating \$49.935 billion to DOE, which is \$312 million less than the FY24 enacted level and \$2.043 billion below the President's Budget Request.

Not reflected in the topline numbers is the bill's significant reduction in funding for green energy programs. The legislation cuts the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by approximately \$1.5 billion compared to FY24 enacted levels, funding it at around \$2 billion.

Additionally, the legislation proposes "clawing back" funds from previous legislation such as the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) by diverting approximately \$8 billion from DOE clean energy loan and grant programs, towards nuclear energy programs.

Other highlights of the bill include:

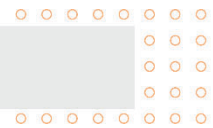
- \$1.951 billion allocated for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior
  - \$1.77 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account
  - \$125.5 million for rural water projects.



- \$134 million for water storage projects authorized by the WIIN Act
- \$211.2 million for Reclamation Safety of Dams Act activities
- \$1.77 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account
- \$200 million for Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response to bolster grid resilience against cyber and physical threats
- \$9.96 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
  - Approximately \$1.85 billion for USACE flood and storm damage reduction activities
- \$899.274 million allocated for 97 Community Project Funding initiatives, supporting Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects

The House debated the bill, with a vote expected on July 23, 2024. However, it was pulled by Republican House leaders due to funding issues for the Port of Savannah raised by the Georgia delegation. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN-3), chair of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee, said he still hopes to pass this funding bill in September.

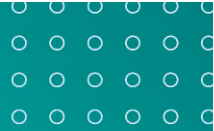
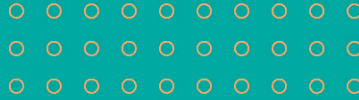
### Administration/Regulatory



#### U.S. EPA Gathering of POTW PFAS Data Draws Wastewater Utility Ire

Wastewater utilities are concerned with a recent EPA plan to gather PFAS data from hundreds of publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). EPA released an information collection request (ICR) in March 2024 and sought feedback on PFAS discharges from upstream industrial facilities nationwide as well as on the presence of PFAS in POTW influent, effluent, and sewage sludge. EPA plans to use this data to develop technology-based effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and inform other PFAS-related regulatory efforts.

According to the ICR, EPA plans to select a subset of 200 to 300 POTWs from the information and data collected in the questionnaire to participate in a two-phase sampling program. Phase one will require selected POTWs to collect and analyze samples of industrial user effluent, domestic wastewater influent, POTW influent, and POTW effluent for 40 specific PFAS and adsorbable organic fluorine (AOF). Phase two will require selected POTWs to collect and analyze samples of sewage sludge for 40 specific PFAS and ancillary parameters.



The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) is concerned with the agency's biosolids sampling plan – claiming it falls outside of the ELG program. NACWA generally supports the influent study but is concerned with “how the public could misconstrue or misunderstand the data collected from biosolids sampling” and is urging the agency to first complete a pending risk assessment of PFOA and PFOS in biosolids. The draft risk assessment for these two PFAS is anticipated to be released this summer, and finalized before 2026.

NACWA is advocating that EPA “must have a straightforward and clear plan for communicating its study design, purpose for sampling biosolids and what the known risks of PFAS in biosolids are to human health and the environment, as well as what the data collected from this study means broadly to the public, the media, and to legislators.”

Separately, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) filed a lawsuit against the EPA earlier this month for failing to regulate PFAS in biosolids and failing to identify PFAS as toxic pollutants present in sewage sludge.

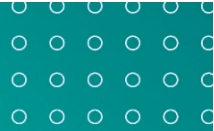
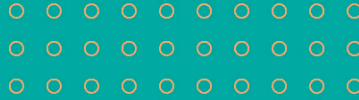
### **Biden Administration Launches “American Climate Corps” Green Jobs Program**

The Biden administration has launched the American Climate Corps, swearing in its first members with a goal to place 9,000 young people in green energy and conservation jobs by the end of the month. The program aims to expand to 20,000 participants in its first year. This initiative, reminiscent of President Franklin Roosevelt's depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps, seeks to address climate change by engaging youth in various environmental projects across federal and state agencies. Despite some criticism and funding challenges, the program offers temporary positions nationwide with competitive hourly wages, aiming to empower young Americans to contribute to a sustainable future.

### **Center for Biological Diversity Petitions FEMA on Drought and Smoke**

On June 17, 2024, the Center for Biological Diversity petitioned FEMA to recognize extreme heat and wildfire smoke as major disasters. If accepted, this petition would formally include extreme heat and wildfire smoke in FEMA's regulatory definition of a “major disaster.” According to the National Weather Service, heat-related fatalities have been the highest among disaster-related deaths over the past 30 years, underscoring the need for proactive measures.

Expanding FEMA's recognition to include other types of disasters, such as drought and wildfire smoke, could significantly enhance the agency's ability to respond



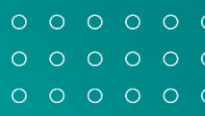
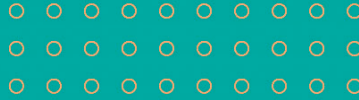
comprehensively to emerging environmental challenges. This shift could pave the way for the inclusion of other disasters, such as toxic waste and sewage spills, enabling FEMA to address a broader range of environmental threats. By broadening its scope beyond traditional natural disasters like hurricanes and tornadoes, FEMA could better tackle the diverse and evolving challenges posed by climate change and infrastructure vulnerabilities. This proactive approach aligns with the agency's mandate to protect communities and enhance national resilience, but it would require increased funding for FEMA as they combat a greater array of disasters that require different approaches and expertise.

### Biden Administration Releases Roadmap for Future Regulations

The Biden Administration released its Spring 2024 Unified Agenda this month, which lays out federal agencies' projected timelines for upcoming regulations. The Unified Agenda covers a myriad of rulemakings including the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed effluent limitation guidelines for PFAS and proposed PFAS National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements – expected in Fall 2024 and Summer 2025 respectively. The agency also set first-time deadlines for finalizing two Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) rules relating to PFAS.

These timelines are estimates and subject to delays. Moreover, the rules prioritized in this Unified Agenda could be vulnerable challenge under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) if there is a change in Administration. Under the CRA, lawmakers could claw back rules finalized during the “look-back” window of the previous congressional session's last 60 legislative days.

Notably, the EPA has ostensibly shelved plans to issue a proposed rule listing additional PFAS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). EPA previously planned to propose a rule listing seven additional PFAS in April 2025, however the agency changed the proposal's status to “to be determined.” The delay comes after EPA finalized a separate rule designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under CERCLA. This CERLCA rule is currently being challenged in court by a coalition of industry groups led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



### Judicial/Courts



The below is the Legal Alert produced by BBK on the Supreme Court decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises Inc. v. Raimondao*.

#### U.S. Supreme Court Overturns Longstanding Chevron Doctrine

On June 28, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 6-3 ruling in *Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc. v. Raimondo* overturning the longstanding administrative law doctrine known as Chevron deference. Chevron deference, which stemmed from a 1984 Supreme Court ruling in *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*, directed courts to defer to an agency's reasonable interpretation of a statute that is ambiguous or silent on an issue. This ruling will significantly reshape the federal regulatory landscape.

Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Roberts overruled Chevron, stating that “the Administrative Procedure Act requires courts to exercise their independent judgment in deciding whether an agency has acted within its statutory authority, and courts may not defer to an agency interpretation of the law simply because a statute is ambiguous.”

The majority opinion was joined by Justices Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett. Justice Thomas and Gorsuch also filed concurring opinions.

Meanwhile, Justice Kagan filed a dissenting opinion joined by Justices Sotomayor and Jackson. Justice Kagan wrote that “in one fell swoop, the majority today gives itself exclusive power over every open issue—no matter how expertise-driven or policy-laden—involving the meaning of regulatory law.”

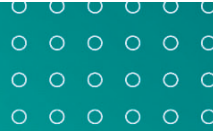
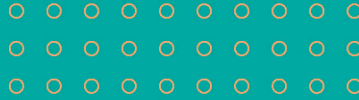
Justice Jackson partially joined the dissent as she recused herself from *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* due to her previous participation in the case as a federal appeals judge.

Supporters of *Chevron* doctrine assert that it allows for agency expertise to fill in the gaps of ambiguous statutes written by Congress. Opponents, however, believe *Chevron* violates the separation of powers as courts, not the executive branch, should determine the meaning of statutes.



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### Implications of the Court's Decision

*Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council* is one of the most cited cases in American law, being cited in more than 18,000 federal court decisions and agencies built many of their rules relying on *Chevron* deference. This decision could potentially lead to changing interpretations of existing laws and regulations that relied on *Chevron*. The majority opinion stated that holdings that relied on the *Chevron* doctrine to uphold agency actions will still be subject to statutory stare decisis, or the doctrine of respect for past court decisions. But Justice Kagan's dissent argues that the majority decision "subverts every known principle of stare decisis," and "will cause a massive shock to the legal system," casting doubt on many settled constructions of statutes.

Congress did not waste time responding to the ruling. On July 12, 2024, the House Republican Study Committee released a memo outlining ways in which legislators could leverage the demise of *Chevron* doctrine. To review the memo, click [HERE](#).

### Background on *Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc. v. Raimondo*

The case originated from two related challenges brought by commercial fisherman –*Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* and *Relentless v. Department of Commerce* –against a National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) Rule requiring commercial fisheries to carry, and pay for, observers on their vessels. The fishermen in both cases sued, arguing that the agency does not have the authority to require industry-funded observers under the applicable statute.

The D.C. Court of Appeals and First Circuit Court of Appeals both upheld the rule, determining that the statute was ambiguous and NMFS' interpretation was reasonable under *Chevron*. The plaintiffs sought review by the U.S. Supreme Court in the hopes *Chevron* would be overturned.

## U.S. Supreme Court Expands Window to Challenge Agency Rules

The below is the Legal Alert produced by BBK on the Supreme Court decision in *Corner Post v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*.

On July 1, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 6-3 ruling in *Corner Post v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System* holding that an Administrative Procedures Act (APA) claim does not accrue for the purposes of §2401(a) – the default six-year statute of limitations applicable to suits against the United States – until the plaintiff is injured by final agency action.

Justice Barrett led the majority opinion writing, “[b]ecause an APA plaintiff may not file suit and obtain relief until she suffers an injury from final agency action, the statute of limitations does not begin to run until she is injured.” The majority held that for a corporation that opened seven years after a final agency rule was issued, the six-year statute of limitations for a facial challenge began running when the corporation began operating and was injured by the rule. Before the Supreme Court’s decision, most circuit courts of appeal held that the statute of limitations for a facial challenge to an agency rule begins running when the final rule is published, while the statute of limitations for an as-applied challenge begins when the plaintiff is harmed.

The majority opinion was joined by Justices Roberts, Alito, Gorsuch and Kavanaugh. Justice Kavanaugh also filed a concurring opinion.

Justice Jackson filed a dissenting opinion joined by Justices Sotomayor and Kagan. Justice Jackson wrote that “[i]t is utterly inconceivable that §2401(a)’s statute of limitations was meant to permit fresh attacks on settled regulations from all new comers forever. Yet, that is what the majority holds today.”

### Implications of the Court’s Decision

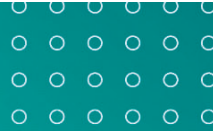
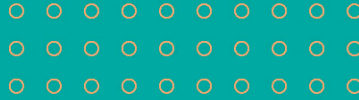
This decision comes on the heels of the Court’s ruling in *Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc. v. Raimondo* that overturned the longstanding administrative law doctrine known as *Chevron* deference. Taken together, the Court’s rulings will alter how regulations are written as well as litigated under the APA.





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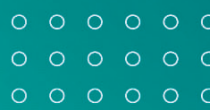
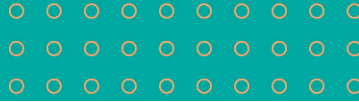
Justice Jackson’s opinion expressed the dissenting justices’ concern that “[t]he tsunami of lawsuits against agencies that the Court’s holdings in this case and *Loper Bright* have authorized has the potential to devastate the functioning of the Federal Government.”

### Background on *Corner Post v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*

This case deals with interchange fees for debit card transactions. The fee amount is determined by the company processing the transaction. In 2011, the Federal Reserve Board issued a regulation to govern these interchange fees, known as Regulation II. Regulation II caps the fees that banks are allowed to charge for each debit card transaction.

In 2021, the North Dakota Retail Association and the North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association challenged Regulation II, alleging that it allows higher interchange fees than the statute permits, and thereby is arbitrary and capricious under the APA. When the Federal government moved to dismiss their challenge based on the six-year statute of limitations, the two groups amended their complaint to add *Corner Post*, a company that started operating in 2018.

The district court dismissed the case as time-barred under 28 U. S. C. §2401(a), ruling that the statute of limitations began in 2011 with the original publication of Regulation II. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit affirmed. The plaintiffs sought review by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court held that *Corner Post*’s challenge was not time-barred because its injury did not occur until after it began operating in 2018.



### Federal Funding Opportunities



#### FY23-26 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has launched the FY23-26 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program, also known as the Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (Culvert AOP) Program. This initiative aims to improve fish passage for anadromous species by supporting projects that replace, remove, or repair culverts or weirs that obstruct their migration. The program targets infrastructure with a transportation nexus that poses barriers to fish and may include modifications to facilitate fish passage around or over weirs. Eligible applicants include states, local governments, and Indian Tribes, with total funding available at \$196 million. Grants range from \$200,000 to \$50 million, with an 80 percent federal share for state and local government projects (20 percent match required) and a 100 percent federal share for Indian Tribe projects (no match required). Applications for FY23 funding are due by **September 23, 2024**. More information can be found [HERE](#).

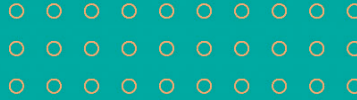
#### FY24 Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has now opened their Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program for FY24. This is a government initiative aimed at addressing the challenges associated with sewer overflows and stormwater management in municipalities. This program focuses on providing financial assistance and resources to local governments and communities to implement effective solutions for controlling and mitigating sewer overflows, as well as promoting the sustainable reuse of stormwater. California received an allocation of \$4.31 million from the total pool of funding. Regions must obligate funds under interagency agreements or direct grants to state entities by **September 30, 2025**, or the funds may be subject to Congressional rescission. More information can be found [HERE](#).



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**July 2024 Bill Tracking Matrix**

Legislation	Summary	Status	Cosponsors	# of Cosponsors
H.R. 186 Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes.	01/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)  2/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> <b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21);</b> Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR-2); Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT-4); Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8);	5
H.R. 215 WATER for California Act	This bill would provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes.	1/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21)  10/26/2023 Passed House within H.R. 4394, Energy and Water Appropriations Act. Awaiting consideration in the Senate.	<b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42);</b> <b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13);</b> <b>Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25);</b> <b>Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50);</b> <b>Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3);</b> <b>Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39);</b> <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> <b>Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23);</b>	11
H.R. 250 Clean Water SRF Parity Act	This bill expands the state revolving fund established under the Clean Water Act, including by allowing low-interest loans to be given to privately owned treatment works to address wastewater. Currently, loans are given to wastewater systems that are publicly owned.	01/10/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-8)  02/01/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12); Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ-1); Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ-10); Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI-3); Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7)	6
H.R. 369 NIST Wildland Fire Communications and Information Dissemination Act	This bill would require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct research on public safety communication coordination standards among wildland firefighters and fire management response officials.	01/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40)  09/01/2023 09/01/2023 Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology	<b>Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25);</b> Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Jeff Jackson (D-NC-14)	5
S.21 Community Wildfire Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to modify the definition of the term "at-risk community".	01/23/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  01/23/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. Daines, Steve (R-MT)	1
H.R. 480 Wildfire Recovery Act	This bill makes changes with respect to the federal cost share for Fire Management Assistance Grants and provides that the federal share shall be not less than 75% of the eligible cost.	01/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  02/01/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.	<b>Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24);</b> <b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16);</b> <b>Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11);</b> <b>Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18);</b> <b>John Garamendi (D-CA-3);</b> <b>Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10);</b> <b>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2);</b> <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b>	32
H.R. 482 Western Wildfire Support Act	The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2026.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1764.</i>	01/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  02/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	<b>Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6);</b> <b>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20);</b> <b>Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28);</b> Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV-4)	4
S. 64 Water Rights Protection Act of 2023	A bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.	01/25/2023 Introduced by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)  01/25/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID); Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	2
S.115 Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act	This bill revises the formula the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to determine how to distribute funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Under the program, the EPA allocates funding to states for water quality infrastructure projects, such as wastewater systems and stormwater management projects.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3167.</i>	01/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)  01/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)	2



S. 188 Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.	01/31/2023 Introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  01/31/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)</b> ; Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	3
H.R.676 Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act	This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Ocean Acidification Advisory Board to collaborate with various entities affected by ocean acidification and coastal acidification (i.e., the decrease in pH and changes in water chemistry of certain bodies of water and waterways).	01/31/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)  05/10/2023 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<b>Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5)</b> ; <b>Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28)</b> ; <b>Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33)</b> ; <b>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)</b> ; <b>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)</b> ; Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL-14);	21
H.J.Res 27 Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'.	This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States," which was submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency on January 18, 2023. The rule specifies which bodies of water fall under the scope of the Clean Water Act and are thereby under federal jurisdiction and protected. For example, the definition in the 2023 rule includes certain wetlands and ephemeral waters (e.g., waters that flow intermittently). The 2023 rule replaced the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule that included a narrower definition of waters of the United States.	02/02/2023 Introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-06).  04/18/2023 The Chair directed the Clerk to notify the Senate of the action of the House.	<b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)</b> ; <b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)</b> ; <b>Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25)</b> ; <b>Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50)</b> ; <b>Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3)</b> ; <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)</b> ; <b>Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)</b> ; <b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21)</b> ; Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4); Rep. Mark Alford (R-MO-4); Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12); Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2); Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-1); <b>Rep. Jodev</b>	170
S.J. Res. 7 A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'.	This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States," which was submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency on January 18, 2023. The rule specifies which bodies of water fall under the scope of the Clean Water Act and are thereby under federal jurisdiction. The 2023 rule replaced a 2020 rule that included a narrower definition of waters of the United States.	02/02/2023 Introduced By Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).  02/13/2023 Star Print ordered on the joint resolution.	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN); Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL); Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC); Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Thomas Cotton (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID); Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA);	49
H.R. 872 FISH Act	This bill gives the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the sole authority to protect endangered or threatened species that are anadromous species (species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and that migrate to ocean waters) or catadromous species (species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh or estuarine waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.	02/08/23 Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41)  02/21/23 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	<b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16)</b> ; <b>Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50)</b> ; <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)</b> ; <b>Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)</b> ; <b>Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8)</b> ; <b>Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA-48)</b> ; Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2);	7
H.R. 873 Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Act	This bill establishes and transfers funds to the Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Fund. Until September 30, 2028, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may use the fund to award grants and contracts to carry out projects (1) that use emerging technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence or quantum information science) to address threats to water quality; or (2) for the research, development, or design of such technologies.	2/8/2023 Introduced by Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL-19)  02/17/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5); Rep. Anna Paulina-Luna (R-FL-13); Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX-22); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-9); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL-28)	6
H.R.934 To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes	This bill sets out requirements for wildfire suppression and management activities carried out by the Forest Service. These requirements apply to Forest Service land that (1) has a severe, extreme, or exceptional drought intensity rating; and (2) has a National Wildland Fire Preparedness level of 5 (i.e., the highest level of wildland fire activity) or is located in a firehatched ranked in the top 10% of wildfire exposure.	02/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-5)  09/20/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.	<b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)</b> ; <b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)</b> ; <b>Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50)</b> ; <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)</b> ; <b>Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8)</b> ; Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4)	7
H.R. 1049 Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act	This bill directs the Federal Aviation Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency to jointly contract with an institution of higher education to study the characteristics, distributions, sources, and potential human health effects of airborne ultrafine particles.	02/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)  02/24/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7); Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-6); Rep. Eleanor Norton (D-DC-1); Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)	4



S.466 Federal PFAS Research Evaluation Act	This bill requires various studies and reports on the exposure, hazards, and management of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS. These substances are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing.	02/16/2023 Introduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)  02/16/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	3
H.R. 1142 To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require consideration of economic impact in making a listing decision with respect to the list of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes.	This bill limits when the Department of the Interior or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) may add a species to the endangered or threatened species list and revises the process to list species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.	02/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11)  03/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	<b>Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)</b> ; Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13); Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL-17)	4
H.R.1152 Water Quality Certification and Energy Project Improvement Act	This bill revises the water quality certification process under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for any activity that requires a federal license or permit and may result in a discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States. Activities that require such federal licenses or permits include hydropower, natural gas pipeline, or mining projects.	02/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)  03/17/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 5	Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA-10)	2
H.R.1181 To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes	This bill extends the maximum term for certain permits issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. Specifically, the bill extends the maximum term for NPDES permits issued to states or municipalities from 5 to 10 years. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency issues permits to discharge pollutants from point sources, such as pipes, into waters of the United States.	02/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-8)  02/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	<b>Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15)</b> ; <b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)</b> ; Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	5
H.R.1367 Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create a program to support increased membership and involvement of certain smaller water utilities and water treatment works (e.g., wastewater systems) in the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC).  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 660.</i>	03/03/2023 Introduced by Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-8)  03/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
S.660 Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create a program to support increased membership and involvement of certain smaller water utilities and water treatment works (e.g., wastewater systems) in the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). As background, WaterISAC is a group of water and wastewater systems and associations that coordinate with the EPA and other federal agencies to collect and analyze data on water security and threats. WaterISAC also provides analysis and resources to support response, mitigation, and resilience initiatives.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1367.</i>	03/06/2023 Introduced by Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA)  03/06/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R.1430 Determination of NEPA Adequacy Streamlining Act	This bill requires the Department of the Interior and the National Forest Service to use previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 if the agency determines that a new proposed action and its effects are substantially the same as a previously analyzed proposed action and its effects.	03/07/2023 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)  04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry		0
S.702 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Act	This bill provides statutory authority for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency and other specified agencies must reconnect urban communities, particularly urban communities that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies.	03/08/2023 Introduced by Sen. Kysten Sinema (I-AZ)  03/08/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	2



H.R.1517 Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a grant program to help states and other entities address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, on agricultural land and commercial farms.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 747.</i>	03/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)  03/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT-1); Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT-2); Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME-2); Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR-4); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3); Rep.	9
S.747 Relief for Farmers Hit with PFAS Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a grant program to help states and other entities address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, on agricultural land and commercial farms.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1517.</i>	03/09/2023 Introduced by Sen Susan Collins (R-ME)  03/09/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Ben Lujan (D-NM); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Peter	11
H.R. 1586 Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023	This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to discharge a fire retardant, a chemical, or water for fire suppression, control, or prevention activities.	3/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)  11/15/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote	<b>Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); ; Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-</b>	37
H.R. 1 Lower Energy Costs Act	To lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water quality certification and energy projects, and for other purposes.	03/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-1)  03/30/2023 The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.	<b>Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4); Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4); Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12); Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-1); Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12); Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3); Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX-26); Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3); Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH-15); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1); Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2);</b>	49
S.806 Healthy H2O Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program under which USDA awards grants for improving the quality of drinking water in certain rural areas. Grants may be given to individuals or entities, such as home owners, renters, and licensed child-care facilities, that have demonstrated the presence of one or more health contaminants in their drinking water. Grants may also be given to nonprofit organizations to help individuals and entities test their water, analyze the results of the tests, and reduce the contamination.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 1721.</i>	03/15/2023 Introduced by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  03/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM);</b>	11
S. 820 Protecting Consumers from PFAS Act	This bill adds the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the interagency working group to coordinate federal activities related to research about perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS.	03/15/2023 Introduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)  11/27/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 250	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)	3
H.R.1721 Healthy H2O Act	This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program under which USDA awards grants for improving the quality of drinking water in certain rural areas.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 806.</i>	03/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)  04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development	<b>Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-7) Rep. Shontel Brown (D-OH-11); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8); Rep.</b>	31
H.R.1729 Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act	This bill increases funding for water infrastructure, including funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water.	03/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)  04/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	<b>Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25); Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6); Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-53); Rep.</b>	91



H.R. 1740 To amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to establish payment and performance security requirements for projects, and for other purposes.	This bill establishes bonding requirements for the recipient of a water infrastructure construction loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). A borrower must secure the financed project with payment and performance bonds in minimum amounts set out in the bill.	3/23/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12).  03/31/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	<b>Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26);</b> Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX-32); Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA-4); Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12); Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5); Rep. Tom Kean (R-NJ-7); Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-8); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-5)	12
S. 1022 Define WOTUS Act	This bill describes which bodies of water fall under federal jurisdiction for purposes of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, the bill redefines navigable waters and establishes a process for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine, upon request, whether certain waters are navigable waters.	03/29/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)  03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA); Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	2
S. 1023 Farmer-Informed WOTUS Act	This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an advisory committee that is representative of the U.S. farming and ranching sectors to make recommendations on the impact of waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulations on U.S. agriculture and environmental protection.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4956.</i>	03/29/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)  03/29/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD); Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL); Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)	5
H.R. 2419 Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance for various projects in California to mitigate the sinking or settling of the ground (i.e., subsidence mitigation), specifically for projects related to the Friant-Kern Canal, the Delta-Mendota Canal, and certain parts of the San Luis Canal/California Aqueduct.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2161.</i>	03/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16)  05/08/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	<b>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)</b>	2
S.1164 Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act	This bill provides support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 5015.</i>	03/30/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)  03/30/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)	3
H.R.2521 Clean Drinking Water Equity Act	This bill revises the drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) program to increase the cap on the total amount of loan subsidies that states may give to assist disadvantaged communities. The drinking water SRF program is a financial assistance program to help water systems and states achieve the health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.	04/06/2023 Introduced by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25)  04/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.		0
H.R.2670 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024	This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2226.</i>	04/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL-3)  12/22/2023 Became Public Law No: 118-31	Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)	1
H.R. 2735 Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2023	This bill directs the Department of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program. Under the program, Commerce must (1) assist coastal states with voluntarily developing coastal climate change adaptation plans, and (2) provide financial and technical assistance as well as training for coastal states to implement the adaptation plans.	04/20/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)  05/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries	<b>Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30);</b> Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	5
H.R. 2811 Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023	This bill increases the federal debt limit and decreases spending. It also repeals several energy tax credits, modifies the permitting process and other requirements for energy projects, expands work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other programs, and nullifies regulations for the cancellation of federal student loan debt.	04/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19)  05/04/2023 Committee on the Budget. Hearings held.	<b>Rep. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4);</b> Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5); Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX-26); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1); Rep. James Comer (R-KY-1); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5);	19





S.1350 WIPPE Act	This bill would require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 2964.</i>	04/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  04/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA);</b> Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)	9
S.1360 PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act	This bill would require DOD to ensure that any periodic health assessment, physical assessment for recently separated members, pre-deployment medical examination, post-deployment medical examination, and post-deployment health reassessment provided to a member of the Armed Forces includes an evaluation of whether the member has been exposed to PFAS or was based or stationed at a military installation with a known or suspected release of PFAS during the period the member was there.	04/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  04/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
H.R.2964 WIPPE Act	This bill require the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1350.</i>	04/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI-9)  06/11/2024 Passed in the House, received in the Senate	<b>Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26);</b> Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3)	3
H.R.3027 Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2033 the Bureau of Reclamation's climate change and water program. Under the program, Reclamation assesses the effects of global climate change on the quantity of water resources in certain western states and develops strategies to address potential water shortages, conflicts, and other impacts to such water resources.	04/28/2023 Introduced by Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47)  06/14/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held	<b>Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19); Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32); Rep. Matsui, Doris O. (D-CA-7);</b> Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-2); Rep. Gabe Giron (D-OR-5); Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	9
S.1427 Agriculture PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S. 1429 Resource Management PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S. 1430 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 7944.</i>	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS); Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	8
S.1432 Fire Suppression PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for the release of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7
S.1433 Airports PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain aviation entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for the release of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	05/03/2023 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/03/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	7



S. 1449 RESTART Act	This bill limits, accelerates timelines under, or otherwise modifies several environmental laws. Specifically, it accelerates, coordinates, and limits the environmental review of federal actions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.	05/04/2023 Introduced by Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)  05/04/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC); Sen. James Lankford (R-OK); Sen. Cynthia Lumms (R-WY); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE); Sen. James Risch (R-ID); Sen. Dan Claitor (R-MO)	12
S.1456 SPUR Act	This bill (1) accelerates the environmental review of certain federal actions related to energy; (2) modifies various laws pertaining to energy and mineral development; (3) establishes requirements related to the supply and delivery of electricity and natural gas; and (4) makes requirements concerning other natural resources.	05/04/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)  05/04/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV); Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO); Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND); Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. James	12
H.R.3167 Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act	This bill revises the formula the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to determine how to distribute funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program. Under the program, the EPA allocates funding to states for water quality infrastructure projects, such as wastewater systems and stormwater management projects.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.115.</i>	05/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL-6)  05/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16); Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25); Rep. Anna Luna (R-FL-13); Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18); Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4); Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27); Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL-10)	7
H.R.3192 PFAS Registry Act	This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a registry for current or past members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS, due to the environmental release of aqueous film-forming foam at a military installation or other Department of Defense (DOD) location.	05/10/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1)  05/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7); Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)	5
H.R.3316 To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes.	This bill applies the expedited environmental review processes for major infrastructure projects under FAST-41 to federal actions involving certain port, aviation, and pipeline projects. Specifically, this bill requires, to the greatest extent feasible, the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct efficient environmental reviews for port infrastructure projects, pipeline projects, and airport or aviation projects that require DOT's approval under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).	05/15/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1)  05/23/2023 Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11);	3
H.R.3389 Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act	This bill requires the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to jointly evaluate the container aerial firefighting system to assess its use to mitigate and suppress wildfires and report to Congress.	05/16/2022 Introduced by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)  09/13/2023 Received in Senate after passing House on suspension of rules.	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3); Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4);	9
H.R.3396 Fire Department Repayment Act	This bill requires standard operating procedures for reciprocal fire suppression cost share agreements.	05/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)  12/06/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent	Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3);	29
H.R.3439 Emergency Wildfire Act of 2023	This bill provides for programs and activities in support of forest restoration, wildfire mitigation, and energy resilience.	05/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)  06/23/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. John Garamendi (D-	8
H.R.3457 SUPERSAFE Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to form the Supercomputing for Safer Chemicals (SUPERSAFE) Consortium to, among other purposes, establish rapid approaches for the development of safer alternatives to toxic substances.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18)  05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
H.R.3490 Water Infrastructure Modernization Act	This bill establishes grants for owners and operators of publicly owned wastewater treatments systems and community water systems to support planning and other aspects of implementing smart water network technologies.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3)  05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)	1



H.R.3499 Direct Hire to Fight Fires Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to provide direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50)  07/26/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 32 - 0.	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Kiley, Kevin (R-CA-3)</b>	2
S.1715 Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.	05/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)</b>	4
S.1718 Primacy Certainty Act of 2023	This bill modifies provisions of the underground injection control program established under the Safe Drinking Water Act related to the review of state applications to obtain responsibility for regulating Class VI wells, which are used to store captured carbon. The bill sets forth a process to give states primary enforcement responsibility for such wells if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fails to meet specified deadlines.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3568.</i>	05/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)  05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)	2
H.R.3568 Primacy Certainty Act	This bill modifies provisions of the underground injection control program established under the Safe Drinking Water Act related to the review of state applications to obtain responsibility for regulating Class VI wells, which are used to store captured carbon.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1718.</i>	05/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2)  05/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11); Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX-14); Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-TX-1); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1)	7
H.R.3675 Western Water Accelerated Revenue Repayment Act	This bill permanently authorizes a provision under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act that (1) allows certain water users (e.g., agriculture and municipal water users) in western states to prepay what they owe under contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation for the storage and supply of water resources; and (2) requires a specified portion of the receipts generated from such prepayments be directed to the Reclamation Water Storage Account for the construction of water storage.	05/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3)  07/26/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 14	<b>Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4);</b> Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4); Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY-1); Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX-22); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT-1); Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT-1)	9
H.R. 3746 Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023	This bill would provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.	05/29/2023 Introduced by Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10)  06/03/2023 Became Public Law No: 118-5.		0
S.1764 Western Wildfire Support Act	The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish spatial fire management plans before the end of FY2026.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 482.</i>	05/31/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)  10/25/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.		0
H.R.3809 Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act	This bill amends the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Circuit Rider Program to include cybersecurity technical assistance for rural water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people. Under the program, USDA provides technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues.	06/05/2023 Introduced by Rep. Donald David (D-NC-1)  07/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	<b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16);</b> Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2); Rep. Zach Nunn (R-IA-3); Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7); Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI-8); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	8
H.R.3871 Research for Healthy Soils Act	This bill includes research on the agricultural impacts of microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland as a department of Agriculture (USDA) high-priority research and extension area. Microplastic is a plastic or plastic-coated particle that is less than 5 millimeters in size.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3623.</i>	06/06/2023 Introduced by Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA-3)  07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.	<b>Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40);</b> Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	4



S.1853 Headwaters Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4018.</i>	06/07/2023 Introduced by Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)  06/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<b>Sen. Feinstein, Dianne (D-CA);</b> Sen. Crapo, Mike (R-ID); Sen. Risch, James E. (R-ID); Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray (D-NM); Sen. Kelly, Mark (D-AZ); Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. (D-	9
H.R.3954 Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.	06/09/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO-4)  06/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4)	3
H.R.4018 Headwaters Protection Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.1852.</i>	06/12/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-21)  07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	<b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21);</b> Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-7); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	7
H.R.4052 National Infrastructure Bank Act	This bill creates the National Infrastructure Bank to facilitate the long-term financing of infrastructure projects.	06/13/2023 Introduced by Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7)  06/16/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce.	<b>Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13);</b> <b>Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15);</b> <b>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3);</b> <b>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20);</b> <b>Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18);</b> Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-	31
H.R.4235 Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization, and Optimization Act	This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a wildfire technology testbed pilot program, and for other purposes.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40)  11/14/2023 Hearing held in Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	<b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42);</b> <b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16);</b> <b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13);</b> <b>Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10);</b> <b>Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-50);</b> <b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21);</b> Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Mike Lee (D-UT-4)	11
H.R.4247 Flood Prevention and Snowpack Management Act	This bill would direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a task force on the California snowpack and flood mitigation.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)  06/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	<b>Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13);</b> <b>Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19);</b> <b>Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. (D-CA-16)</b>	3
S.2102 Water for Conservation and Farming Act	This bill would provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability.	06/21/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)  07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	1
S.2127 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 4366.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2130 PFAS Community Engagement and Transparency Act	This bill would require community engagement and reporting relating to activities of the Department of Defense with respect to perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  06/22/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
S.2131 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4368.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2161 Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	This bill would provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 2419.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held		0



S.2162 STREAM Act.	This bill would support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held	Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)	2
S.2169 Watershed Results Act	This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, and for other purposes.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)  07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.		0
S.2203 ARROW Act	This bill requires the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the Air Force Reserve Command and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide aircraft, personnel, and equipment to meet the mission requirements for winter season atmospheric river reconnaissance on the U.S. west coast annually from November 1 through March 31. Among other activities, the squadron must improve the accuracy and timeliness of atmospheric river forecasts and warning services on the west coast.	06/22/2023 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)  06/22/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services		0
H.R.4368 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2131.</i>	06/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4365 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2587.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)  03/23/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-47		0
H.R.4366 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2127.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. John Carter (R-TX-31)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4385 Drought Preparedness Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, which allows the Bureau of Reclamation to provide drought assistance to Hawaii or certain western states.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.4242.</i>	06/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  02/06/2024 Passed the House and Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3)	2
H.R.4394 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2443.</i>	06/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN-3)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
S.2226 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024	This bill authorizes FY2024 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 2670.</i>	07/11/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)  07/20/2023 S.Amdt.685 Amendment SA 685 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote		0



H.R.4540 Water Infrastructure Enhancement Act of 2023	This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide grants to suppliers of water for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements to public water systems, and for other purposes.	07/11/2023 Introduced by Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX-28)  07/14/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ-4); Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1); Rep. Monica De La Cruz (R-TX-15); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D-NM-2)	6
H.R.4584 National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act	This bill would improve the Federal effort to reduce wildland fire risks, and for other purposes.	07/12/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18)  07/13/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-6)	2
S.2272 - Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act	This bill provides for a specialized pay schedule for wildland firefighters in the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior. The specialized pay schedule is based on the General Schedule, increased by a specified percentage depending on the position grade (the higher the grade, the lower the percentage adjustment).  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 5169.</i>	07/12/2023 Introduced by Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)  09/11/2023 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 205.	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)</b> ; Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY); Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV); Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT); Sen. Cynthia Lummis M. (R-WY); Sen. Heinrich, Martin (D-NM)	7
H.R.4717 Locally Led Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 with respect to third-party contracts for wildfire hazard fuel removal, to amend the National Forest Management Act with respect to the threshold for advertised timber sales, and for other purposes.	07/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5)  11/14/2023 Subcommittee Hearings Held	<b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16)</b> ; <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)</b> ; Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3); Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5)	5
S.2337 Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act	This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a final rule that prohibits certain discharges of plastic pellets and other preproduction plastic into waters of the United States.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 7634.</i>	07/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)  07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)</b> ; Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	8
S.2353 Responsible Wildland Fire Recovery Act	This bill would provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 4920.</i>	07/18/2023 Introduced by Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)  07/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	1
S.2388 Cybersecurity for Rural Water Systems Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a cybersecurity circuit rider program to provide cybersecurity-related technical assistance to certain entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems.	07/19/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV)  07/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD); Sen. Angus King (I-ME)	2
H.R.4769 PFAS Alternatives Act	This bill seeks to drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes.	07/20/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6)  07/21/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.	<b>Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25)</b> ; <b>Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30)</b> ; <b>Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)</b> ; <b>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)</b> ; <b>Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17)</b> ; <b>Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)</b> ; Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2); Rep. Jim	75
S.2443 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4394</i>	07/20/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0



H.R.4821 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.2605.</i>	07/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0
H.R.4831 Fair Pay for Federal Firefighters Act	This bill would provide a special rate of basic pay for Federal wildland firefighters during fiscal years 2024 and 2025, and for other purposes.	07/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)  09/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	<b>Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3); David Valadao (R-CA-21) Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13);</b> Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL-15); Rep. Mike Garcia (D-CA-25); Rep.	16
H.R.4866 Fire Weather Development Act	This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address wildfire forecasting, detection, and management, particularly with respect to interagency collaboration.	07/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-27)  09/22/2023 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 174.	<b>Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39);</b> Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8)	2
H.R.4890 Urban Waters Federal Partnership Act	This bill provides statutory authority for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program. Under the program, the Environmental Protection Agency and other specified agencies must reconnect urban communities, particularly urban communities that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies.	07/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4)  07/26/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	2
H.R.4913 To establish in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a program to improve precipitation forecasts, and for other purposes	This bill would establish in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a program to improve precipitation forecasts, and for other purposes.	07/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jeff Jackson (D-NC-14)  07/26/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology		0
H.R.4920 Responsible Wildland Fire Recovery Act	This bill would provide for cost-share waivers for projects carried out in response to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2353.</i>	07/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3)  09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	1
H.R.4956 Farmer-Informed WOTUS Act of 2023	This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish an advisory committee that is representative of the U.S. farming and ranching sectors to make recommendations on the impact of waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulations on U.S. agriculture and environmental protection.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1023.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN-2)  07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN-9)	2
S.2587 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024	This bill provides FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4365.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Tester (D-MT)  03/23/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-47		0
S.2605 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024	Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R.4821.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  03/09/2024 Became Public Law No: 118-42		0



S.2636 Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act	This bill would amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to improve that Act, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 6497.</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Michael Bennett (D-CO)  07/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)	3
S.2697 Clean Drinking Water for Rural Communities Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify the definitions of the terms "rural" and "rural area" for purposes of grants and loans to remedy a lack of compliance with certain drinking water standards, and for other purposes.	07/27/2023 Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  07/27/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)</b>	1
H.R.5015 Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to enter into contracts, grants, and agreements to carry out support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1164 .</i>	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3)  09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.		0
H.R.5016 Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act	This bill would increase efficiency and conservation in public water systems, and for other purposes.	07/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)  07/28/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials		0
H.R.5153 To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland firefighting activities	This bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to employ veterans in certain wildland firefighting activities.	08/04/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  09/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4); Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY-19)	2
H.R.5169 Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for special base rates of pay for wildland firefighters, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2272.</i>	08/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  09/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	<b>Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21); Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-</b>	24
H.R.5259 PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act	This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to include in various health evaluations an assessment of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)  08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10); Rep. Lawler, Michael (R-NY-17); Rep. David Rouzer (R-N-7)	4
H.R.5260 PFAS Free Military Purchasing Act	This bill would amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, to modify the prohibition on the acquisition by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)  08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	2
H.R.5261 PFAS Training For DoD Providers and Servicemembers Act	This bill requires the Department of Defense to provide its health care providers with mandatory training regarding the potential health effects of PFAS.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)  08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4
H.R.5262 DoD PFAS Cleanup Transparency Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to publish information regarding the status of certain cleanup efforts of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)  08/22/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1); Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-6); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4





H.R.5263 PFAS Strictest Standard Act	DOD must conduct response actions to achieve a level of PFAS in the environmental media that meets or exceeds the most stringent of the following standards for each applicable PFAS:	08/22/2023 Introduced by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)  08/25/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials	<b>Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17);</b> Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	3
H.R.5329 Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act	This bill would authorize the President to declare a smoke emergency, and for other purposes.	09/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)  09/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management	<b>Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33);</b> <b>Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19);</b> <b>Rep. Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15);</b> <b>Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15);</b> <b>Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41);</b> <b>Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5);</b> Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)	11
H.R.5325 Domestic Water Protection Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on water use during droughts, and for other purposes.	09/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3)  09/01/2023 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources	Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)	1
S.2749 Wildfire Resilient Communities Act	This bill would provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R 6525.</i>	09/07/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  09/07/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<b>Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA);</b> <b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA);</b> Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	3
H.R.5355 Save Our Airports Reporting Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to submit to Congress progress reports on the development and implementation of a national plan to transition to the use of a fluorine-free firefighting foam, and for other purposes.	09/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)  09/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation	Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	3
H.R.5356 PFAS Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a PFAS replacement program at certain airports, and for other purposes.	09/08/2023 Introduced by Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)  09/11/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation	<b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22);</b> <b>Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26);</b> Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3)	4
H.R.5483 Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act	This bill would promote water supply reliability and improved water management for rural communities, the State of California, and the Nation, and for other purposes.	09/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)  09/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16);</b> <b>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3);</b> <b>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20);</b> <b>Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15)</b>	4
H.R.5509 Electronic Permitting Modernization Act	This bill seeks to modernize permitting systems at the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.	09/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47)  11/15/2023 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK-1); Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL-19); Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)	4
H.R.5664 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendments	This bill would reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, and for other purposes.	09/21/2023 Introduced by Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8)  09/22/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	<b>Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16);</b> <b>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3);</b> <b>Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10);</b> <b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5); Rep. Sharice	7
H.R.5691 Drought Assistance Improvement Act	This bill would improve drought related disaster assistance programs of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA-5)  09/26/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS-3); Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6); Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2)	3



S.2917 Rural Water System Disaster Preparedness and Assistance Act	This bill would amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency preparedness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or man-made disasters.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)  09/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	2
S.2928 Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 to establish payment and performance security requirements for projects, and for other purposes.	09/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)  09/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	2
H.R.5764 Support Water-Efficient Strategies and Technologies Act	This bill would amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to increase payments for drought-resilient or water-saving practices and to provide additional payments for perennial production systems, and for other purposes.	09/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM-3)  01/17/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	<b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21)</b> ; Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)	2
H.R.5770 Water Data Improvement Act	This bill would reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4245.</i>	09/27/2023 Introduced by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)  07/08/2024 Passed the House Floor via suspension. Received in the Senate	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)	2
H.R.5793 Water Access Act	This bill provides \$500 million in FY2024 appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. The program provides grants to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.	09/28/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6)  09/28/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations	Rep. Lisa Rochester (D-DE-1); Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-13); Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI-13); Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KY-3); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Patrick Ryan (D-NY-18); Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-	7
S.2994 Maintaining and Enhancing Hydroelectricity and River Restoration Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams in order to increase clean energy production, improve the resiliency and reliability of the United States electric grid, enhance the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitats, and for other purposes.	09/28/2023 Introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  09/28/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); Sen. Dan	9
H.R.5983 Clean Water Act of 2023	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to restore a national minimum standard of protection for the water resources of the United States while providing certainty to regulated entities.	10/18/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)  10/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	<b>Rep. Peter Aguilar (D-CA-31)</b> ; <b>Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44)</b> ; <b>Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26)</b> ; <b>Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24)</b> ; <b>Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA-29)</b> ; <b>Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11)</b> ; Rep. Debbie Dingell	130
S.3082 Water Quality Certification Improvement Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes.	10/19/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)  10/19/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)	4
H.R.6024 PFAS Health Study Act	This bill extends through FY2024 the authority of the Department of Defense to transfer funds for the required study on the human health implications of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in drinking water, groundwater, and any other sources of water and relevant exposure pathways, including the cumulative human health implications of multiple types of PFAS contamination at levels above and below health advisory levels.	10/24/2023 Introduced by Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA-4)  10/25/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)	1



H.R.6053 Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act	This bill would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3127.</i>	10/25/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)  01/18/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	<b>Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42); Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-9);</b>	73
S.3123 Modernizing Access to Our Public Waters Act	This bill would provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, and for other purposes.	10/25/2023 Introduced by Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)  10/25/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Angus King (I-ME)	1
S.3127 Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act	This bill would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 6053.</i>	10/25/2023 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  10/25/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT); Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ); Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT); Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	11
H.R.6093 Weather Act Reauthorization Act	This bill seeks to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK-3)  04/30/2024 Passed in the House and received in the Senate	<b>Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8); Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19) Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-25); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-48);</b> Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36); Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN-4); Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5); Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1); Rep. Mike Collins (D-CA-10);	29
H.R.6095 Department of Defense PFAS Discharge Prevention Act	This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to request modifications relating to certain permits issued under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-VA-4)  10/27/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA-2); Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC-1); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC-2); Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3); Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3)	12
S.3147 Flood Protection and Infrastructure Resilience Act	This bill would modify Department of Agriculture programs to improve flood protection and infrastructure resiliency, and for other purposes.	10/26/2023 Introduced by Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)  10/26/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	1
H.R.6129 Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act	This bill would require the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an annual report on environmental reviews and causes of action based on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.	11/01/2023 Introduced by Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN-2)  11/02/2023 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.	<b>Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6); Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT-2); Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11); Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1); Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT-1)	11
H.R.6195 Wildland Firefighter Fair Pay Act	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to establish a special limitation on pay for wildland fire responders, and for other purposes.	11/02/2023 Introduced by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18)  03/01/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	<b>Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52); Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45); Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-8);</b>	11



H.R.6411 Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded Act	This bill would encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3292.</i>	11/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2)  11/20/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.		0
S.3292 IMAGINE Act	This bill would encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R.6411.</i>	11/14/2023 Introduced by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  11/14/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME);	1
H.R.6497 Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Communities Act	This bill would amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to improve that Act, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2636.</i>	11/29/2023 Introduced by Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6)  01/24/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology	Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8); Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE-1); Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY-1); Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-7); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	6
H.R.6519 No PFAS in Cosmetics Act	This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ban the use of intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in cosmetics, and for other purposes.	11/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6)  11/30/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA-3); Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN-9); Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI-3); Rep. <del>Patricia Schroeder (D-MO-1)</del>	7
H.R.6525 Wildfire Resilient Communities Act	This bill would provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.2749.</i>	11/30/2023 Introduced by Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR-4)  01/24/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry	<b>Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9);</b> <b>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2);</b> <b>Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-30);</b> <b>Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-4);</b> Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2); Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-6); Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-NM-1)	7
H.R.6805 PFAS Action Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.	12/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6)  01/02/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	<b>Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32);</b> Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5); Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2); Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2); ; Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6); Rep. Chris <del>Roche (D-NH-1); Rep. Paul Ryan (R-OH-6)</del>	25
H.R.6808 PFAS Risk-Communication Strategy Act	This bill would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a risk-communication strategy to inform the public about the hazards or potential hazards of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.	12/14/2023 Introduced by Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7)  01/02/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17); Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)	2
H.R.6861 SAFE HOME Act	This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit against tax for wildfire mitigation expenditures.	12/19/2023 Introduced by Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3)  12/19/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means		0
H.R.6946 To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a compensation fund for military firefighters exposed to PFAS	This bill would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a compensation fund for military firefighters exposed to PFAS.	01/10/2024 Introduced by Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10)  01/10/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services	<b>Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24);</b> <b>Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17);</b> Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-2); Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)	5



H.R.7008 Judicial Review Timeline Clarity Act	This bill would amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to judicial review of a permit issued under such section, and for other purposes.	01/17/2023 Introduced by Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO-7)  01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7013 Confidence in Clean Water Permits Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the scope of national pollutant discharge elimination system permit discharge authorizations and the expression of effluent limitations, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)  01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7021 Water Quality Criteria Development and Transparency Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the procedure for the development of water quality criteria, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. Burgess Owen (R-UT-4)  01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
H.R.7023 Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act	This bill modifies requirements under the Clean Water Act, including requirements concerning water quality criteria, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, the permit program for discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and the meaning of waters of the United States. It also limits the issuance of permits under the act.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)  03/22/2024 Passed the House and Received in the Senate. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	0
H.R.7026 Reducing Permitting Uncertainty Act	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify when the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to prohibit the specification of a defined area, or deny or restrict the use of a defined area for specification, as a disposal site under section 404 of such Act, and for other purposes.	01/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8)  01/19/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)	1
S.3623 Research for Healthy Soils Act	This bill would amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension area research on microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 3871.</i>	01/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  01/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	4
H.R.7065 Priority for Water Supply and Conservation Act	This bill seeks to include water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, modifying, operating, and maintaining water resources development projects, and for other purposes.	01/22/2024 Introduced by Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-31)  01/22/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> Del. James Moylan (R-GU)	2
H.R.7070 Wildfire Response Improvement Act	This bill would direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes.	01/22/2024 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4)  01/31/2024 Ordered to be Reported (Amended)	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1);</b> Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)	2
H.R.7178 Water Conservation Economic Adjustment Act	This bill would amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act (PWEDA) to clarify the eligible uses of Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) to include assistance for limiting industrial consumptive water use in areas impacted by decreased water supplies as a result of drought and extreme heat.	01/31/2024 Introduced by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)  01/31/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services	<b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21);</b>	1



H.R.7194 PFAS Accountability Act	This bill would establish a cause of action under the Toxic Substances Control Act for those who have been significantly exposed to PFAS against manufacturers, make it easier for courts to award medical monitoring for victims of significant PFAS exposure, and Incentivize industry to fund PFAS safety research.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.3725.</i>	02/01/2024 Introduced by Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA-4)  02/01/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary	Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5); Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY-10); Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-7)	3
S.3725 PFAS Accountability Act	This bill would establish a cause of action under the Toxic Substances Control Act for those who have been significantly exposed to PFAS against manufacturers, make it easier for courts to award medical monitoring for victims of significant PFAS exposure, and Incentivize industry to fund PFAS safety research.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 7194.</i>	02/01/2024 Introduced by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  02/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R.7241 Rural Water System Disaster Preparedness and Assistance Act	This bill seeks to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish an emergency preparedness and response technical assistance program to assist entities that operate rural water or wastewater systems in preparing for and responding to natural or man-made disasters.	02/05/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8)  02/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	Rep. Brad Finstad (R-MN-1); Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-7)	2
S.3753 Improving State and Local Government Access to Performance Contracting Act	The bill would amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with the goal of offering financial aid to States for enhancing energy savings performance contracting programs, including through water conservation measures. These measures involve efficient water use, conservation, recycling, wastewater or stormwater treatment, operational or maintenance improvements, retrofit activities, excluding those related to Federal hydroelectric facilities. The bill suggests annual appropriations of \$35 million for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, with allocated amounts for technical assistance and the project facilitator certification program.	02/07/2024 Introduced by Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)  02/07/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	4
S.3778 A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to modify eligibility for the State response to contaminants program, and for other purposes.	This bill aims to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act, specifically focusing on modifications to the eligibility criteria for the State response to contaminants program. The bill expands the Administrator's authority to issue grants to States requesting assistance for disadvantaged communities, those potentially becoming disadvantaged due to specific activities, communities with a population of fewer than 10,000 lacking the capacity to incur debt for specified activities, and for the benefit of owners of drinking water wells not connected to a public water system.	02/08/2024 Introduced by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen  02/08/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Angus King (I-ME); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	3
H.R.7362 Satellites Preventing Agricultural Crises and Emergencies (SPACE) Act	This bill would create cooperative agreements to share satellite-based data, research, and reports between USDA and land-grant colleges and universities with wildfire research programs.	02/15/2024 Introduced by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1)  02/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	<b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13);</b> <b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22);</b> Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3)	5
H.R.7462 To require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires, and for other purposes.	This bill would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires, and for other purposes.	02/26/2024 Introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)  02/26/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services		0



S.3830 Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	This bill would make permanent the LIHWAP program that provides grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to help low-income households pay for overdue charges and other fees related to drinking water or wastewater services. It also includes provisions for offering technical support to rural, Tribal, and underserved public water systems or treatment works. Additionally, the act suggests aligning income eligibility criteria with various existing assistance programs such as LIHEAP, TANF, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income, and means-tested veterans' programs. Finally, the authority of the program would eventually be transferred from HHS to the EPA after the completion of the Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program, as authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8032.</i>	02/28/2024 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)  02/28/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions		0
H.R.7525 Special District Grant Accessibility Act	This bill would establish a formal definition of "special district" in federal law, as well as require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to federal agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local governments for the purpose of federal financial assistance determinations.	03/06/2024 Introduced by Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX-4)  05/06/2024 Passed the House and received in Senate	<b>Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-27); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22); Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA-27); Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-48); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19); Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26); Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-</b>	14
H.R. 7544 Water Rights Protection Act	This bill addresses issues of water rights with respect to lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, including water rights of federally recognized Indian tribes. Further, such departments shall not take actions that adversely affect state authority in permitting water usage or in adjudicating water rights.	03/05/2024 Introduced by Rep. Celeste Maloy (R-UT-2)  07/09/2024 Subcommittee Hearings Held	Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5); Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS-4); Rep. Blake Moore (R-UT-1); Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5); Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-ID-1)	5
H.R.7634 Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act	This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a rule that prohibits the discharge of plastic pellets and other types of plastic into our nation's waters. Currently, EPA does not have an established federal rule to address plastic pellets specifically, and most states do not have meaningful regulations to combat plastic pollution.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S. 2337.</i>	03/12/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)  03/12/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	<b>Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24); Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2); Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-53); Rep. Sydney Kamlager (D-CA-37); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13); Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6); Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-4); Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY-1); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8)</b>	51
H.R.7675 PFAS Research and Development Reauthorization Act	This bill would extend the authorization of appropriations for PFAS research and development by the Environmental Protection Agency.	03/13/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1)  03/13/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure		1
H.R.7775 PFAS-Free Procurement Act	This bill would prohibit federal agencies from the procurement of items containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and prioritize the procurement of products not containing PFAS.	03/21/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY-17)  03/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability	<b>Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-47); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1); Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11); Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3); Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)</b>	6
H.R.7916 Removing Nitrate & Arsenic in Drinking Water Act	The bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to allocate grants specifically for reducing nitrate and arsenic levels, with a provision of \$15 million annually starting from fiscal year 2024. It mandates the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator to review the effectiveness of state-administered programs under the Act in managing these substances.	04/09/2024 Introduced by Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA-35)  04/09/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	<b>Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)</b>	1



H.R. 7922 Water Risk and Resilience Organization (WRRO) Establishment Act	This legislation establishes a new governing body, the WRRO, with cyber and water-system expertise to develop and enforce cybersecurity requirements for drinking and wastewater systems. The WRRO will work in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure cybersecurity measures are both practical and beneficial.	04/10/2024 Introduced by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR-1)	<b>Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13)</b>	1
H.R.7944 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	This bill would exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 1430.</i>	04/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3)  04/11/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3)	1
H.R. 7990 Large-Scale Water Recycling Reauthorization and Investment Act	This bill would reauthorize the Large-Scale Water Recycling grant program within the Department of the Interior for six years for large-scale water recycling projects that have a total estimated cost of at least \$1 Billion. The legislation increases the authorization from \$450 Million to \$1 Billion for the program; projects must be within one of the Bureau of Reclamation's seventeen western states.	04/15/2024 Introduced by Rep. Grace Napolitano  04/15/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<b>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2);</b> Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3)	3
H.R.8030 DROUGHT Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4134.</i>	04/16/2024 Introduced by Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-50)  04/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce	<b>Rep. Nannette Diaz Barragan (D-CA-44); Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25); Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-52)</b>	3
S.4134 DROUGHT Act	This bill would amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8030.</i>	04/16/2024 Introduced by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)  04/16/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
H.R. 8032 Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act	This bill would make permanent the LIHWAP program that provides grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to help low-income households pay for overdue charges and other fees related to drinking water or wastewater services. It also includes provisions for offering technical support to rural, Tribal, and underserved public water systems or treatment works. Additionally, the act suggests aligning income eligibility criteria with various existing assistance programs such as LIHEAP, TANF, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income, and means-tested veterans' programs. Finally, the authority of the program would eventually be transferred from HHS to the EPA after the completion of the Rural and Low-Income Water Assistance Pilot Program, as authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 3830.</i>	04/16/2024 Introduced by Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL-17)  04/16/2024 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce	Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5); Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8); Rep. Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR)	3





H.R. 8070 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025	This bill authorizes FY2025 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4638.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL-3)  07/08/2024 Passed the House. Received in the Senate		0
H.R. 8074 Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act	This legislation would initiate a study to review the persistence, bioaccumulation, human health risks, and current uses of PFAS and to provide guidance on designating current essential uses. The resulting guidance would be used to mitigate potential points of exposure and contamination while ensuring access to essential PFAS such as those used in batteries and medical devices. The legislation prohibits excessive, non-essential PFAS uses and releases of any PFAS into air, water, or land.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S. 4187.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)  04/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services	Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)	1
S.4187 Forever Chemical Regulation and Accountability Act	This legislation would initiate a study to review the persistence, bioaccumulation, human health risks, and current uses of PFAS and to provide guidance on designating current essential uses. The resulting guidance would be used to mitigate potential points of exposure and contamination while ensuring access to essential PFAS such as those used in batteries and medical devices. The legislation prohibits excessive, non-essential PFAS uses and releases of any PFAS into air, water, or land.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8074.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)  04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works		0
S.4172 Drought Resilient Infrastructure Act	This bill would enable the Army Corps to prioritize water conservation or storage efforts at Corps facilities, directs the Army Corps to prioritize these conservation efforts above other Corps missions (like flood control or combating invasive species) during times of drought, and provides new Army Corps infrastructure programs to help states, counties, cities, tribes, and other water users construct projects that respond to or prevent worsening drought conditions.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8079.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)  04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA); Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ); Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)</b>	5
S.4173 Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act	This bill would require EPA to develop water criteria for PFAS under the Clean Water Act and provides EPA with an ambitious yet achievable roadmap to establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and standards for eight priority industry categories for all measurable PFAS or classes of PFAS within three years. The bill also includes significant federal support to assist communities in upgrading their municipal water infrastructure in order to safeguard public health and protect ratepayers.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8076.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1)  04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-8); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4
H.R. 8076 Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act	This bill would require EPA to develop water criteria for PFAS under the Clean Water Act and provides EPA with an ambitious yet achievable roadmap to establish effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and standards for eight priority industry categories for all measurable PFAS or classes of PFAS within three years. The bill also includes significant federal support to assist communities in upgrading their municipal water infrastructure in order to safeguard public health and protect ratepayers.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4173.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1)  04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-8); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8); Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)	4



H.R. 8079 Drought Resilient Infrastructure Act	This bill would enable the Army Corps to prioritize water conservation or storage efforts at Corps facilities, directs the Army Corps to prioritize these conservation efforts above other Corps missions (like flood control or combating invasive species) during times of drought, and provides new Army Corps infrastructure programs to help states, counties, cities, tribes, and other water users construct projects that respond to or prevent worsening drought conditions.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4172.</i>	04/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4)  04/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6); Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1); Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3); Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3)	4
H.R. 8096 Future of Water Act	This bill would add "water and water rights" to the current list of prohibitions in the Commodity Exchange Act. This would prohibit the trading of water and water rights in commodity futures contracts.  <i>This bill is the House companion to S.4188.</i>	04/19/2024 Introduced by Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17)  04/19/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture	<b>Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13)</b> ; Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12); Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY-16); Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO-1); Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7); Rep. Chuy Garcia (D-IL-4); Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT-5); Rep.	15
S.4188 Future of Water Act	This bill would add "water and water rights" to the current list of prohibitions in the Commodity Exchange Act. This would prohibit the trading of water and water rights in commodity futures contracts.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 8096.</i>	04/19/2024 Introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)  04/18/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA); Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	15
S. 4220 WASH Access Data Collection Act	This bill would establish a federal initiative to gather and analyze data on water access needs across the United States. It creates an interagency Water and Sanitation Needs Working Group to survey households lacking adequate water and sanitation services and mandates regular reporting on these needs every five years. It authorizes \$10 million annually from 2025 to 2029, with continued funding for subsequent years.	05/01/2024 Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden  05/01/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)	3
S.4242 Drought Preparedness Act	This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, which allows the Bureau of Reclamation to provide drought assistance to Hawaii or certain western states.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 4385.</i>	05/02/2024 Introduced by Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)  05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	2
S.4245 Water Data Improvement Act	This bill would reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs.  <i>This bill is the Senate companion to H.R. 5770.</i>	05/02/2024 Introduced by Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)  05/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR); Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)	2
S. 4343 Fire Ready Nation Act	The bill would establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve forecasting, detection, modeling, and monitoring of wildfires, fire-inducing weather, and associated risks.	05/15/2024 Introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  05/15/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<b>Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)</b> ; Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX); Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM); Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK); Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV); Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)	7
S.4367 Water Resources Development Act of 2024	This bill would provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 8812.</i>	05/20/2024 Introduced by Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)  05/22/2024 Ordered out of Committee for consideration on Senate floor	Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ); Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)	3
H.R.8467 Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 (FARM Bill)	This bill would provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2029	05/21/2024 Introduced by Rep. GT Thompson (R-PA-15)  05/21/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture		0



H.R. 8518 Responsibility in Federal Contracting Act	This bill would require the calculation of wages for public works projects be based on actual statistics calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), where currently statistics used to calculate are produced by the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD).	05/23/2024 Introduced By Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-9)  05/23/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce	Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-17); Rep. Keith Self (R-TX-3); Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL-6); Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-4); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-5)	6
H.R.8580 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.	05/28/2024 Introduced by Rep. John Carter (R-TX-31)  06/11/2024 Passed the House and received in the Senate		0
S. 4458 Rural Water Supply Program Reauthorization Act	This bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to both conduct feasibility studies and then undertake the design and construction of rural water supply projects, delivering potable water supplies to rural communities in those states	06/04/2024 Introduced by Sen. Mike Rounds  06/04/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	1
H.R. 8656 Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act	The bill addresses firefighter shortages by establishing a Middle Fire Leaders Academy and enhancing training grants. It aims to retain skilled firefighters with better benefits and working conditions, while also improving fire response through advanced technologies like risk mapping and the Joint Office of Fire Environment Center. Additionally, it seeks to protect public health by implementing a nationwide real-time air quality monitoring system to mitigate wildfire smoke impacts.	06/07/2024 Introduced by Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)  06/07/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Small Business	Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX-17); Rep. Keith Self (R-TX-3); Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL-6); Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-4); Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-5)	6
H.R.8682 Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	This bill expands the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.	06/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2)  06/11/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	<b>Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1); Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-28);</b> Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3)	3
H.R.8774 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities.	06/17/2024 Introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)  07/08/2024 Passed the House. Received in the Senate		0
H.R.8775 Contingency Plan for Critical Infrastructure Act	This bill would require The Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), in collaboration with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other sector risk management agencies, to deliver a joint sector-by-sector assessment to Congress.	06/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-02)  06/18/2024 Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2)	1
H.R.8784 Full Responsibility and Expedited Enforcement (FREE) Act	This bill would direct federal agencies to evaluate their permits and report to Congress within 240 days with an assessment of whether permit-by-rule can replace their current systems or make a thorough justification why not. Agencies must then adopt PBR within 12 months for the eligible permits. Under permit-by-rule, agencies must grant all permit applications that meet objective permit standards within 30 days. Agencies can still deny applicants that do not meet requirements and may verify compliance.	06/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Celeste Maloy (R-UT-2)  06/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability	<b>Rep. Vince Fong (R-CA-20);</b> Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19); Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-5); Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3); Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-7); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4); Rep. Jake LaTurner (R-KS-2); Rep. Blake David Moore (R-UT-1); Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4); Rep. Mary Beldola (D-AK-	13



H.R.8790 Fix Our Forests Act	This bill aims to simplify and expedite environmental reviews for forest management projects in high-risk wildfire areas. It would also promote innovative technologies, modernize standards, and create a framework for research and development in wildfire and land management, while also providing financial assistance to communities and tribes. Additionally, the bill strengthens the Good Neighbor policy to include tribes, facilitating cooperative forest management among various agencies.	06/18/2024 Introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4)  06/26/2024 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote	<b>Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-7); Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA-29); Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16); Rep. John Duarte (R-CA-13); Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4); Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20); Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52); Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8); Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI-7); Rep. Jerry Carl (R-AL-1); Rep.</b>	16
H.R. 8812 Water Resources Development Act of 2024	This bill would provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S. 4367.</i>	06/25/2024 Introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6)  07/22/2024 Passed the House, Received in the Senate.	<b>Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32); Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2); Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7)</b>	3
H.R. 8831 To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require drinking water distribution systems to be flushed under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.	This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require drinking water distribution systems to be flushed under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.	06/25/2024 Introduced by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25)  06/25/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce		0
H.R. 8916 To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes.	This bill would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes.	07/02/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12)  07/02/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	<b>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-8)</b>	1
S.4630 Streamlining Federal Cybersecurity Regulations Act	This bill would address the challenges associated with multiple regulatory regimes by establishing an interagency Harmonization Committee at the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD). The bill requires the committee, headed by ONCD, develop a framework for the alignment of cybersecurity and information security regulations, rules, examinations, and other compliance requirements. Additionally, the bill establishes a pilot program to test the developed framework on substantially similar regulations. It also requires that all agencies, including independent regulatory agencies, consult with the committee before issuing or updating regulations.	07/08/2024 Introduced by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)  07/08/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)	1
S.4638 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025	This bill authorizes FY2025 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill authorizes appropriations, but does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 8070.</i>	07/08/2024 Introduced by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)  07/08/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 433		0
H.R.8997 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy (DOE), and several independent agencies.	07/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN-3)  07/11/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 480		0
H.R.8998 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S. 4802.</i>	07/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2)  07/24/2024 Passed the House, Received in the Senate		0



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H.R.9024 Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act	This bill mandates FEMA to improve disaster incident period determinations by forming an advisory panel, enhance hazard mitigation by including extreme heat equipment and community cooling centers in grant eligibility, and publish updated guidance on managing extreme temperature events. It also requires FEMA to conduct a study on the impacts of extreme heat on infrastructure, economy, and public health, and provide recommendations for better response and mitigation, with findings reported to Congress.	07/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)  07/11/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4)	1
H.R. 9008 Surveilling Effluent Water for Epidemic Response (SEWER) Act	The bill authorizes the CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System at \$150 million for each of the next five fiscal years.	07/11/2024 Introduced by Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42)  07/11/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	1
H.R.9027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.  <i>This is the House counterpart to S.4690.</i>	07/12/2024 Introduced by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1)  07/12/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 483		0
S. 4690 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 9027</i>	07/11/2024 Introduced by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)  07/11/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 437		0
S.4802 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025	This bill provides FY2025 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and several related agencies.  <i>This is the Senate counterpart to H.R. 8998.</i>	07/25/2024 Introduced by Sen. Ed Merkley (D-OR)  07/25/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 447		0



To:	Las Virgenes - Triunfo JPA
From:	Syrus Devers
Date:	August 5th, 2024
Re:	State Legislative Report

### Legislature

This report will be brief due the legislative recess that ran from July 3rd to Aug 5th. The first two weeks of August are mainly devoted to the Appropriations Committees vetting the surviving bills, then the final two weeks are all about Floor Session.

The major outstanding issue going into the final 30 days of session is SB 1255 (Durazo), which would require all water agencies to establish a Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program funded by “voluntary” contributions. The word “voluntary” is in quotes because many argue that adding an additional amount to a customer’s bill without prior authorization does not count as voluntary. That is because the bill would require water districts to add a specified amount to a bill and *then* see if the customer “opts out” of paying it. Both ACWA and CMUA are lobbying against the bill and the main point is that customers need to be allowed to “opt in” if they choose to support a LIRA program.

There has been some progress: it appears that the author has agreed to take sanitation agencies out of the bill, and only apply the bill’s provisions to delivery of potable water. There are many other amendments under discussion, and the author is negotiating in good faith, but there is a fundamental disconnect between the author’s approach to amendments and the water industry’s. It appears the author simply does not understand the administrative burdens public agencies labor under.

To give just one example, ACWA has proposed that a LIRA program need not be established *unless* sufficient funds are collected through the voluntary contributions. The author countered with a proposal that would allow an agency to seek an exemption allowing it to *discontinue* the program if it could demonstrate to SWRCB that the amounts collected were insufficient to cover the administrative costs “directly related” to the LIRA program. No doubt it seems like splitting hairs to the author, but it makes a huge difference in the administrative burden.

The ACWA approach means water agencies do nothing until and unless sufficient funds are available to operate a LIRA program. The author’s approach means water agencies must establish the program, with all of the costs and administrative burdens, wait for it to fail, and then apply to the SWRCB for an exemption, which will require documentation that all the criteria for the exemption have been met.

Then there are all the undefined terms such as “directly related” costs. What are the indirect costs and who decides? How much discretion does the state have when reviewing what the water agency submits?

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The bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and did not have a hearing date at the time this report was prepared. The Department of Finance (DOF) has submitted opposition based on future cost pressure on the General Fund if voluntary contributions are insufficient to cover the costs imposed on water agencies. Without using the words, DOF is rejecting the language in the bill that it was not creating a “state-mandated program”. This is more than it seems: if a bill does create a state-mandated program, and the state does not fund it, public agencies are not required to implement the program until funding is made available.

The result is that the bill will almost certainly be sent to the infamous “Suspense File”. (The Suspense File has been covered previously in this report. If any members of the Board would like more information, please contact Syrus directly.) If the bill does make it out of the Assembly, there will be an opportunity to argue that it needs to be heard again in the Senate policy committees.

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There is not much more to cover heading into August, which is good news. A lot of good work was done in June to stop the bad bills. Of course, there are a lot of details regarding the budget yet to be worked out. Although the total budget amounts have been decided, how those funds will be administered is most of the work.

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## Bill Matrix - Aug, 2024

Tuesday, 07/30/2024  
Sorted by: Priority

### Priority: A. High

**[AB 460](#) ([Bauer-Kahan, D](#)) State Water Resources Control Board: water rights and usage: civil penalties.**

**Calendar:** 08/05/24 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CABALLERO, ANNA, Chair

**Location:** 06/25/2024 - Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** Under current law, the diversion or use of water other than as authorized by specified provisions of law is a trespass, subject to specified civil liability. This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust for inflation, by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2025, the amounts of civil and administrative liabilities or penalties imposed by the board in water right actions, as specified. (Based on 06/12/2024 text)

Position	Priority
B. Watch	A. High

**[AB 1827](#) ([Papan, D](#)) Local government: fees and charges: water: higher consumptive water parcels.**

**Location:** 06/27/2024 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including requiring that the local agency provide public notice and a majority protest procedure in the case of assessments and submit property-related fees and charges for approval by property owners subject to the fee or charge or the electorate residing in the affected area following a public hearing. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term "water" for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would provide that the fees or charges for property-related water service imposed or increased, as specified, may include the incrementally higher costs of water service due to specified factors, including the higher water usage demand of parcels. (Based on 04/04/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**[AB 2257](#) ([Wilson, D](#)) Local government: property-related water and sewer fees and assessments: remedies.**

**Location:** 07/03/2024 - Senate Local Government

**Summary:** The California Constitution specifies various requirements with respect to the levying of assessments and property-related fees and charges by a local agency, including notice, hearing, and protest procedures, depending on the character of the assessment, fee, or charge. Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements. This bill would prohibit, if a local agency complies with specified procedures, a person or entity from bringing a judicial action or proceeding alleging noncompliance with the constitutional provisions for any new, increased, or extended fee or assessment, as defined, unless that person or entity has timely submitted to the local agency a written objection to that fee or assessment that specifies the grounds for alleging noncompliance, as specified. This bill would provide that local agency responses to the timely submitted written objections shall go to the weight of the evidence supporting the agency's compliance with the substantive limitations on fees and assessments imposed by the constitutional provisions. (Based on 06/20/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**[SB 366](#) ([Caballero, D](#)) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.**

**Location:** 06/25/2024 - Assembly Appropriations



**Summary:** Would revise and recast certain provisions regarding The California Water Plan to, among other things, require the Department of Water Resources to instead establish a stakeholder advisory committee and to expand the membership of the committee to include tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests. The bill would require the department to coordinate with the California Water Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, other state and federal agencies as appropriate, and the stakeholder advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for addressing the state's water needs and meeting specified long-term water supply targets established by the bill for purposes of The California Water Plan. The bill would require the plan to provide recommendations and strategies to ensure enough water supply for all designated beneficial uses. The bill would require the plan to include specified components, including a discussion of various strategies that may be pursued in order to meet the water supply targets, a discussion of agricultural water needs, and an analysis of the costs and benefits of achieving the water supply targets. The bill would require the department to submit to the Legislature an annual report between updates to the plan that includes progress made toward meeting the water supply targets once established, as specified. The bill would also require the department to conduct public workshops to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the plan and to post the preliminary draft of the plan on the department's internet website. (Based on 06/26/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**SB 867 (Allen, D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.**

**Location:** 07/03/2024 - Senate CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. (Based on 07/03/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**SB 1072 (Padilla, D) Local government: Proposition 218: remedies.**

**Location:** 06/27/2024 - Assembly THIRD READING

**Summary:** The California Constitution sets forth various requirements for the imposition of local taxes. The California Constitution excludes from classification as a tax assessments and property-related fees imposed in accordance with provisions of the California Constitution that establish requirements for those assessments and property-related fees. Under these requirements, an assessment is prohibited from being imposed on any parcel if it exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, and a fee or charge imposed on any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership is prohibited from exceeding the proportional cost of the service attributable to the parcel. The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local compliance with the requirements of the California Constitution for assessments and property-related fees. This bill would require a local agency, if a court determines that a fee or charge for a property-related service, as specified, violates the above-described provisions of the California Constitution relating to fees and charges, to credit the amount of the fee or charge attributable to the violation against the amount of the revenues required to provide the property-related service, unless a refund is explicitly provided for by statute. (Based on 06/17/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**SB 1164 (Newman, D) Property taxation: new construction exclusion: accessory dwelling units.**

**Location:** 06/03/2024 - Assembly Revenue and Taxation

**Summary:** The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. This bill would exclude from classification as "newly constructed" and "new construction" the construction of an accessory dwelling unit, as defined, if construction on the unit is completed on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, until one of specified events occurs. The bill would require the property owner to, among other things, notify the assessor that the property owner intends to claim the exclusion for an accessory dwelling unit and submit an affidavit stating that the owner shall make a good faith effort to ensure the unit will be used as residential housing for the duration the owner receives the exclusion. (Based on 05/16/2024 text)

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**[SB 1169](#) (Stern, D) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: finances.****Location:** 07/02/2024 - Senate CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Existing law, the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, establishes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and authorizes the district to control and conserve the flood, storm, and other wastewaters of the district. Existing law authorizes the district to borrow money from certain entities for any flood control work authorized under the act and to repay the same, in annual installments, over a period not to exceed 20 years with an interest at a rate not to exceed 4.25% per annum. Existing law requires the district to annually levy a tax upon the taxable real property of the district clearly sufficient to pay the interest and installments of principal for those loans. Existing law limits the total amount the district may borrow not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$4,500,000. Existing law also limits the total amount of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness in the aggregate that the district may issue and sell to not exceed \$4,500,000. This bill would instead authorize the district to borrow money or obtain loan guarantees from those entities and to repay the same over a period not to exceed 35 years with interest at a rate not to exceed 5.5% annually. The bill would instead authorize the district to levy a tax, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Article XIII C of the California Constitution, clearly sufficient to pay the interest and installments of principal for those loans. The bill would also delete the limits on the amount the district may borrow and the total amount of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness that the district may issue and sell. This bill contains other related provisions. (Based on 07/02/2024 text)

Position	Priority
support	A. High

**[SB 1210](#) (Skinner, D) New housing construction: electrical, gas, sewer, and water service: service connection information.****Location:** 06/26/2024 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** Current law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, gas corporations, sewer system corporations, and water corporations, while local publicly owned utilities, including municipal utility districts, public utility districts, and irrigation districts, are under the direction of their governing boards. This bill would, for new housing construction, require the above-described utilities, on or before January 1, 2026, to publicly post on their internet websites (1) the schedule of estimated fees for typical service connections for each housing development type, including, but not limited to, accessory dwelling unit, mixed-use, multifamily, and single-family developments, except as specified, and (2) the estimated timeframes for completing typical service connections needed for each housing development type, as specified. The bill would exempt from its provisions a utility with fewer than 4,000 service connections that does not establish or maintain an internet website due to a hardship and would authorize the utility to establish that a hardship exists by annually adopting a resolution that includes detailed findings, as provided. (Based on 06/24/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

**[SB 1255](#) (Durazo, D) Public water systems: needs analysis: water rate assistance program.****Location:** 07/01/2024 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law requires the state board to annually adopt a fund expenditure plan, as provided, and requires expenditures from the fund to be consistent with the fund expenditure plan. Current law requires the state board to base the fund expenditure plan on data and analysis drawn from a specified drinking water needs assessment. This bill would require the state board to update a needs analysis of the state's public water systems to include an assessment, as specified, of the funds necessary to provide a 20% bill credit for low-income households served by community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections and for community water systems with fewer than 3,300 service connections to meet a specified affordability threshold on or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 of every 3 years thereafter. (Based on 06/19/2024 text)

Position	Priority
Oppose Unless Amended	A. High

**[SB 1330](#) (Archuleta, D) Urban retail water supplier: water use.****Location:** 06/25/2024 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** Current law requires an urban retail water supplier to calculate its urban water use objective no later than January 1, 2024, and by January 1 every year thereafter, and to be composed of the sum of specified data, including aggregate residential water use. Current law requires each urban retail water supplier's water use objective to be composed of the sum of specified aggregate estimates, including efficient outdoor irrigation of landscape areas with dedicated

irrigation meters or equivalent technology in connection with water used by commercial water users, industrial water users, institutional water users, and large landscape water users (CII). Current law requires an urban retail water supplier to submit reports to the Department of Water Resources, as provided, by the same dates. This bill would require the department to, no later than January 1, 2035, conduct necessary studies and investigations regarding the efficiency performance of newly constructed residential landscapes and landscape areas with dedicated irrigation meters in connection with CII water use, as specified. (Based on 06/26/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	A. High

## Priority: B. Watch

### [AB 805 \(Arambula, D\)](#) Sewer service: disadvantaged communities.

**Location:** 06/24/2024 - Senate APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** The State Water Resources Control Board and the 9 California regional water quality control boards regulate water quality in accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and the federal Clean Water Act. Current law authorizes a regional board to order the provision of sewer service by a receiving sewer system, as defined, to a disadvantaged community served by an inadequate onsite sewage treatment system, as defined. This bill would authorize the state board, until January 1, 2029, and after it makes a specified finding or findings by resolution, to require a designated sewer system to contract with an administrator designated or approved by the state board for administrative, technical, operational, legal, or managerial services to assist a designated sewer system with the delivery of adequate sewer service, as defined. (Based on 06/06/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

### [AB 3121 \(Hart, D\)](#) Urban retail water suppliers: informational order: written notice: conservation order: water use efficiency standards and water use reporting: dates.

**Location:** 06/27/2024 - Senate THIRD READING

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, on and after January 1, 2024, to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2025, to issue a written notice to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2026, to issue a conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. This bill would instead provide that the date the board is authorized to issue informational orders is on or after January 1, 2026, the date to issue a written notice is on or after January 1, 2027, and the date to issue a conservation order is on or after January 1, 2028, respectively. (Based on 06/12/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

### [SB 1110 \(Ashby, D\)](#) Water reports: urban retail water suppliers: informational order: conservation order.

**Location:** 06/25/2024 - Assembly Appropriations

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board, on and after January 1, 2024, to issue informational orders pertaining to water production, water use, and water conservation to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective, as provided. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2025, to issue a written notice to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. Current law authorizes the board, on and after January 1, 2026, to issue a conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective. This bill would instead authorize the board to issue the informational orders on and after January 1, 2026, the written notice on and after January 1, 2027, and the conservation order on and after January 1, 2028. (Based on 06/26/2024 text)

Position	Priority
watch	B. Watch

Total Measures: 14

Total Tracking Forms: 14

**DATE:** August 5, 2024  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Engineering and External Affairs

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**SUBJECT: Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**

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**SUMMARY:**

On August 1, 2016, the JPA Board selected Scenario No. 4, use of Las Virgenes Reservoir for indirect potable reuse, as the preferred alternative for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Basis of Design Report. The selected alternative was subsequently renamed the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (PWP). Staff was also directed to report back to the Board on the next steps for implementation of the project.

Staff released a request for proposals (RFP) for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the (PWP) on May 8, 2020. The selection of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager to support the effort was an important next step to begin implementation of the Pure Water Program. Utilization of an Owner's Advisor/Program Manager is consistent with the approach taken by other public agencies pursuing potable reuse projects of similar scope and complexity. Among the critical elements of the proposed scope were completion of the preliminary design and environmental documentation, procurement of a progressive design-build (PDB) firm, and regulatory support.

On September 8, 2020, the JPA Board accepted a proposal from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and authorized the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement for Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services for the PWP.

On March 4, 2024, the JPA authorized Amendment No. 2 for Jacobs to provide Owner's Advisor/Program Manager services, which defined the next phase of their support for the program during the 60 percent design of the Advanced Water Purification Facility. The JPA further accepted a proposal from the Walsh Team as the PDB firm for the AWPf and ROC Pipeline. This important next step brings the PWP program into the full design phase with commissioning of the full-scale facility slated for 2027.

This report serves to provide a summary of the progress to-date on the work performed by Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., including major monthly milestones, key program accomplishments, key considerations and a look-ahead of upcoming activities.

**GOALS:**

Lead in Sanitation and Recycled Water Services Focusing on Maximum Reuse

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Monthly Update for Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo](#)

To: Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA Board of Directors  
From: Jennifer Phillips, Jacobs  
Date: July 24, 2024  
Re: Pure Water Project JPA Board Monthly Update

## Pure Water Project Overview

The Pure Water Project (PWP) is an opportunity to proactively address three major challenges facing the Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA:

- comply with more stringent regulatory requirements for discharging to Malibu Creek,
- balance seasonal variation of recycled water demand, and
- create a valuable resource to supplement the region's water supplies, enabled by California's reservoir water augmentation requirements.

By 2030, the plan is to have an operational advanced water purification facility (AWPF) to treat tertiary effluent from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility for indirect potable reuse, and convey the product water to the Las Virgenes Reservoir, where it will be blended with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) supply.

## Monthly Major Milestones

The PWP achieved the following in July:

- On July 8, submitted an application to Calleguas Municipal Water District for a discharge service connection to the Salinity Management Pipeline for concentrate disposal. Received a draft Agreement for review.
- On July 25, met with the Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to discuss schedule for the Title 22 Engineering Report, use of a common trench for the reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC) and recycled water pipelines, and additional pathogen reduction through free chlorine contact time after the ultraviolet advanced oxidation process.
- Continued field surveys to support the Biological Assessment for CEQA and funding consultations for the Clean Water SRF funding application.

## Look Ahead

The PWP is focused on the following activities for August:

- On August 8, the Walsh team will hold an update Architectural Workshop for the AWPF with the JPA Board.
- On August 14, will meet with SRF to review the status of the biological assessments to support funding needs.
- On August 27, will hold the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting for the Las Virgenes Reservoir Tracer Study.
- The Walsh team is performing topographic survey mapping for the ROC pipeline.

- The PWP is coordinating with other agencies on the project, including City of Agoura Hills, City of Thousand Oaks, City of Westlake Village, Calleguas MWD, and MRCA.
- The SWRCB is developing the Water Rights Order for the Wastewater Change Petition that LVMWD filed to allow for surplus Tapia WRF effluent to be diverted to the AWP for beneficial use, thereby reducing the treated wastewater discharge flow to Malibu Creek in the winter season.
- Finalize and submit an application for the Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI grant, which has a submittal deadline of September 30, 2024. The program has an award ceiling of \$30 million, of which \$10.2 million was awarded to the PWP in 2022 for the design phase. This application is focused on construction funding.

**DATE:** August 5, 2024  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Engineering and External Affairs

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**SUBJECT: Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids**

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**SUMMARY:**

On December 13, 2022, the JPA Board authorized a professional services agreement with Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE) to provide engineering design, bidding and construction support services for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project. The project consists of replacing the liquid aluminum sulfate tank, piping, chemical feed pumps and associated parts, which have all exceeded their useful life. Staff recommends that the JPA Board find the work exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the issuance of a call for bids for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Find that the work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a call for bids for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project.

**ITEM BUDGETED:**

Yes

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is minimal financial impact associated with a CEQA determination and call for bids. There is a \$75 filing fee with the County Clerk of Los Angeles. The Engineer’s Estimate for construction of the project is \$412,126. Sufficient funds for construction are available in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 JPA Budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

In 1979, aluminum sulfate (alum) was introduced to the wastewater treatment process at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia) as a flocculant for the tertiary filtration process. Flocculants help the solids to combine so that they are easier to filter out of the water. The existing liquid alum tank has a 7,500-gallon capacity and is constructed of steel with a plastic lining. The original tank has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. Due to its failing components, staff decommissioned the existing alum tank in 2021; alum dosing is



currently performed using a smaller 250-gallon tote. While the temporary tank remains functional, the approach is not practical for the long term because of the need for frequent trunk deliveries. The proposed new tank would provide 6,000 gallons of alum storage.

In September 2022, staff issued a request for proposals (RFP) for design and construction support services for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project. On December 13, 2022, the JPA Board authorized a professional services agreement with Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE) to complete the work. The design has now been completed and consists of replacing the liquid alum tank, piping, chemical feed pump and associated parts, as well as selecting a new controller system.

Following is the proposed bid schedule:

Notice Calling for Bids	Wednesday, August 7, 2024
1st Advertisement	Thursday, August 15, 2024
2nd Advertisement	Thursday, August 22, 2024
Pre-Bid Meeting (Mandatory)	Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Bids Due By	3:00 PM PST, Thursday, September 5, 2024
Award of Contract (Tentative)	Monday, October 7, 2024

Staff recommends that the JPA Board find the work categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15302(c) of CEQA Guidelines because it involves the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible expansion of capacity. Attached for reference is a Notice of Exemption that staff will complete and file with the County Clerk. Staff also recommends the authorization to issue a call for bids for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project.

**GOALS:**

Construct, Manage and Maintain all Facilities and Provide Services to Assure System Reliability and Environmental Compatibility

Prepared by: John Soderberg, Assistant Engineer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Notice of Exemption](#)

[Notice Inviting Sealed Bids](#)

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?    Yes    No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency    Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)**  
**Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District invites and will receive sealed proposals (bids) up to the hour of **3:00PM on September 5, 2024**, for furnishing the work described in the contract documents. Bids received after the time stated in the Call for Bids will not be accepted and will be returned, unopened, to the bidder. The time shall be determined by the time on the receptionist telephone console in our Headquarters lobby. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the District, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, California 91302. Said bids shall conform to and be responsive to the Specifications and Contract Documents for said work as heretofore approved by the District.

A **mandatory** pre-bid tour will be conducted at **10:00AM on August 28, 2024**. The meeting will begin at District HQ – 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA, 91302 and follow with an optional job walk. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is a condition precedent to submittal of the bid and the District will not consider a bid from any bidder not represented at the pre-bid conference. Questions regarding the project may be directed to John Soderberg, Assistant Engineer at (818) 251-2141 or [JSoderberg@lvmwd.com](mailto:JSoderberg@lvmwd.com).

Sets of contract documents may be downloaded for free by going to <http://www.LVMWD.com/BidNetDirect> and following the links to this project or at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/california/lvmwd>.

In order to be placed on the plan holder's list, contractors shall register for free as a document holder for this project on BidnetDirect by going to <http://www.LVMWD.com/BidNetDirect> or <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/california/lvmwd> and following the links to this project. Addendum notifications will be issued through BidNetDirect, but may also be provided by calling the District's Project Manager. Although BidNetDirect will fax and/or email all notifications to registered plan holders after the District uploads the information, Bidders are responsible for obtaining all addenda and updated contract documents.

Each bid must be on the District bid form and shall be sealed and filed with the secretary of the District at or before the time stated in the Notice.

No Contractor or Subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project submitted on or after March 1, 2015 unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. No Contractor or Subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project awarded on or after April 1, 2015 unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. Effective January 1, 2016, no Contractor or Subcontractor may perform on a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

*All terms and conditions contained in the Specifications and Contract Documents shall become part of the contract. The Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities in any bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the said time for bid openings until 60-days thereafter or until the District has made a final award to the successful bidder or has rejected all bids, whichever event first occurs.*

*The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded.*

**BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Dated*

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*Gary Burns  
Secretary of the Board*

**DATE:** August 5, 2024  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Engineering and External Affairs

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**SUBJECT: Title 22 Engineering Report Update: Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2**

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**SUMMARY:**

On March 15, 2022, the Administering Agent/General Manager executed a professional services agreement (PSA) with Larry Walker Associates (LWA), in the amount of \$34,532, for an update of the JPA's Title 22 Engineering Report. The update is needed for the on-going operation the JPA's recycled water (purple pipe) system in accordance with regulatory requirements. Based on the age of the original Title 22 Engineering Report and complexity of the required update, a contract amendment for the work, in the amount of \$16,795, was authorized by the JPA Board on December 13, 2022. The contract amendment included additional scope of work for completion of an anti-degradation analysis per the requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

A draft of the Title 22 Engineering Report and anti-degradation analysis was submitted to the RWQCB and Department of Drinking Water (DDW) on November 21, 2022. In April 2024, staff received significant and extensive comments from RWQCB. LWA prepared a proposal to address comments from the RWQCB and develop a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the JPA to be covered under that state's General Water Reclamation Requirements (WRR) permit for non-potable uses of recycled water. Staff reviewed the attached proposal and recommends authorization for Contract Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$100,894, with LWA, which would increase the total contract amount to \$152,221.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve Contract Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$100,894, with Larry Walker Associates for the Title 22 Engineering Report update.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Yes

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the additional work would be \$100,894. Sufficient funding is available in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 JPA Budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

As part of the Calleguas-Las Virgenes Interconnection Project, a new recycled water service was constructed to Canyon Oaks Park in the City of Westlake Village, and the existing recycled water distribution system main along Lindero Canyon Road was extended north to the entrance of Yerba Buena Elementary School to eliminate a long legacy service line for the school. During permitting discussions with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), it was determined that the work would constitute an extension to the JPA's existing recycled water distribution system, which would trigger the need for an update to the JPA's Title 22 Engineering Report.

Title 22, Article 7, Section 60323 of the California Code of Regulations states that "no person shall produce or supply recycled water for reuse from a water reclamation plant without a Department-approved engineering report." The JPA's current Title 22 Engineering Report was authored in 2001, and the last update was completed in 2004. Staff reviewed the current report and reached out to several firms for proposals to update the report to reflect current industry standards and the existing condition of the JPA's recycled water system. Staff received two proposals of similar cost and scope and elected to execute a professional service agreement (PSA) with Larry Walker Associates (LWA), in the amount of \$34,532.

On December 13, 2022, the JPA Board authorized the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Contract Amendment No. 1, in the amount of \$16,795, with LWA to accommodate a higher level of effort to develop the required documentation for the update, including preparation of an anti-degradation analysis. On November 21, 2022, the documentation was provided to the RWQCB and Division of Drinking Water (DDW). On April 16 and 17, 2024, staff received comments from RWQCB on the draft anti-degradation analysis and Title 22 Engineering Report update, respectively. Staff is still awaiting comments from DDW on the Title 22 Engineering Report (DDW is not expected to comment on the anti-degradation analysis) and expects their comments to be significant given the correspondence to-date and amount of time since the last Title 22 Engineering Report update. The extent of comments received from the RWQCB was greater than expected when originally scoping LWA's work and will require a higher level of effort. The work includes development of a separate engineering report for Title 22 recycled water service to dual-plumbed properties. LWA was also asked to anticipate additional scope to address DDW's comments, which is the lead agency for review of the Title 22 Engineering Report.

In addition to the revisions requested by the RWQCB and DDW, LWA has also provided scope of work to develop a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the JPA to be covered under that state's General Water Reclamation Requirements (WRR) permit for non-potable uses of recycled water. Staff reviewed the attached proposal and recommends authorization for Contract Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$100,894, with LWA, which would increase the total contract amount to \$152,221.

**GOALS:**

Provide Safe and Quality Water with Reliable Services

Prepared by: Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Proposal for Contract Amendment No. 2](#)



July 8, 2024

Oliver Slosser, PE  
Engineering Program Manager  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
[oslosser@lvmwd.com](mailto:oslosser@lvmwd.com)

**Subject: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) Revised Recycled Water Title 22 Engineering Report, Anti-degradation Analysis, and NOI for Statewide General Order WRRs**

Dear Mr. Slosser:

Larry Walker Associates (LWA) would be pleased to continue to assist LVMWD with updating its 2004 Title 22 Engineering Report, finalizing an anti-degradation analysis for impacts to groundwater quality by responding to Regional Board and DDW comments, and preparing a Notice of Intent/Technical Report (NOI) for recycled water program permit coverage under the Statewide General Order WRRs (Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW). LVMWD's current recycled water permit is an individual order issued in 1987 (Order No. 87-86), updated in 1997 (Order No. 97-072) that must be revised to address current program operation and Title 22 requirements. The Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) produces disinfected tertiary recycled water that is used for landscape irrigation and for non-potable purposes such as toilet flushing within buildings (i.e., dual-plumbed system).

The updated Title 22 Engineering Report was submitted to the Regional Water Board and Division of Drinking Water in November 2022. Comments were received from the Regional Water Board on April 17, 2024. Comments from DDW have not been provided yet.

The Antidegradation Analysis was submitted to the Regional Water Board in November 2022 and comments were received April 16, 2024.

Oliver Slosser

July 8, 2024

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LWA will assist LVMWD in responding to Regional Water Board comments and updating both reports along with responding to DDW comments on the Engineering Report when they become available.

The Scope of Work, Budget and Schedule presented below describe the proposed work effort.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

LWA will assist LVMWD in updating the Title 22 Engineering Report and preparing a groundwater antidegradation analysis according to the following tasks.

#### **Task 1 Respond to Regional Board comments on CCR Title 22 Engineering Report**

LWA has been working with LVMWD staff to respond to comments received from the Regional Water Board in April 2024. Under this task, LWA will complete the update of the Engineering report to address comments received from the Regional Water Board. The update will include preparation of the “dual-plumbed system reports” required by Title 22 Section 60314. A virtual meeting will be held with Regional Water Board staff to discuss revisions based on their comments if needed.

#### **Task 2 Respond to DDW comments on CCR Title 22 Engineering Report**

LWA will work with LVMWD to respond to any additional comments received from DDW on the Title 22 Engineering Report, in particular the new “dual-plumbed system reports” described in Task 1. The Engineering Report will be revised and finalized to incorporate all comments from the Regional Water Board and DDW with a virtual meeting as needed to clarify comments and requested revisions.

#### **Task 3 – Revise Groundwater Quality Impact and Antidegradation Analysis to address Regional Water Board comments**

LWA has been working with LVMWD to address comments received from the Regional Water Board in April 2024. LWA will continue to work with the District to address the comments and prepare a revised Antidegradation Analysis to submit to the Regional Water Board by August 30, 2024. This will include a virtual meeting with Regional Water Board staff to discuss comments.



**Task 4 – Prepare Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under Recycled Water General Order**

An approved NOI/Technical Report is required to operate a recycled water program under the General Order WRRs. The NOI is submitted to the Regional Water Board for review and approval. The NOI will describe the recycled water uses, site controls, LVMWD program authority, and LVMWD program administration. Most of this information overlaps with the Title 22 Engineering Report content so the NOI and Title 22 Engineering Report will be merged and submitted as one document for Regional Water Board and DDW review. LWA will prepare the recycled water user permit application/permit, inspection forms, and violation reports to be used by the LVMWD when implementing the recycled water program. Draft versions will be provided to the LVMWD for review and approval before submittal to the regulatory agencies. As needed, LWA will revise the NOI and program documents based on comments received from the Regional Water Board and DDW. Final approval will be issued by the Regional Water Board as a Notice of Applicability (NOA) along with a site-specific Monitoring Reporting Program (MRP). LWA will review the NOA and MRP to ensure consistency with regulatory requirements and to request revisions as needed. As required by the General Order WRRs, LWA will also communicate with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights regarding CWC Section 1211 requirements and the possible need for a Wastewater Change Petition. (Additional funding may be necessary if a Wastewater Change Petition is required.)

**Task 4 – Project Management**

LWA will prepare summary information regarding budget and schedule and conduct other tasks pertaining to management and administration of the contract.

**BUDGET AND SCHEDULE**

The above tasks will be conducted by LWA on a time and materials basis for a cost not to exceed \$101,000 according to our standard billing rates which are attached and adjusted each year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. An estimated cost breakdown by task is shown below:

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Cost Estimate Engineering Report and Antidegradation Analysis Completion										
Task	Description	LWA Labor Hours and Rates (\$)					Total Hours	Total Labor Costs	Other Direct Costs	Total Costs
		Principal	Project Manager/ Associate	Senior Scientist	Project Engineer/BA	Contract Coordinator				
		\$357	\$315	\$281	\$241	\$150				
1	Respond to Regional Board comments on Title 22 Engineering Report	2	16	12	48		78	\$20,694		\$20,694
2	Respond to DDW comments on Title 22 Engineering Report	2	20	16	56		94	\$25,006		\$25,006
3	Revise Groundwater Quality Impact and Antidegradation Analysis	2	12	24	60		98	\$25,698		\$25,698
4	Prepare NOI for Statewide General Order WRRs	2	20	12	60		94	\$24,846		\$24,846
5	Project Management		10			10	20	\$4,650		\$4,650
	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>\$100,894</b>		<b>\$100,894</b>

(1) LWA hourly rates in effect from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Rates are adjusted annually on July 1.

Oliver Slosser

July 8, 2024

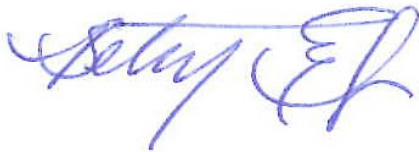
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Assuming a notice to proceed by July 15, 2024 and timely response from LVMWD, the revised Antidegradation Analysis can be completed to allow submittal to the Regional Board as required by August 30, 2024. LWA will work with LVMWD staff to develop a schedule to complete the revised Engineering Report and NOI based on responses from DDW and the Regional Board.

This project will be managed by Betsy Elzufon, Associate Engineer, with Denise Conners, Associate Engineer, providing technical review and support for the Engineering Report based on her extensive experience preparing these reports and working with DDW. A licensed engineer (PE) will prepare and certify the Engineering Report.

We look forward to working with you on this project. Please, feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed Scope of Work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betsy Elzufon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betsy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Elzufon".

Betsy Elzufon

Associate



LARRY WALKER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Rate Sheet Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

TITLE	RATE (\$/Hour)	REIMBURSABLE COSTS	
Administrative	\$80	<b>Travel</b>	
Contract Manager	\$150	Local Mileage	Current IRS Rate
Graphic Designer	\$138	Auto Rental	Actual Expense
Project Staff I-C	\$146	Room	Actual Expense
Project Staff I-B	\$171	Subsistence and Per Diem Meals <sup>(1)</sup>	Current GSA Rate
Project Staff I-A	\$196	Breakfast	Current GSA Rate
Project Staff II-B	\$215	Lunch	Current GSA Rate
Project Staff II-A	\$241	Dinner	Current GSA Rate
Senior Staff I	\$261	Incidentals	Current GSA Rate
Senior Staff II	\$281	<b>Report Reproduction and Copying</b>	
Associate I	\$295	Per Color Copy, In-House	\$0.89
Associate II	\$315	Per Black and White Copy, In-House	\$0.08
Vice President	\$332	Per Binding, In-House	\$1.95
Executive Vice President	\$347	Special Postage and Express Mail	Actual Expense
Senior Executive	\$357	Third-Party Material Preparation	Actual Expense
President	\$357	Other Direct Costs	Actual Expense
		<b>Daily Equipment Rental Rates (Daily Rate)</b>	
		Single Parameter Meters & Equipment	\$30.00
		Digital Flow Meter	\$60.00
		Multi-Parameter Field Meters & Sondes	\$100.00
		RTK-GPS, River Surveyor, Tracer Study Equipment	\$250.00
		Multi-Parameter Continuous Remote Sensing	\$40.00
		Field Rig (Field Vehicle and All Equipment)	\$200.00
		<b>Subcontractors</b>	Actual Expense Plus 10% Fee

Note: (1) Charged when overnight lodging is required. U.S. General Services Administration rates specified by location of work at [gsa.gov](https://www.gsa.gov)

5/1/2024

**DATE:** August 5, 2024  
**TO:** JPA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Facilities and Operations

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**SUBJECT: Repair of Boiler Hot Water Loop at Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Update**

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**SUMMARY:**

In June 2024, operators at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility suspected a leak in the hot water supply/return pipe(s) for the digester heat exchange loop when they noticed an increase in supplemental water to the boiler heat exchange system. On June 25, 2024, operations staff observed water in a nearby electrical vault. Further investigation and exploratory potholing confirmed a leak below the asphalt outside the Energy Recovery Building.

On July 1, 2024, the Administering Agent/General Manager informed the JPA Board of the situation and proposed to utilize Toro Enterprises for the pipeline repair and replacement under an existing as-needed contract. JPA staff continues to work with Toro Enterprises to develop the appropriate permanent solution considering the pipe alignment, material and need for insulation. The adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 JPA Budget includes a CIP No. 10845 for the Rancho Boiler Replacement Project. Staff proposes to amend the scope of work for the project to include replacement of the hot water loop system given that the work is necessary for the functionality of the new boiler.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Yes

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The preliminary estimate for replacement of the hot water loop system ranges from \$300,000 to \$350,000. Sufficient funds are available in the adopted FY 2024-25 JPA Budget under CIP No. 10845, the Rancho Boiler Replacement Project. Given the additional scope of work, an additional appropriation may be required in the future to complete the boiler replacement.

**DISCUSSION:**

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## Building.

Construction staff exposed portions of the hot water pipeline via three potholes in an attempt to locate the leak. At each pothole, the existing hot water line exhibited severe corrosion, and the insulation surrounding the pipe had completely deteriorated. To avoid causing additional damage to the hot water loop system, attempts to locate and repair the leak were abandoned due to the condition of the pipe. Staff determined the existing line to be irreparable with the best course of action to replace the buried portion of the hot water loop system.

Staff have worked with Toro Enterprises and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, the original design engineers, to find an appropriate solution for replacement of the hot water loop system. The existing pipe material is black steel with fiberglass insulation. A combination of extreme conditions due to high temperatures (up to 240°F), condensation, moisture retention and ambient temperature fluctuations are probable causes for the rapid deterioration of the water lines.

The following course of action is proposed based on a review of available alignment and material options:

- New carrier pipe shall be stainless steel for temperature rating, resiliency and corrosion resistance
- Suitable insulation options remain under evaluation
- New pipe to be set on a gravel bed for drainage

Replacement of the deteriorated pipe is a high priority for staff due to the importance of the hot water loop to maintain adequate digester temperatures and allow for continued operation of the boiler to dispose of digester gas. Operators are keeping the system functional with a continuous supply of potable make-up water to offset the leak. Currently, eight to ten gallons per minute (gpm) of make-up water is required. Other options have been evaluated to resolve the issue quickly, while keeping costs and longevity in mind.

### **GOALS:**

Construct, Manage and Maintain all Facilities and Provide Services to Assure System Reliability and Environmental Compatibility

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