Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014

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WRRDA!

- Water Resources Reform and Development Act
- Path to full use of HMT – incremental increases leading to full use in 2025
- Donor equity
- 8 channel improvement projects authorized
- Streamline Corps study process
WRRDA – AAPA Highlights

- HMT targets leading to full use and donor equity provisions in Title 2. Member agreement on AAPA HMT Principles was key to successful Congressional discussions.
- The donor equity provision (Section 2106): While AAPA did not specifically endorse this section, it does address AAPA’s principal on donor equity. There are a lot of clarifications that the Corps will need to determine in terms of berth dredging and port coordination regarding refund payment processes, etc.
- Cost sharing threshold modernization: Changing the cost-share maintenance dredging depth from greater than 45 feet to greater than 50 feet. This threshold was established in WRDA 1986 and did not reflect current global shipping.
- Expedited feasibility study completions – the 3x3x3 established in Section 1001. This was directly linked to AAPA/Corps/Sec Army listening sessions that began in 2011.
WRRDA – AAPA Highlights

- Elimination of Initial Reconnaissance study at existing Federal navigation projects (Section 1002). Saves 2 years or more to get into the Budget process and determine there is a Federal interest and then initiating a Feasibility study.
- Clarification of Non-Federal Sponsor’s ability to hire the Corps for economic and environmental components of a feasibility study, (Section 1014).
- Expanded who can contribute funds to the Corps “other non-Federal interests” (Section 1015).
- Expanded flexibilities associated with Cost-Sharing Sponsor credits – what is earned, credit in lieu of reimbursement and their transfer and from one project to another (Sections 1020, 1021 and 1022).
WRRDA – AAPA Highlights

- Expediting the Secretary’s approval of modifications and alterations of projects by non-Federal interests (Section 1007).
- Increased flexibilities to accept and use materials and services to repair or restore damage to a water resources project after an emergency (Section 1024). For example post-Hurricane surveys to expedite navigation channel reopening.
- Accepting contributed funds for dedicated Regulatory permit reviews (Section 1006).
- Independent Peer Reviews, Section 1044: Threshold increased from $45 to $200 million; review authority extended 5 years.
US Harbors 45’ or Greater

WEST COAST
- Seattle/Tacoma (>50’)
- Oakland (50’)
- LA/LB (>50’)
- San Diego (47’)

GULF COAST
- Mobile
- New Orleans
- Houston/Galveston/Texas City
- Corpus Christi
- Freeport

EAST COAST
- NY/NJ (50’ underway)
- Baltimore (50’)
- Hampton Roads (50’)
- Charleston
- Morehead City
- Miami (50’ underway)

WRRDA
- Sabine Neches Waterway, 48’
- Jacksonville (Mile Point)
- Savannah, 47’
- Freeport, 56’
- Canaveral, 44’
- Boston, 47’
- Lake Worth, 39’
- Jacksonville, 47’

AAPA Seaports Deliver Prosperity
Implementation Guidance
Listening Sessions

• **Session I, Aug 13, 2014**
  Deauthorizations & Backlog Prevention
  Project Development and Delivery (Including Planning)

• **Session II, Aug 27, 2014**
  Alternative Financing – Contributions
  Alternative Financing - Title V Credits

• **Session III, Sep 10, 2014**
  Levee Safety
  Dam Safety
  Regulatory (including 408)

• **Session IV, Sep 24, 2014**
  Non-Federal Implementation
  Water Supply and Reservoirs
  Navigation
What’s Next?

• WRDA implementation guidance w/Corps
• Hit the HMT target!
  • Administration - (walk the talk) budget for HMT and new starts
  • Congress appropriate the funds
• Engage in surface transportation reauthorization
• Communicate importance of freight movement and infrastructure investment to Nation’s economic growth and jobs.
Surface Transportation Programs

MAP 21 (2012)
- Directed development of a National Freight Strategy
- Intermodal performance measure development
- Establish a Primary Freight Network
- Port concern – first mile, last mile

TIGER
- Transportation Investment Grants for Economic Recovery
- Annual amount varies, $500 M, ports seek 25%

MARAD
- Maritime Strategic Plan
- Strong Ports
Surface Transportation

MAP 21 (2014) Goals

• States include more needs of ports – intermodal projects

• Seek a dedicated National Freight Program

• Establish and direct funding to Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS)

• 2012 Freight consideration voluntary, but provided incentives

• States establish a water transportation official in their Department of Transportation