

Committee Agenda

Federal Affairs Committee
May 7, 2024
3:15 – 4:45 pm (PT)
Ballroom A9-11, Convention Center
In Person Only

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Chair, Jolene Walsh

Vice-Chair, Scott Petersen

- I. Welcome & Call to Order, Jolene Walsh, Federal Affairs Committee Chair
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of January 31, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Update from Department of Interior Officials
- V. Recognition of Jack Simes
- VI. ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director
- VII. ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director
- VIII. Headwaters Update
- IX. Washington Update: Ian Lyle
 - a. U.S. Congress
 - i. Budget and Appropriations
 - ii. Farm Bill
 - iii. WRDA
 - b. Regulatory Update
 - i. PFAS Update
 - 1. Drinking water regulations
 - 2. CERCLA
 - ii. Endangered Species Act
 - c. Legislative Matrix Update: Ian Lyle
- X. National Coalition Update: Family Farm Alliance, National Waterways Conference, NESARC
- XI. Next Meeting – TBD, virtual

ACWA Federal Affairs Committee Minutes
January 31, 2024
Virtual Only – via Zoom

Federal Affairs Committee
January 31, 2024
10:30am – 12:00pm (PT)
Virtual Only – via Zoom

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| I. | Welcome & Call to Order, Jolene Walsh, Federal Affairs Committee (FAC) Chair | 1 min |
| II. | Approval of November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes | 1 min |
| III. | Guest Speaker: Angela Ebner, Policy Advisor for Senator Padilla (CA) | 15 min |
| IV. | ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director | 10 min |
| | a. ACWA D.C. Conference (February 27 – 29) | |
| V. | ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director | 3 min |
| VI. | Committee Orientation Presentation: ACWA Staff | 10 min |
| VII. | Regulatory Update: Madeline Voitier | 10 min |
| VIII. | Legislative Update: Jay Tanner | 10 min |
| IX. | FAC Priorities for 2024 – 2025 | 3 min |
| X. | Partner Organizations Update | 10 min |
| | a. National Water Resources Association (NWRA) – Dave Eggerton | |
| | b. National Waterways Conference (NWC) – Jolene Walsh | |
| | c. Family Farm Alliance – Scott Petersen | |
| | d. National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC) – Madeline Voitier | |
| XI. | Next Meeting: May 7, 2024 at ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento, CA | |

This will be an in-person only meeting. Registration will be required; more information will be shared at www.acwa.com/events.

Approval of November 28, 2023 Minutes

Minutes were approved; motion by John Coleman, seconded by Tony Fellow.

Guest Speaker: Angela Ebner, Policy Advisor for Senator Alex Padilla

Ms. Ebner outlined Senator Padilla's priorities for the second session of the 118th Congress, including access to water. Ms. Ebner provided an overview of a draft bill the Senator plans to introduce called the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act.

ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director

Mr. Eggerton thanked the volunteers of the various ACWA Committees. Mr. Eggerton shared that Ian Lyle will be joining the ACWA East office as the Director of Federal Relations and that the annual DC Conference is coming up.

ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director

Ms. Tuck shared a brief update on several pieces of state legislation as well as the climate resilience bond.

Committee Orientation Presentation: ACWA Staff

ACWA Staff presented the Committee Orientation PowerPoint.

Regulatory Update: Madeline Voitier, Federal Relations Representative

Ms. Voitier provided an update on several regulatory items including the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, PFAS rules and settlements, and the recently released Unified Agenda.

Legislative Update: Jay Tanner, Federal Relations Representative

Ms. Tanner provided an update on the appropriations process and the two-step continuing resolution, as well as an overview of legislative items expected this year.

FAC Priorities 2024-2025

Members were provided a draft copy of the FAC Priorities for the 2024-2025 term and asked to provide feedback via email to Jay Tanner prior to the May meeting of the Committee.

Partner Organizations Update

National Water Resources Association (NWRA) – Dave Eggerton

Mr. Eggerton shared an update on NWRA priorities and upcoming meetings.

National Waterways Conference (NWC) – Jolene Walsh

Ms. Walsh shared an update on NWC priorities and upcoming meetings.

Family Farm Alliance – Scott Petersen

Mr. Petersen shared an update on FFA priorities and upcoming meetings.

National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC) – Madeline Voitier

Ms. Voitier shared an update on NESARC priorities.

Federal Regulatory Issues
April 2024 Update

Environmental Protection Agency		
Issue	Background	Status
Clean Water Act rule on new definition of “waters of the United States”	In 2021, the Biden Administration announced plans to revise the WOTUS definition – this is the third consecutive administration to revise WOTUS. ACWA submitted comments on previous iterations of the WOTUS rulemaking process in 2019 and 2021. On 1/18/23, EPA and the Army Corps published a final rule revising the definition of WOTUS. ACWA submitted comments on 2/7/22. The rule went into effect on 3/20/23. Several months later, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) ruled in <i>Sackett v. EPA</i> that the CWA “extends to only those wetlands with a continuous surface connection” to a WOTUS such that they are indistinguishable from those waters. <i>Sackett</i> expressly rejected the “significant nexus” approach in the Biden rule.	On 9/8/23 the agencies published a final rule to update the Biden rule to align with the <i>Sackett</i> ruling. The rule was not subject to public comment. Litigation over the updated rule is ongoing.
Subsurface/ groundwater connection and NPDES permits	In 2020, SCOTUS held in <i>County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund</i> that the CWA requires a permit when there is a direct discharge, or a “functional equivalent” of a direct discharge via groundwater, of pollutants from a point source into navigable waters. ACWA previously submitted comments on this issue in 2018. EPA then published draft guidance, and ACWA participated in NWRA’s comments. The final guidance was released in early 2021. The Biden EPA rescinded the Trump-era guidance in Sept. 2021.	On 11/20/23 EPA published updated draft Maui guidance. Once final, this guidance is widely expected to be used to protect waters no longer covered by the CWA due to the <i>Sackett</i> ruling.
PFAS	SDWA: In 2021, EPA moved forward with a final regulatory determination to set a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS. On 3/29/23, EPA published a proposed rule to set federally enforceable limits for six PFAS in drinking water. The proposal would regulate PFOA and PFOS as individual contaminants, and four other PFAS – PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and GenX Chemicals – as a mixture known as a Hazard Index (HI). ACWA staff provided verbal comments at a public hearing on 5/4/23 and submitted written comments.	SDWA: On April 10, 2024, the EPA announced the final rule establishing national primary drinking water regulations (NPDWR) for six PFAS substances. The rule established Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) and monitoring requirements for these six chemicals under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2024 and will be effective as of June 25, 2024. The Final MCL are as follows:

	PFOA – 4 parts per trillion (ppt) PFOS – 4 ppt PFHxS – 10 ppt PFNA – 10 ppt HFPO-DA (Gen x Chemicals) – 10 ppt Mixtures of two or more compounds – Hazard Index 1 (unitless). Public water systems will have three years to complete initial monitoring and must begin providing public information on PFAS levels by 2027. Full compliance with the rule must be achieved by 2029. CERCLA: In 2022, EPA published a proposed rule to designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund. ACWA submitted comments. Separately, ACWA gave verbal comments at EPA’s PFAS CERCLA Enforcement Listening Session. On 4/13/23, EPA published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking input on the development of regulations pertaining to PFAS under CERCLA. EPA is exploring whether to regulate 7 additional PFAS under CERCLA. ACWA submitted comments. RCRA: On 5/8/23, EPA sent a proposed rule to list PFOA, PFOS, PFBS, and GenX as RCRA hazardous constituents to OMB for review. GUIDANCE: EPA is working to publish guidance on destroying and disposing of PFAS.	CERCLA: On April 19, 2024 the EPA released the pre-publication version of its final rule designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under CERCLA. The rule will be final 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. On April 19, 2024 EPA also published the PFAS Enforcement and Discretion Settlement Policy Under CERCLA. The policy indicates that EPA does not intend to pursue actions against entities where equitable factors do not support seeking response actions or costs under CERCLA. The policy specifically mentions water systems and farms as examples of entities that EPA does not intend to pursue action against. The policy does not address all of the liability concerns ACWA raised in comments. RCRA: ACWA is partnering with the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) to submit joint comments on the proposal. Comments were submitted on 4/8/24. GUIDANCE: On 4/8/24 EPA published draft interim guidance the interim guidance for is open for comments for 180 days.
Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)	In 2021, EPA announced its plans to pursue a two-step rulemaking approach to address lead in drinking water. First, EPA allowed the Trump-era Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to go into effect. Second, EPA would publish the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) to further clarify and build on the LCRR.	On 8/4/22, EPA released its implementation guidance on the LCRR LSL inventory requirements. ACWA, in coordination with CMUA developed industry-led guidance on LCRR implementation.

	After a series of delays, the LCRR went into effect in 2021 with an accompanying compliance deadline of Oct. 16 of this year. The final LCRR requires water systems to create lead service line (LSL) inventories – including the customer-owned side of the line – by the compliance deadline. ACWA and CMUA submitted comments and engaged in various stakeholder outreach on the LCRR.	Note: the proposed LCRI, discussed below, would impact LCRR requirements.
Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)	In 2022, EPA opened the LCRI federalism consultation process. ACWA and CMUA submitted comments. The agency also shared its plans to finalize the LCRI prior to the LCRR compliance deadline of 10/16/24.	On 12/6/23, EPA published the proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). ACWA and CMUA both gave verbal comments at the LCRI public hearing and submitted joint written comments.
Cybersecurity in Public Water Systems	On 3/3/23, EPA issued a controversial interpretive memo requiring states to evaluate cybersecurity of operational technology used when conducting sanitary surveys or through other state programs. EPA withdrew the memo after legal challenges arose.	On 1/18/24, federal agencies, including EPA, released an Incident Response Guide to provide water and wastewater agencies with cybersecurity support that will improve their cyber resilience.
Army Corps of Engineers		
Issue	Background	Status
Implementation of the Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for water resources investments	This framework would govern how the Corps evaluates proposed water resource investments, including identification of which Corps programs and activities are subject to the Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines. The Corps is proposing this rule in response to congressional direction provided in authorizing language in the Water Resources Development Act of 2020.	On 4/15/24 ACWA filed joint comments with the Family Farm Alliance and other Western water organizations.
Endangered Species Act Implementation		
ACWA participates in ESA-related activities through its membership in the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC).		
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FWS/NMFS Revisions to Section 7 Consultation Requirements	In 2019, the agencies issued a final rule on ESA Section 7 consultation requirements. After litigation in 2022, the court allowed the Trump-era rule to stand while the agencies revise the rule. NESARC previously submitted comments in 2018. NESARC also submitted comments on the revised proposed rule on August 21, 2023.	On 4/5/24 the agencies published the final rule in the federal register. The final rule will be effective on 5/6/24.
FWS/NMFS Revisions to Section 4 Critical Habitat Designations	In 2019, the agencies issued a final rule on ESA Section 4 critical habitat designations. After litigation in 2022, the court allowed the Trump-era rule to stand while the agencies revise the rule. NESARC previously submitted comments in 2018. On April 21, 2023 NESARC submitted comments on the revised proposed rule.	On 4/5/24 the agencies published the final rule in the federal register. The final rule will be effective on 5/6/24.

FWS Rescind the blanket 4(d) Rule	In 2019, the agencies issued a final rule on the ESA Section 4(d). After litigation in 2022, the court allowed the Trump-era rule to stand while the agencies revise the rule. NESARC previously submitted comments in 2018. NESARC also submitted comments on the revised proposed rule on August 21, 2023.	On 4/5/24 the agencies published the final rule . The rule will be effective on 5/6/24.
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H.R. 2964 / S. 1350	WIPES Act	Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI-10) / Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	To direct the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.	Placed on the Union Calendar (House Floor), Calendar No. 371	4/5/2024	Support
H.R. 4045	Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act	Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-5)	To modernize the hydropower licensing process and to promote next-generation hydropower projects, and for other purposes.	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 19.	12/5/2023	Support
S. 2514	Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act	Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)	Maintains federal funding for the Salinity Control Program at the current level and eliminates states' cost share deficit.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	7/26/2023	Support
S. 702 / H.R. 4890	Urban Waters Federal Partnership Act of 2023	Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) / Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-9)	Establishes an Urban Waters Federal Partnership program. The purpose of the Urban Waters program is to reconnect urban communities, particularly urban communities that are overburdened or economically distressed, with associated waterways by improving coordination among Federal agencies	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	7/26/2023	Support
S. 1521	Community and Hydropower Improvement Act	Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)	To amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects to streamline the permitting process, increase tribal engagement and oversight, expedite low impact projects, promote healthy habitat and coordinate federal decision making	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support
S. 1215 / H.R. 2731	POWER Our Reservoirs Act	Sen. Angus King (I-ME) / Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)	To require assessments of opportunities to install and maintain floating photovoltaic solar panels at Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers projects	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support

S. 1430 / H.R. 7944	Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act	Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) / Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-3) Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3)	Exempts water and wastewater entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances,	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. House bill introduced and referred to Energy and Commerce and T & I Committees.	5/3/2023 Senate introduction 4/11/24 House introduction	Support
H.R. 1729	Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2023	Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)	This bill increases funding for water infrastructure, including funding for several programs related to controlling water pollution or protecting drinking water. Specifically, it establishes a Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund. The fund may be used for specified grant programs. The bill increases the corporate income tax rate to 24.5% to provide revenues for the fund. In addition, the bill revises requirements concerning the clean water state revolving fund (SRF) and the drinking water SRF. It also creates or reauthorizes several grant programs for water infrastructure.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	4/25/2023	Watch
H.R. 2671	Restoring WIFIA Eligibility Act	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16)	To amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to budgetary treatment of certain amounts of financial assistance, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	4/19/2023	Support
H.R. 2521	Clean Drinking Water Equity Act	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)	To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to assistance for disadvantaged communities. Changes the total amount of loan subsidy made by a State from 35% to 40%.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	4/14/2023	Support
H.R. 1367 / S. 660	Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act of 2023	Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-9) / Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA)	To establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience by encouraging membership in WaterISAC for community water systems.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	3/10/2023	Support

H.R. 873	Water Quality and Environmental Innovation Act	Rep. Byron Donalds (R- FL-19)	To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants and contracts for projects that use emerging technologies to address threats to water quality.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	2/17/2023	Support
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H.R. 1586 / S. 796	Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1) / Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	A bill to exempt discharges of fire retardant by Federal land management agencies, State governments, political subdivisions of States, and Tribal governments from the permitting requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.	Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged	11/15/2023	Support
H.R. 5104	National Dam Safety Program Reauthorization Act of 2023	Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11)	To reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program until 2028.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	8/2/2023	Support
H.R. 2419 / S. 2161	Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) / Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	To provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support
S. 2202	RAIN Act	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Amends the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize the modification of transferred works to increase public benefits and other project benefits as part of extraordinary operation and maintenance work.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support
S. 2160	Urban Canal Modernization Act	Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	To authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Watch

S. 2166	Voluntary Agricultural Land Repurposing Act of 2023	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)	Amends the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 and the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to provide grants to States and Indian Tribes for programs to voluntarily repurpose agricultural land to reduce consumptive water use	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Watch
S. 2148	LIFT Act	Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA)	To rebuild and modernize the Nation's infrastructure to expand access to broadband and Next Generation 9-1-1, rehabilitate drinking water infrastructure, modernize the electric grid and energy supply infrastructure, redevelop brownfields, strengthen health care infrastructure, create jobs, and protect public health and the environment, and for other purposes.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	6/22/2023	Support
H.R. 3027	Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023	Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45)	Amends the sunset date for the Climate Change and Water program from 2023 to 2033.	Subcommittee Hearings Held	6/14/2023	Support
H.R. 3655	Preventing Our Next Natural Disaster Act	Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15)	Amends the Stafford Act to increase predisaster mitigation opportunities for small impoverished communities, environmental justice communities and high risk communities. The bill also makes changes to predisaster mitigation assistance with regard to climate change considerations.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.	5/25/2023	Support
H.R. 3593	Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant Act	Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-9)	Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish in the Department of Transportation a drone infrastructure inspection grant program and a drone education and training grant program. Amendment: to include conveyance infrastructure as an eligible entity. <i>Amendment TBD</i>	Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.	5/23/2023	Support and amend

H.R. 3490	Water Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2023	Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7)	Provides grants for modernizing and improving water infrastructure.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	5/19/2023	Support
H.R. 1705 / S. 919	A. Donald McEachin Environmental Justice For All Act	Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) / Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	To restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	4/25/2023	Watch
H.R. 1721 / S. 806	Healthy H2O Act	Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) / Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a grant program to assist with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of point-of-entry and point-of-use drinking water quality improvement products.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.	4/25/2023	Support
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.	Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12)	This bill establishes bonding requirements for the recipient of a water infrastructure construction loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. A borrower must secure the financed project with payment and performance bonds in specified minimum amounts.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.	3/31/2023	Support
S. 658	EQIP Improvement Act of 2023	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)	A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to make adjustments to the environmental quality incentives program by reducing the cap and limiting cost share agreements for irrigation improvements.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	3/6/2023	Oppose
H.R. 924	Stop the Delta Tunnel Act	Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)	To prohibit the Corps of Engineers from issuing a permit for the Delta Conveyance Project.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	2/10/2023	Not Favor

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S. 2132	Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2023	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.	10/25/2023	Support
H.R. 3522 / S. 1719	FIRESHEDS Act	Rep. Blake David Moore (R-UT-1) / Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency firesheds management areas, and for other purposes. Would exclude lands designated as firesheds eligible for emergency management projects from NEPA and various state roadless area conservation rules.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.	10/25/2023	Watch
H.R. 482 / S. 1764	Western Wildfire Support Act of 2023	Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) / Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)	This bill establishes activities to address wildfires, including: accounts in the Treasury for addressing wildfires, a program to award grants to eligible states or units of local government to acquire slip-on tank and pump units for a surge capacity of resources for fire suppression, and requires federal and state disaster preparedness programs to include postdisaster assistance.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.	10/25/2023	Support
H.R. 934	To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes.	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)	Instructs the Secretary of Agriculture, Forest Service to suppress backburn and prescribed burn fires that burn farther than prescribed as well as for other purposes.	Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged	9/20/2023	Watch

H.R. 4197 / S. 202	Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program Reauthorization Act of 2023	Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) / Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Makes improvements to and reauthorizes the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program until 2032.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	8/21/2023	Support
H.R. 4018 / S. 1853	Headwaters Protection Act of 2023	Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA-16) / Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)	This bill reauthorizes the Water Source Protection Program and increases the authorization of appropriations for the program from \$10 million per year to \$30 million per year; broadens the range of water users, including historically disadvantaged communities, who can participate in and benefit from the WSPP; reduces financial barriers for water users to participate in the WSPP; and prioritizes WSPP projects that benefit drinking water quality and improve resilience to wildfire and climate change.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	7/28/2023	Support
S. 2654 / H.R. 5016	Water Efficiency, Conservation, and Sustainability Act of 2023	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) / Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)	The bill seeks to increase efficiency and conservation in public water systems through grant programs.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3763)	7/27/2023	Support
S. 1118 / H.R. 2429	Open Access Evapotranspiration Data Act	Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) / Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV-3)	A bill to establish the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program.	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 355.	4/9/2024	Watch
S. 2162	STREAM Act	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	The bill seeks to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support
S. 2102	Water for Conservation and Farming Act	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	To provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Watch
S. 2169	Watershed Results Act	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the heads of relevant Federal agencies, to carry out a watershed pilots program.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.	7/19/2023	Support

S. 612 / H.R. 1274	Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act	Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) / Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2)	To reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, and for other purposes.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 118-55.	7/11/2023	Support
S. 199 / H.R. 674	Root and Stem Project Authorization Act of 2023	Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) / Rep. Daniel Newhouse (R-WA-4)	To codify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscapescale forest restoration projects, as well as require maintenance of a list of approved non-federal contractors for collaborative projects.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 118-50.	7/11/2023	Support
H.R. 3853 / S. 1831	Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2023	Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7) / Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	Protects inventoried roadless areas from road development within the National Forest System to ensure healthy headwaters and biodiversity.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	7/10/2023	Watch
H.R. 4356	WaterSMART Access for Tribes Act	Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM-1)	Increases Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	6/23/2023	Support
S. 1715 / H.R. 3439	Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) / Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)	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.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	6/23/2023	Support
H.R. 4247	Flood Prevention and Snowpack Management Act	Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)	Requires the Secretary of the Army establish a “Task Force on the California Snowpack and Flood Mitigation” to examine and mitigate impacts from higher than average snowpack.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.	6/22/2023	Support
S. 2105	Stop the Spread of Invasive Mussels Act of 2023	Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)	To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in western waters	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	6/22/2023	Support
H.R. 2989	Save Our Sequoias Act	Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23)	The bill seeks to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.	6/1/2023	Support

H.R. 200	FIR Act	Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT-1)	This bill specifies that neither the Department of Agriculture nor the Department of the Interior may be required to reinitiate consultation on a land management plan when a species is listed as threatened or endangered, critical habitat is designated, or new information concerning a listed species or critical habitat becomes available.	Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.	5/17/2023	Watch
H.R. 215	WATER for California Act	Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21)	To provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes.	Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged.	4/28/2023	Watch
H.R. 1236 / S. 540	Protect the West Act of 2023	Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-6) / Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)	Establishes an Outdoor Restoration Fund for restoration and resilience projects as well as a restoration fund advisory council. The restoration fund will support non-federal land, state, and tribal restoration and resilience projects, projects that reduce the risk of or mitigate damage from wildfire, and projects that expand equitable outdoor access.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	3/22/2023	Support
S. 771 / H.R. 1558	SAVES Act	Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) / Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-TX-1)	This bill prohibits a living nonnative species from being listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	3/22/2023	Support
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.	Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11)	To require further consideration of economic cost in review of listing petitions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	3/22/2023	Watch

H.R. 189	Action Versus No Action Act	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)	This bill limits the scope of certain environmental assessments or impact statements related to forest management activities on National Forest System lands or public lands suitable for timber production to a consideration only of the effects of the forest management activity and the alternative of no action.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	2/21/2023	Watch
H.R. 518	Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2023	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)	This bill requires the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce to publish online, subject to privacy or administrative limitations, the best scientific and commercial data available that are the bases for the determination of whether a species is an endangered species or a threatened species, including each proposed regulation for the listing of a species.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	2/21/2023	Support
H.R. 872	FISH Act	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)	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 waters). Currently, the FWS shares this authority with the National Marine Fisheries Service.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	2/21/2023	Support
H.R. 99	LIST Act of 2023	Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ-5)	This bill revises the process for removing a species from the endangered or threatened species lists.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	2/21/2023	Support

H.R. 289	Protect Our Water Rights Act	Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)	To update requirements for the operation of the Central Valley Project and Klamath River Basin Reclamation Project by the Bureau of Reclamation.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	2/21/2023	Watch
H.R. 567	SALVAGE Act	Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-8)	To expedite certain activities related to salvage operations and reforestation activities on National Forest System lands or public lands in response to catastrophic events, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.	2/21/2023	Support
H.R. 186	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4)	Establishes the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for purposes of coordinating all reviews, analyses, opinions, statements, permits, licenses, or other approvals or decisions required under Federal law related to the construction of new surface water projects.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.	2/21/2023	Support
S. 188	Wildfire Emergency Act of 2023	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	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.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S174-175)	1/31/2023	Support
S. 64	Water Rights Protection Act of 2023	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	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.	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	1/25/2023	Support

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