



# RWA Federal Legislative Tracker

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## Overview

The following legislative tracker provides the status of legislation introduced in the 116th Congress of interest to the RWA. Each of the bill numbers is hyperlinked to the bill text and other related details. The bills are listed in order of last action. The first section of the tracker highlights any legislation that has seen activity in the seven days prior to the publishing of the report.

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## Bills by Issue

### Recently Updated Bills (0)

No bills to show.

### RWA (17)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4188	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Energy And Natural Resources 2020 07 02	In Senate
<b>Title</b> A bill to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and for other purposes.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 9, 2020, 3:32 PM This bill would provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and for other purposes.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Kamala Harris		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-07-02	
State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4189	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Energy And Natural Resources Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 4227 2020 07 02	In Senate
<b>Title</b> A bill to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability.		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 9, 2020, 3:33 PM This bill would provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability.	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Ron Wyden		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2020-07-02	

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2	Pursuant To Clause 1 C Of Rule Xix The House Resumed Consideration Of H R 2 2020 07 01	In Senate

**Title**  
INVEST in America Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Peter DeFazio

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 1, 2020, 8:25 PM  
This bill addresses provisions related to federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs at the Department of Transportation, among other provisions, including the Bureau of Reclamation

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-11

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2871	Subcommittee Hearings Held 2020 06 25	In House

**Title**  
Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Russ Fulcher

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 16, 2020, 5:20 PM  
This is the companion bill to S. 1570. The bill would let the Commissioner of Reclamation allow the use of excess capacity in Bureau conveyance facilities for carriage of non-Reclamation project water for aquifer recharge.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-05-21

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3591	S Amdt 1593 Senate Amendment Submitted 2020 06 08	In Senate

**Title**  
America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
John Barrasso

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 16, 2020, 5:51 PM  
This bill provides roughly \$17 billion in new federal authorizations to invest in our infrastructure for projects across the country.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-04

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7073	Referred To The Committee On Oversight And Reform And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 06 01	In House

**Title**  
Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
John Garamendi

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 16, 2020, 5:18 PM  
This bill would amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3811	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Energy And Natural Resources Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 2588 2589 2020 05 21	In Senate

**Title**  
Restoration of Essential Conveyance Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Dianne Feinstein

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 1, 2020, 7:59 PM  
This bill addresses the impacts of groundwater subsidence on major portions of California's water delivery system, and authorizes \$600 million in federal funding for three major projects to repair California's water delivery system. The bill provides \$200 million for the Friant-Kern Canal, \$200 million for the Delta-Mendota Canal, and \$200 million for the California Aqueduct. The bill also provides an additional \$200 million in funding for restoration of the San Joaquin River, including environmental protective infrastructure such as fish screens, fish bypass projects, and control structures necessary to successfully implement the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-21

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3590	Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders Calendar No 452 2020 05 11	In Senate

**Title**  
Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
John Barrasso

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 16, 2020, 5:50 PM  
This bill reauthorizes Safe Drinking Water Act programs that support drinking water infrastructure and provide resources and technical assistance to communities facing critical drinking water needs.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-04

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6617	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Oceans And Wildlife 2020 04 29	In House

**Title**  
Western Water Storage Infrastructure Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
TJ Cox

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:45 PM  
This bill would provide additional funding for surface storage, groundwater storage, and the supporting conveyance facilities.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-04-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2473	Subcommittee On Water Oceans And Wildlife Discharged 2020 03 11	In House

**Title**  
Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Josh Harder

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:45 PM  
This is the companion bill to H.R. 116, the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act. The bill provides a broad approach to addressing water issues facing the Central Valley by increasing storage opportunities, spurring innovation, and making investments in our aging infrastructure. The bill also leverages federal resources to identify prime locations for groundwater storage and recharge in California and across the Western United States. This bill requires the Bureau of Reclamation to expedite feasibility studies for four specific storage projects in the Central Valley, including: Sites Reservoir, Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir, Los Vaqueros and San Luis Reservoirs and provides \$100 million in storage funding. The bill also invests in water reuse and recycling by increasing funding for WaterSMART programs from \$50 million to \$500 million and extending the program's authorization. It also establishes a water infrastructure and drought resolutions fund to provide \$300 million for water surface and groundwater storage, reclamation and reuse, and WaterSMART program projects. The bill would create a innovating financing program which would provide low-interest federal loans to fund local water infrastructure projects, and would reauthorize the Rural Water Supply Act.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-05-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1162	Subcommittee On Water Oceans And Wildlife Discharged 2020 03 11	In House

**Title**  
Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Grace Napolitano

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:46 PM  
The bill aims to assist water agencies with the expansion, planning, design, and building of water recycling plants and modernizing water infrastructure in California and other western states. Specifically, the bill would increase funding authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI water recycling competitive grant program to \$500 million from \$50 million. It would also make the program permanent as it currently expires in 2021, and funds water recycling and reuse projects for 17 western states.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-02-13

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 2044	Committee On Energy And Natural Resources Reported By Senator Murkowski With An Amendment In The Nature Of A Substitute With Written Report No 116 156 2019 10 29	In Senate

**Title**  
Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Utilization Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Martha McSally

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:47 PM  
This bill would amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account. Specifically, this bill could provide Congress with the unfunded need for these improvements in a timely manner through a streamlined process, allowing Congress to provide Reclamation these additional funds "upfront" to initiate extraordinary maintenance projects on federal facilities, with extended repayment for the non-federal operating entities through a clearly defined application and review process already in law. The bill would also raise the Reclamation Safety of Dams program authorization by \$550 million and create a Flood Control Manual and Reservoirs Operations Pilot Program, which would give operators of Reclamation reservoirs more flexibility to temporarily store water in dedicated flood control space during certain low-risk times of the year.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-06-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1497	Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment Discharged 2019 10 29	In House

**Title**  
Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019

**Primary Sponsors**  
Peter DeFazio

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:47 PM  
The bill would renew the Federal commitment to addressing local water quality challenges by providing an infusion of Federal assistance for the construction, repair, and replacement of the Nation's network of wastewater and stormwater conveyance and treatment facilities. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019 will address America's crumbling wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges. This bill authorizes \$23.5 billion to improve wastewater infrastructure. This bill also will provide funds for agencies to meet Clean Water Act standards by constructing stormwater systems. The funding provided in the bill will be used in direct infrastructure investment over the next five years. Funds will be given to projects that address America's crumbling wastewater infrastructure and improve local water quality challenges. The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act also increase the amount of federal assistance made available to states and communities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-03-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1932	Committee On Energy And Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee On Water And Power Hearings Held 2019 07 18	In Senate

**Title**  
Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Cory Gardner

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jan 16, 2020, 10:27 PM  
This bill would support water infrastructure in the nation's Reclamation states, as well as extend federal funding an additional five years, including \$670 million in surface and groundwater storage projects; \$100 million for water recycling projects; and \$60 million for desalination projects. The bill would also establish a new loan program for water agencies designed to spur investment in new water supply projects. Key provisions include but are not limited to expanding and updating the Bureau of Reclamation funding authorizations in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) to fund portions of federal (50%) and non-federal (25%) surface and groundwater storage and conveyance facilities, as well as cost share (25%) additional water reuse and recycling and desalination projects; and creating a new loan program at 30-year Treasury rates for water supply projects under what would be established under the Reclamation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (RIFIA). These loans would use criteria (49% maximum loan) modeled after the well-established Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (WIFIA) program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The legislation would also authorize \$140 million for restoration and environmental compliance projects, including forest, meadow and watershed restoration projects with water benefits and projects to help restore threatened and endangered species affected by Reclamation water projects.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-06-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2460	Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr H 3509 2019 05 09	In House

**Title**  
Modernizing Agricultural Transportation Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Greg Pence

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 16, 2020, 5:20 PM  
This bill directs the Department of Transportation to establish a working group to (1) identify obstacles to safe, humane, and market-efficient transport of livestock, insects, and agricultural commodities; and (2) develop guidelines and recommended regulatory or legislative actions to improve the safe, humane, and efficient transport of livestock, insects, and agricultural commodities.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2470	Referred To The Subcommittee On Water Resources And Environment 2019 05 03	In House

**Title**  
Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Salud Carbajal

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:49 PM  
This bill establishes an EPA grant program for communities to improve the resiliency and adaptability of their water-related infrastructure. Competitive grants will spur projects which conserve water or increase efficiency in its use, preserve or improve water quality, rebuild or relocate threatened infrastructure, protect source waters and ecosystems, and implement advanced treatment technologies such as water reuse and recycling.

**Introduction Date:** 2019-05-02

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1429	Introduced In House 2019 02 28	In House

**Title**  
Drinking Water Infrastructure for Job Creation Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Maxine Waters

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 12, 2020, 3:50 PM  
This bill would make supplemental appropriations for FY 2019 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and for other purposes. The Drinking Water Infrastructure for Job Creation Act will provide emergency supplemental appropriations of \$7.5 billion over the next six years. These funds will be used for job creation and to address the nation's drinking water infrastructure. The funds provided from this bill will be appropriated to the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and will assist public water systems finance infrastructure projects. The funding provided by this bill is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. The emergency funding is exempt from discretionary spending limits and is only available if the President subsequently designates the amounts as an emergency and submits the designation to Congress. The bill also exempts the funding from sequestration. (Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.)

**Introduction Date:** 2019-02-28