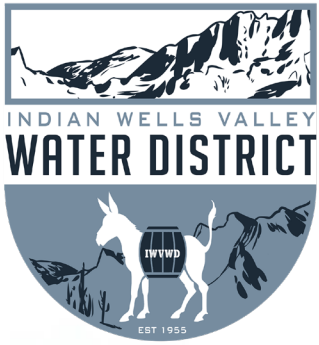




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WRDA 2026 Update Imported Water Pipeline Project



Current Status

- **The Water Resource Development Act of 2024 (WRDA 24)**
 - **Authorized \$50M, no actual funding for the Imported Water Pipeline**
- **The Water Resource Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 26)**
 - **In work in Washington DC, may add billions to the current project backlog**
- **Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2027 (EWAA 27)**
 - **This is the bill that actually would give the GA funding for the Pipeline**
 - **The GA is requesting the first \$5M of the authorized \$50M in this year**
 - **This is a “New Start” for the pipeline and officially starts the project**
- **Planning Assistance to States (PAS) program**
 - **Under this program the Army Corps of Engineers could assist the GA in Pipeline Design**
 - **The GA is requesting the program pay 100% of these costs not 50/50**

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GA Funding Request Summary

- **The GA is currently seeking \$5M in WRDA Funding via the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2027**
 - **The GA received two Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (earmarks) from CA Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff for \$5M**
 - **The GA did not request an “earmark” from Congressman Vince Fong**
- **The GA is also requesting Disadvantaged Community relief under section 8119 of the USACE’s Planning Assistance to States Program (PAS Program)**
 - **The GA reports it is only at the 60% design stage, and has numerous environmental and ROW tasks before construction can commence in earnest**
- **Bottom Line: The GA appears to be over schedule and budget in the design of the Imported Water Pipeline and is looking for ways to complete these tasks**

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WRDA Funding Reality

- **As of 2024 598 WRDA projects “Authorized” for \$18.1 Billion**
 - **Hundreds of these projects are awaiting “Appropriations” to start**
 - **The ACOE policy is generally to continue funding existing projects that have already been funded in a prior year**
 - **The exception to this are projects that get a congressional earmark**
- **A “New Start” is any project that gets an appropriation**
 - **Thus, even if the Imported Pipeline Project gets a small level of funding, it achieves “New Start” status removing barriers to future funding**
 - **This helps explain why the GA is asking for a small amount at this time**
 - **Projects are rarely deauthorized once qualified as a “New Start”**

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WRDA 2026 and EWAA of 2027

- **WRDA 2026 is still in work, but is farther ahead than EWAA 2027**
 - **The House version proposed some about 200 new projects and another \$4B to \$5B in “authorizations”**
 - **The Senate version has far fewer EI authorizations (77), but significant funding for State Revolving Funds (\$16.5B for Drinking Water, \$14B for Clean Water). Far less for EI**
- **The 2027 EWAA is still in work.**
 - **A Continuing Resolution keeps the Government running until mid December**
 - **Whether the GA’s \$5M request gets approved is still to be decided**
 - **Senator John Kennedy is the lead for this Legislation**



What does all this Mean?

- **The WRDA Authorization and EWAA Appropriation request by the GA are far more likely to continue if the initial \$5M requested gets Appropriated in the 2027 EWAA**
- **If the GA receives this funding, it can be used to continue design and environmental work**
- **The GA is also requesting that the ACOE fund 100% of its assistance under the Planning Assistance to States Program**
- **Currently the GA is looking to get past the “New Start” hurdles and get funding to complete its over budget Design and Env tasks.**
- **Both efforts are generally to continue design, ROW and Env.**



Comments – Questions?

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