

ACWA's Federal Legislative Matrix 115th Congress

Bill	Summary & Info	Latest Action
Drinking Water and Energy		
HR 1653 Latta (R-OH)	Drinking Water Affordability Act Amends certain provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act to allow disadvantage communities to repay SRF loads over a 40 year period. Exempts SRF funds from federal cross cutting requirements if applicable state laws are at least as stringent as federal law (eg. NEPA, ESA). Requires EPA to conduct a study on best practices for administering SRF loans. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 03/21/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY and COMMERCE
HR 1579 Peters (D-CA)	Secure and Resilient Water Systems Act Requires drinking water systems to assess and address their vulnerabilities to climate change, source water degradation, and intentional acts. Includes language requiring water systems to evaluate "inherently safer technology". Position: <i>Watch</i>	- Introduced 03/16/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY and COMMERCE - Related to HR 1068
HR 1068 Pallone (D-NJ)	Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 2017 Accelerates EPA's process for establishing MCLs by requiring EPA to make a determination to regulate ten contaminants every three years and relaxes the criteria required for a regulatory determination. Establishes a 9 month deadline for revising the lead and copper rule, a 12 month deadline for perchlorate, and a 2 year deadline for perfluorinated compounds and microcystin toxins. Also includes numerous other titles including a grant program to help schools replace lead service lines and water fountains and text of HR 1579 and two bill's ACWA supported last Congress the Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2016 and Risks of Drought to Drinking Water Act. Position: <i>Oppose</i>	- Introduced 02/15/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY and COMMERCE - Related to HR 1579
HR 939 Bustos (D-IL)	Buy America for Drinking Water Extension Act of 2017 Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to extend and expand the provision requiring the use of iron and steel products that are produced in the United States in projects funded through SRF loans. Position: <i>Watch</i>	- Introduced 02/17/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY and COMMERCE - Related to HR 904
HR 904 Lipinsky (D-IL)	Buy American Improvement Act of 2017 Amends chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code, to increase the requirement for American-made content, to strengthen the waiver provisions.	- Introduced 02/17/2017 - HOUSE Committees on ENERGY and COMMERCE; TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE; NATURAL

	Position: <i>Watch</i>	RESOURCES; OVERSIGHT and GOVERNMENT REFORM; FINANCIAL SERVICES; HOMELAND SECURITY Related to HR 939
HR 417 Lawrence (D-MI)	To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the improvement of consumer confidence reports, and for other purposes. Directs EPA to revise regulations about consumer confidence reports in order to increase their effectiveness and understandability. EPA must consult with public water systems, environmental groups, public interest groups, risk communication experts, and the States, and other interested parties and issue new regulations within 24 months. Position: <i>Watch</i>	- Introduced 01/10/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY and COMMERCE
Infrastructure and Agriculture		
HR 1673 Conyers (D-MI)	Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2017 Establishes a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure. Funded through a tax on foreign corporations. Position: <i>Watch</i>	- Introduced 03/22/2017 - To HOUSE Committees on TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE; ENERGY and COMMERCE; WAYS and MEANS; AGRICULTURE
Water Supply		
HR 23 Valadao (R-CA)	Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017 Provides drought relief in the State of California. Position: <i>Watch</i>	- Introduced 01/03/2017 - To HOUSE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES; AGRICULTURE
HR 875 Newhouse (R-WA)	Bureau of Reclamation Water Project Streamlining Act Facilitates and streamlines the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding surface water storage under reclamation law. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 02/06/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES - Related to HR 23
HR 434 Denham (R-CA)	New WATER Act Authorizes the Department of the Interior, for 15 years after this bill's enactment, to provide financial assistance, such as secured loans or loan guarantees, to entities that contract under federal reclamation law to carry out water projects within the 17 western states served by the Bureau of Reclamation. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 01/11/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES
HR 481 Calvert (R-CA)	REBUILD Act Amends the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) to authorize: (1) the assignment to states of federal environmental review responsibilities under NEPA and other relevant federal environmental laws for covered federal projects, and (2) states to assume all or part of those responsibilities.	- Introduced 01/12/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

	Position: Support	
S 2240 Barrasso (R-WY)	Federal Land Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act Improves the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior. Position: Support	- Introduced 03/02/2017 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY and NATURAL RESOURCES
HR 1873 LaMalfa (R-CA)	Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act Amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to enhance the reliability of the electricity grid and reduce the threat of wildfires to and from electric transmission and distribution facilities on Federal lands by facilitating vegetation management on such lands. Position: Support	- Introduced 04/04/2017 - Passed HOUSE by a vote of 300-118 on 06/21/2017
HR 1967 Lamborn (R-CO)	Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act Amends the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs. Position: Support	- Introduced 04/06/2017 - Passed HOUSE 06/27/2015
HR 865 McClintock (R-CA)	Emergency Forest Restoration Act Allows the Department of Agriculture (USDA), regarding National Forest System lands, or the Department of the Interior, regarding public lands, to develop and carry out a forest management activity on lands of the department concerned in a state when the activity's primary purpose is to address an insect or disease infestation that has been declared an emergency by the state governor. Position: Support	- Introduced 02/03/2017 - To HOUSE Committees on AGRICULTURE; NATURAL RESOURCES
HR 660 Gosar (R-AZ)	Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act Requires the secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets. Position: Support if Amended	- Introduced 01/24/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES - Companion to S 216
S 216 Barrasso (R-WY)	Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act Requires the secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets. Position: Support if Amended	- Introduced 01/24/2017 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Companion to HR 660
HR 1663 Wittman (R-VA)	Water Resources Research Amendments Act Amends the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to: (1) declare that additional research is required into increasing the efficacy of new and existing treatment works through alternative approaches, including non-structural alternatives, decentralized approaches, energy use efficiency, water use efficiency, and energy extraction from	- Introduced 03/21/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES - Related to S 451

	wastewater; (2) require each water resources research and technology institute to arrange for research that fosters the exploration of new ideas that expand understanding of water resources; (3) direct DOI to report to Congress annually on each institute's compliance with matching fund requirements and provisions permitting the use of funds only to reimburse direct cost expenditures incurred as part of the water resources research program; and (4) authorize appropriations for such institutes through FY2022. Position: <i>Support</i>	
S 451 Cardin (D-MD)	Water Resources Research Amendments Act Amends the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to: (1) declare that additional research is required into increasing the efficacy of new and existing treatment works through alternative approaches, including non-structural alternatives, decentralized approaches, energy use efficiency, water use efficiency, and energy extraction from wastewater; (2) require each water resources research and technology institute to arrange for research that fosters the exploration of new ideas that expand understanding of water resources; (3) direct DOI to report to Congress annually on each institute's compliance with matching fund requirements and provisions permitting the use of funds only to reimburse direct cost expenditures incurred as part of the water resources research program; and (4) authorize appropriations for such institutes through FY2022. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 02/27/2017 - To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT and PUBLIC WORKS - Related to HR 1663
HR 1269 LaMalfa (R-CA)	Sacramento Valley Water Storage and Restoration Act Authorizes Sites Reservoir Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 03/01/2017 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES
S 677 Barrasso (R-WY)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act Authorizes 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. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 03/21/2017 - To SENATE Committee on ENERGY and NATURAL RESOURCES - Companion to HR 1654
HR 1654 McClintock (R-CA)	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act Authorizes 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. Position: <i>Support</i>	- Introduced 03/21/2017 - Passed HOUSE by a vote of 233-180 on 06/22/2017 - Related to S 677
HR 1769 Valadao (R-CA)	San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act Affirms an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015.	- Introduced 03/28/17 - To HOUSE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

	Position: <i>Favor</i>	
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