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NACo applauds House passage of water resources bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA).

"On behalf of the nation’s counties, NACo thanks the U.S. House of Representatives for passing the bipartisan Water Resources Reform and Development Act," said Matt Chase, NACo’s executive director. "Not only are the water projects authorized under WRRDA of national importance, they will lead to job creation and economic opportunity in those communities. We urge Congress to complete the legislative process quickly and send a final bill to the president’s desk."

WRRDA is instrumental in addressing many water resources issues important to counties. These issues include navigation channels, harbors, beach management, levee and dam repair, aquatic ecosystems, flood emergency and water infrastructure projects through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

Counties are an essential part of the nation’s infrastructure. Counties spend $106.3 billion annually to build, maintain and operate roads, bridges, transit, water systems, and other public facilities.

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