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Michael Connor was confirmed by the Senate this morning as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

The ASA (CW) establishes policy direction and provides supervision of the Department of the Army functions relating to all aspects of the Civil Works program of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Connor is currently a partner at the law firm WilmerHale, focusing on natural resources, energy development, environmental compliance and Native American law.

Before joining WilmerHale, Connor held an array of positions within the federal government. He served as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior from 2014-2017, as well as Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation from 2009-2014, leading efforts to develop strategies, build coalitions and implement actions to carry out President Obama's energy, natural resources, conservation, climate change and Native American policies.

Connor previously served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which included managing the Water and Power Subcommittee. In this position, he developed, negotiated and enacted legislation involving water resources, energy, and Native American issues. He also served as director of the Indian Water Rights Office at the Department of the Interior, and as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Connor is an enrolled member of the Taos Pueblo in New Mexico.

As Connor transitions into the role, Acting ASA (CW) Jaime Pinkham will assume his permanent role as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

PNWA looks forward to working with Connor and his team on the issues important to our membership and region.

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