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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6175

BETTINA BURKE, MAJORITY STAFF DIRECTOR
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February 18, 2011

Dear Colleague:

The Committee on Environment and Public Works intends to begin its work on the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). WRDA is the authorizing legislation for the programs and projects of the civil works program of the Army Corps of Engineers.

We believe Congress has a constitutional role to play in determining spending priorities for the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. Without Congressional input, the Administration would be the sole voice in setting water resources priorities. Therefore, we need your help to understand the full scope of the nation's water resources needs. Accordingly, we would like you to provide us with your state's water resources priorities, so that we have a complete perspective of the nation's critical infrastructure needs.

Water resources projects typically included in WRDA include those with completed Chief of Engineers reports, modifications to existing Corps of Engineers' projects, study authorizations for new projects, and miscellaneous projects consistent with the Corps' program and demonstrating a Federal interest. Projects authorized under WRDA are subject to cost-sharing defined in statute and range from 20 percent to 100 percent non-Federal share depending on the project's purposes.

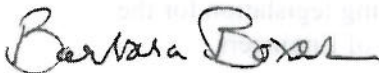
To provide the Committee with specific project and programmatic requests you would like considered for inclusion in this bill, we ask that you submit a signed letter listing your requests, a request form (Attachment A) for each request, and a completed request spreadsheet (Attachment B). You may also include such additional information as you consider appropriate to aid the Committee in the consideration of your request. Only requests accompanied by a signed request letter and with all completed materials will be considered by the Committee.

Please note that the requirements of Senate Rule XLIV, Congressionally Directed Spending and Related Items, may apply to your requests. That Rule requires, among other things, that specific information be provided to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee, including a certification that neither the Senator nor the Senator's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the item. If Rule XLIV applies to your requests, the certification required under that Rule must accompany the request in writing and should be included in your request letter to the Committee. We also ask that a summary of all requests submitted to the Committee be posted on your official website. Suggested certification language is attached (Attachment C). You may provide one certification if your request letter notes the specific requests to which the certification applies.

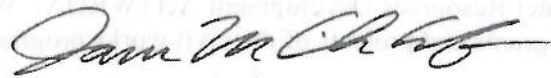
Your signed request letter, request forms, request spreadsheet, and any required certifications should be submitted electronically in one email to WRDA2011@epw.senate.gov and on paper to the Committee majority and minority offices in Dirksen 410 and 456, respectively, by 6:00 PM on Monday, March 28, 2011.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact us or our staff – Jason Albritton or Ted Illston of the majority Committee staff at 224-8832 and Murphie Barrett of the minority Committee staff at 224-6176. We look forward to working with you to meet our nation's critical water resources needs.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
Chairman



James Inhofe
Ranking Member

**2011 Water Resources Development Act
Environment and Public Works Committee
REQUEST FORM**

(Please fill out one sheet for each request)

MEMBER:

Member Staff Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Priority: of

Project/Study/Activity Requests

(Complete this section if your request relates to a specific project)

Name of Project:

Location (include city/county and state):

Corps District(s):

Non-Federal Sponsor Contact Information (Name, Phone, and Email Address):

Corps Report: If the request is for a construction authorization, does the project have a completed Corps report? yes no

Project Modification: Does this request modify an existing authorization? yes no
If yes, please provide a reference for the existing authorization

Project Cost:

Policy/Programmatic/Other Language Requests

(Complete this section if your request is programmatic or policy-related)

Provision Title:

Geographic Areas Affected (if applicable):

Description of Purpose and Need for Request

(Complete this section for ALL requests. Attach additional pages if needed.)

