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Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Standing Special Committee Meeting Agenda

Committee Members: Vice President Burkhart & President Corl-Lorono

**BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. CHEROKEE TR.
LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285**

**September 15, 2020
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion and Action Items - The Committee will discuss the following items, and the Committee will consider taking action, if so inclined. The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three minutes to provide their public comment.

- 1. Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee**
Committee to participate via teleconference for an update by the State Advocate of Issues at the State Level, as well as an update by the Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level.
- 2. Community Water Systems Alliance Update**
- 3. Prop. 1 / Round 1 Grant Award (Goat Mountain Replacement Well) Update**
- 4. Prop. 1 Planning Grant Project (Uranium Blending Pipeline & Consolidation) Update**
- 5. Ames/Reche Management Area Reporting Update for years 2018-2019**
- 6. ID Goat Mountain Tanks R1, R2A and R2B Project Update**
- 7. Consent Items** – The following items are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted on by the Committee at one time without discussion, unless a member of the Public or member of the Committee requests that the item be held for discussion or further action.
 - a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2020**

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a):

8. Public Comment Period

Any person may address the Committee on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction on items not appearing on this agenda. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three minutes to provide their public comment. State Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking action on items not included on the agenda.

9. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings

1. Committee Members' Comments/Reports
2. General Manager's Report

10. Adjournment

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Item # 1

LLPI MWA Agenda Packet

Back-up from August meeting, September

Update not available at time of agenda

posting



TO: Legal, Legislative and Public Information Committee
FROM: Ed Manning and Carolyn Jensen
RE: KP Public Affairs Agenda
DATE: August 11, 2020

1. Legislative Calendar

- August 31st - Final day of 2020 legislative session.

2. Legislative Update (See Hyperlinks Below)

- Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC's)
 - [AB 2560 \(Quirk\) Water Quality: Notification and Response Level Transparency.](#)
- Public Safety Power Shutoff's (PSPS)
 - [SB 1099 \(Dodd\) Emergency Back Up for Critical Facilities.](#)
- Promotion of Long Duration Energy Storage
 - [AB 1720 \(Carrillo\) Energy: long-duration energy storage: environmental review and procurement.](#)
- Resource Conservation
 - [AB 3030 \(Kalra\) Authorizes the state to take specified measures to achieve a goal to protect at least 30% of the state's land area and water by 2030.](#)
- Legislature allows new voting procedures:
 - Senate allows remote voting in Senate policy committees.
 - Assembly adopts proxy voting procedure for Assembly Floor votes.

Bill Number	Sponsor/ Cosponsor	Title and/or Summary	Summary/Status	Latest Action
H.R. 7608	Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)	<p style="text-align: center;">First House Minibus Appropriations Package: State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021</p>	<p>The \$259.5 billion four appropriation bill package included \$36.76 billion for the Interior, Environment spending bill in which the Environmental Protection Agency would receive a near-record \$9.38 billion and Interior would get \$13.83 billion in discretionary appropriations under the legislation.</p> <p>The measure includes \$15 billion for a new emergency critical infrastructure fund, \$2.35 billion for the wildfire suppression cap adjustment, and \$12.9 million in additional funds for research on PFAS, “forever chemicals” found in nonstick consumer goods and firefighting foam.</p>	<p>Representative Lowey, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, introduced the first minibus on July 13, 2020.</p> <p>Amendments from members were due to the Committee on July 20, and the legislation passed in the House on July 24 by a vote on 224-189. Republicans voted against the measure unanimously, objecting to the "emergency" spending titles, which they say violates the Bipartisan Budget Act agreed to last year.</p> <p>The spending bills face an unlikely path to the president’s desk before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. Without funding bills or a continuing resolution — a stopgap measure that extends current funding levels — the government would shut down.</p> <p>Moreover, the Senate has yet to introduce their versions of the fiscal year 2021 appropriations bills, and are not expected to do so until after August recess.</p>

<p>H.R. 7617</p>	<p>Rep. Pete Visclosky (D-IN)</p>	<p>Second House Minibus Appropriations Package: Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021</p>	<p>The measure totals over \$1.3 trillion and included \$60 million for WaterSMART Grants; \$2.1 million for Water Conservation Field Services Program; \$4.179 million for Cooperative Watershed Management; \$2 million for Basin Studies; \$5 millions Drought Responses & Comprehensive Drought Plans; \$5 million for Basin Studies and \$63.665 million for Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program and an additional \$300 million in emergency appropriations for WaterSMART grants and \$50 million for the Title XVI program.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on July 16, 2020</p> <p>The measure passed the House by a vote of 217 to 197, with no Republicans supporting the bill and 12 Democrats joining them in opposition.</p> <p>The Senate has yet to introduce their versions of the fiscal year 2021 appropriations bill, and are not expected to do so until after August recess.</p>
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H.R. 7575	Rep. DeFazio (D-OR)	Water Resources Development Act of 2020	<p>The legislation would help build, repair, and maintain a wide variety of water infrastructure projects.</p> <p>In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be authorized to start several navigation, flood control, storm damage, and other water-related infrastructure projects. The bill also directs the Corps to undertake an inventory of water resources development projects and associated properties that are or may be contaminated with PFAS, and to develop a plan to remediate and limit potential human exposure to the contamination. In Southern California, the Corps would be required to expedite a study on the Seven Oaks Dam related to adding additional authorized purposes.</p>	<p>The bill was introduced July 13, 2020.</p> <p>The measure was favorably approved out of committee on July 24, 2020 and passed the House on July 31, 2020 by voice vote.</p> <p>After passing the House the bill is now awaiting consideration in the Senate. Senate EPW Committee Chairman John Barasso (R-WY) has indicated a willingness to consider the House-passed bill.</p>
H.R. 6084	Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)	Water Power Research and Development Act	<p>To provide for a program of hydropower, pumped storage, and marine energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on March 4, 2020 and referred to the Subcommittee on Energy of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.</p> <p>On March 12, 2020, the Subcommittee on Energy held a Mark-up Session, and the legislation forwarded by the Subcommittee to Full Committee for Voice Vote.</p> <p>No actions on the bill have been taken since March.</p>

<p>H.R. 2</p>	<p>Rep. DeFazio (D-OR)</p>	<p>Moving Forward Act</p>	<p>The bill combines multiple pieces of legislation to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit program.</p> <p>The measure includes \$25 billion for drinking water, \$100 billion for broadband, \$70 billion for clean energy projects, \$100 billion for low income schools, \$30 billion to upgrade hospitals, \$100 billion in funding for public housing and \$25 billion for the postal service and allocates approximately \$500 billion to further green efforts.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the House on June 11, 2020.</p> <p>On June 17, 2020 the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit discharged the measure and the bill for consideration by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>Following the mark up the bill was ordered to be reported out of committee. On Monday, June 29, 2020 the Rules Committee met to discuss the procedure and rules for the bill's consideration on the House floor.</p> <p>The House voted on the measure on Wednesday, July 1 and passed the legislation by a vote of 233 – 188.</p>
<p>H.R. 6622</p>	<p>Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)</p>	<p>Assuring Quality Water Infrastructure Act</p>	<p>The bill amends the Safe Water Drinking Act to establish a grant program for improving operational sustainability by small public water systems.</p> <p>The bill would authorize \$5 million to execute this program for each of the fiscal years 2021 - 2025.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on April 24, 2020, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>

<p>H.R.6800</p>	<p>Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)</p>	<p>The HEROES Act</p>	<p>The bill provides over \$3 trillion to federal agencies, state and local governments, small businesses, and individuals.</p> <p>The measure also would authorize and provide \$5 billion for the Housing and Urban Development Department's Community Development Block Grant program. The grant funds would have to be allocated to state and local recipients within 30 days of the bill's enactment according to an existing formula. Emergency grants could be made over 121 consecutive months, instead of three months, for entities that provide families with food, clothing, housing, and more.</p> <p>In addition, outlined within the legislation, and some would say key to successfully reopening, the measure would authorize and appropriate \$75 billion for a Covid-19 National Testing and Contact Tracing initiative.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on May 12, 2020.</p> <p>On May 15, 2020 the measure passed the House by a vote of 208 - 199.</p> <p>The bill has not been well received in the Senate. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell(R-KY) has indicated that a Senate version will likely be notably different than the House passed version. The Senate is expected to consider a measure after the July 4th recess.</p>
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<p>S.3752 / H.R.6954</p>	<p>Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) / Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) Reps. Mikie Sherril (D-NJ) / Rep. Peter King (R-NY)</p>	<p>SMART Act</p>	<p>The State and Municipal Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Act targets \$500 billion in emergency funding to every state, county and community in the country, while prioritizing assistance to the areas with the greatest need.</p> <p>These funds could be used to help state and local governments meet the current demand, expand testing capacity and contact tracing, provide further assistance to residents, local hospitals, small businesses and schools, in addition to maintaining critical services residents depend upon. The funding would be divided into equal thirds to provide funding based on population size, infection rates, and revenue losses.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on May 18 in the Senate and on May 19 in the House.</p> <p>Either a substitute amendment or new legislation negotiated by the bipartisan group of Members is expected to be introduced reflecting updated provisions agreed to by the coalition.</p> <p>The legislation has been referred to the respective committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate.</p> <p>The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held a hearing on the legislation on June 2.</p>
<p>H.R.7073</p>	<p>Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)</p>	<p>Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act</p>	<p>The legislation would provide special districts access to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established in the CARES Act (H.R.748). The Coronavirus Relief Fund, as enacted, provided \$150 billion for the remainder of fiscal year 2020, which ends on September 30, 2020, for State and Tribal governments and units of local governments.</p> <p>Special districts would also be determined “eligible issuers” for the Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facilities Program.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on June 1, 2020 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and Committee on Financial Services.</p>

S.3591	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) / Tom Carper (D-DE)	America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020	Provides roughly \$17 billion in new federal authorizations to invest in infrastructure projects across the country, sets a 2-year goal for completing feasibility studies for potential projects by the Corps, and reauthorizes the WIFIA program administered by the EPA.	<p>The legislation was introduced on May 4, 2020, and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>On May 11, 2020, the legislation was reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsorship.</p>
S.3590	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) / Tom Carper (D-DE)	Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020	The measure would provide roughly \$2.5 billion in authorizations, including reauthorizing a Safe Drinking Water Act emergency fund, and \$300 million in grants for cleaning drinking water of emerging contaminants, particularly toxic PFAS.	<p>The legislation was introduced on May 4, 2020, and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>On May 11, 2020, the legislation was reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsorship.</p>

<p>S.1932</p>	<p>Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) / Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D-CA)</p>	<p>Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act</p>	<p>This legislation would authorize and/or reauthorize surface and groundwater storage and supporting projects, water recycling and reuse projects, and desalination projects. It would also establish an infrastructure finance and innovation pilot program at the Bureau of Reclamation. The legislation would also establish a process to deauthorize Bureau of Reclamation projects that have failed to receive a minimum federal investment or initiate construction.</p> <p>The bill would increase support for water infrastructure projects that are likely to provide a more-reliable water supply and increase the water management flexibility and water reliability.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on June 20, 2019. The Water and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee held hearings on July 18, 2019.</p> <p>A markup has not been scheduled due to disagreements between the Ranking Member and Sponsors of the legislation.</p> <p>Senator Dianne Feinstein is expected to release an updated version of the bill.</p>
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<p>H.R. 1957 (previously S.3422)</p>	<p>Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO)</p>	<p>Great American Outdoors Act</p>	<p>The legislation would create a National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund with income from 50% of the energy development revenues from oil, gas, coal, or alternative renewable energy from Federal land from fiscal years 2021 to 2025 for deferred maintenance projects in the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, on BLM Public Lands, BIA Schools, or the National Forest.</p> <p>The legislation would also establish permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund that would not require further appropriations from Congress.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on 3/9/2020 in the Senate. The legislation has 59 cosponsors, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) who has indicated he plans to fast track the legislation in the Senate. While there were initially plans to consider the legislation in March, the Senate's schedule was changed to consider the third coronavirus response bill.</p> <p>The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 73-25 on June 17.</p> <p>The House agreed to the Senate amendments on July 22 by a vote of 310 - 107. The legislation was sent to the President on July 24.</p>
<p>Draft Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)</p>	<p>FUTURE Drought Act</p>	<p>Representative Huffman's draft legislation includes three titles on: Infrastructure Development, Improved Technology and Data, and Ecosystem Protection and Restoration. The draft legislation would create a water storage program, includes authorization of funding for desalination projects, created an water infrastructure fund, and extends and expands the WaterSMART program.</p>	<p>Much of this legislation was incorporated into H.R.2 (information above).</p>
<p>S. 2356</p>	<p>Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)</p>	<p>Define WOTUS Act of 2019</p>	<p>The measure would create a new WOTUS definition the void the previous Obama era definition that is currently tied up in litigation.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced on July 31, 2019 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>

S. 1087	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019	The measure would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification.	<p>The measure was introduced in the Senate on April 19, 2019 and was referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>On November 19, 2019 the committee held a hearing to discuss impacts of the act if implemented.</p>
H.R. 1764	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	The bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act	The legislation would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.	<p>Introduced on March 15, 2019 and then referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.</p> <p>This legislation has bipartisan cosponsorship and hearings were held on the measure in November 2019.</p>

<p>H.R.1497</p>	<p>Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)</p>	<p>Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019</p>	<p>Requires a report to Congress on the current and future workforce needs for publicly owned treatment works and information on steps taken to meet those needs.</p> <p>Reauthorizes sections of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that provide grants to States and interstate agencies, including: State Management Assistance: Section 106(a); Watershed Pilot Projects: Section 122(c); Alternative Water Source Projects Pilot Program: Section 220(d); Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants: Section 221(f)1); and State Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds.</p> <p>Changes the length of permits for NPDES permits to not exceeding 10 years in certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Introduced on March 6, 2019 and referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Transportation Committee.</p> <p>The Committee marked up the legislation and reported it with an amendment in the nature of a substitute--expanding the scope of the legislation.</p>
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<p>H.R. 1508 / S. 146</p>	<p>Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR) / Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)</p>	<p>Move America Act of 2019</p>	<p>The measure would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Move America bonds and Move America credits which would be applicable to projects relating to flood diversions, inland waterways, sewage facilities.</p>	<p>The House bill was introduced on March 5, 2019 and then referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>Note: All tax issues are likely to be addressed as part of a larger tax package. The Ways and Means Committee is considering forming a tax extenders package, which would be the most likely venue for this legislation.</p> <p>The Senate bill was introduced in the Senate on January 16th and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.</p>
<p>H.R.1162</p>	<p>Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)</p>	<p>Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act</p>	<p>This legislation would create a competitive grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects by raising the authorization cap for the Title XVI program from \$50 million to \$500 million. The legislation would also raise the authorization cap from \$20 million to \$30 million for the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act.</p>	<p>Introduced in the House on February 13, 2019.</p> <p>The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on the legislation on June 13, 2019.</p> <p>On March 11, 2020, the House Natural Resources Committee held a mark-up on the legislation and it was ordered to be reported out of Committee by a vote of 19-12.</p> <p>Elements of the bill were incorporated into H.R.2 (above).</p>
<p>S. 361/H.R. 807</p>	<p>Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) / Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO)</p>	<p>Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act of 2019</p>	<p>The measure would work to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance (Senate) and Ways and Means Committee (House). Neither chamber has recently engaged on the measures.</p>

H.R.579	Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO)	Water Rights Protection Act of 2019	This bill would prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes.	<p>Introduced in the House on January 15th. Referred to the Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee on 2/7 and to the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee on 2/4.</p> <p>A similar amendment was submitted to the House Rules Committee for consideration in the Interior-Environment Appropriations bill, but was not made in order by the Committee for floor consideration.</p>
H.R.34	Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	Energy and Water Research Integration Act of 2019	The legislation would ensure consideration of water intensity in the Department of Energy's energy research, development, and demonstration programs to help guarantee efficient, reliable, and sustainable delivery of energy and clean water resources.	The bill was introduced in the House on January 3, 2019. It was marked up and ordered to be reported by the House Science and Technology Committee on May 1, 2019 and was passed by the House on July 23, 2019 by voice vote. On July 24, the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
H.R. 2313	Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act	The measure would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.	<p>The bill was introduced in the House on April 12, 2019 and then referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>Note: All tax issues are likely to be addressed as part of a larger tax package. The Ways and Means Committee is considering forming a tax extenders package, which would be the most likely venue for this legislation.</p>

H.R.1747	Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA)	National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act	The measure aims to achieve measurable habitat conservation results through strategic actions of Fish Habitat Partnerships that lead to better fish habitat conditions and increased fishing opportunities, establish a consensus set of national conservation strategies as a framework to guide future actions and investment by Fish Habitat Partnerships, broaden the community of support for fish habitat conservation, fill gaps in the National Fish Habitat Assessment and the associated database of the National Fish Habitat Assessment, and communicate to the public and conservation partners.	A hearing has been held in the House Natural Resources Committee on the legislation and the legislation was ordered to be reported out of committee on September 25, 2019.
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S.1419	Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)	Early Participation in Regulations Act	The legislation would direct agencies to issue advanced notices for rules costing more than \$100 million annually. The bill would require agencies must outline the problem the rule intends to solve and listen to the public's input on the subject.	<p>On May 13, the bill was introduced into the Senate. It was then referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings on the bill were held in both the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Small Business. On July 19 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered the measure to be reported favorably with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.</p> <p>On September 10, the bill was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. However the bill has yet to be considered on the Senate floor.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsor ship.</p>
S. 1087	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019	The measure would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification.	<p>The measure was introduced in the Senate on April 19 and was referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p>On November 19 the committee held a hearing to discuss impacts of the act if implemented.</p>
H.R. 1695	Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)	Community Services Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2019	The legislation would amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and modernize the Act.	<p>The measure was introduced in the House on March 12, 2019 to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsor ship.</p>

H.R. 1744	Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)	S.T.O.R.A.G.E. Act (Storage Technology for Operational Readiness And Generating Energy Act) Energy Storage Systems by Electric Utilities	The bill would provide for the consideration of energy storage systems by electric utilities as part of a supply side resource process, and for other purposes.	The bill was introduced on March 13, 2019 and the referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
H.R.579	Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO)	Water Rights Protection Act of 2019	This bill would prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes.	Introduced in the House on January 15th. Referred to the Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee on February 7, 2019 and to the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee on February 4, 2019.
H. R. 855	Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)	STRONG (Strengthening the Resiliency of our Nation on the Ground Act) Act	The bill would work to minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purpose	Introduced in the House and referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management of the House Transportation Committee on February 7, 2019.
H.R. 420	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act	The bill would decriminalize marijuana and sets up legal framework to regulate marijuana.	Introduced in the House on January 9, 2019 and referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, and Agriculture.

S.420 /H.R. 1120	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) / Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act	A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation and regulation of marijuana products, and for other purposes.	<p>The bill was introduced in the Senate on February 7, 2019 and was referred to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Introduced in the House on February 8, 2019 and was referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Agriculture, and Natural Resources.</p>
H.R. 3794	Rep. Paul A. Gosar (R-AZ)	Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2019	The bill would work to promote the development of renewable energy on public lands	<p>The measure was introduced in the House on July 17, 2019 and was then referred to both the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture. A hearing on the bill was held on July 25 by the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. On August 9th, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Energy of the House Agriculture Committee.</p> <p>The measure was later referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources where a hearing was held on the legislation. On November 20, 2019, a Mark-up session was held and the bill was ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsorship.</p>

S. 1344	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Tim Scott (R-SC)	Reinstate Opportunity Zone Data Mandates	<p>The bill would require the Secretary of the Treasury to collect data and issue a report on the opportunity zone tax incentives enacted by the 2017 tax reform legislation.</p> <p>The reporting requirements were part of the original legislation as introduced, but they were not incorporated in H.R.1 (the tax package) when it was advanced in the House and Senate.</p>	<p>The legislation was introduced in the Senate on May 7, 2019 and referred to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>The legislation has bipartisan cosponsorship.</p>
H.R.535	Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	PFAS Action Act of 2019	<p>The legislation combines 12 different bills that had previously been introduced into one legislative package that would change the way the federal government regulates “forever chemicals” known as PFAS.</p> <p>The consolidated version of H.R. 535 would place these chemicals on the Superfund hazards substances list from the Environmental Protection Agency, force the agency to set nationwide drinking water standards for PFAS, and block companies from producing new chemicals in this class.</p>	<p>The legislation was reported out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee on November 20, 2019 by a vote of 31 to 19, largely along party lines. The bill passed the House on January 10, 2020 by a vote of 247 - 159. The bill was received in the Senate on January 13, 2020 and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. The legislation is not expected to be considered in the Senate in its current form.</p>

H.R.4236	Rep. Quigley, Mike (D-IL)	Reducing Waste in National Parks Act	The legislation would encourage recycling and reduction of disposable plastic bottles in units of the National Park System,	<p>The bill was introduced on September 6, 2019 and was referred to the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.</p> <p>The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held hearings on the legislation on February 27, 2020.</p>
S.3263 / H.R.5845	Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) and Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act of 2020	This legislation would require plastic producers to take responsibility for collecting and recycling materials, require nationwide container deposits, ban certain pollutant products, impose a fee on the distribution of non-reusable carryout bags, create a new minimum recycled content requirement, protect state and local governments by allowing them to enact more stringent standards, requirements, and additional product bans, and give environmental agencies the valuable time needed to investigate the cumulative impacts of new plastic-producing facilities on the air, water, and climate.	<p>The bills were introduced in the House on 2/12/2020 and in the Senate on 2/11/2020. In the House, the legislation has been referred to the following committees: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>In the Senate, the legislation has been referred to the Finance Committee.</p>
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