



Committee: Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Event: [Full Committee Markup: Water Resources Development Act](#)
Date: July 14, 2026

Executive Summary:

On July 14, 2026, the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee held a markup to consider the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026 ([H.R. 9497](#)); the Committee also used the meeting to update Subcommittee rosters and consider General Services Administration (GSA) Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions.

The WRDA markup was largely bipartisan, with Members emphasizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) role in advancing drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, flood control, drought resilience, and environmental infrastructure investments. Members also raised concerns about data center impacts on water resources and PFAS contamination, and adopted a bipartisan manager's amendment incorporating more than 25 negotiated amendments. **The Committee favorably reported the amended WRDA bill out of Committee with broad bipartisan support; they also approved the updated Subcommittee rosters and GSA resolutions.**

Member Toplines:

[Chair Sam Graves \(R-MO-06\)](#): Graves emphasized that the WRDA bill invests in ports, harbors, inland waterways, flood protection, and other critical water infrastructure projects while streamlining USACE project delivery, strengthening partnerships with non-federal sponsors, expanding alternative project delivery, and advancing Missouri River flood control and levee management.

[Ranking Member Larsen \(D-WA-01\)](#): Larsen highlighted the WRDA bill as the Committee's biennial water resources bill, emphasizing the importance of resilient water infrastructure, affordable access to USACE expertise, and investments supporting local water infrastructure projects and community resilience.

Business Considered:

Approval of updated Subcommittee Rosters

- I. Chairman Graves announced that Rep. **James Gallagher** (R-CA-01) has been appointed to the Committee following the death of Rep. **Doug LaMalfa** (R-CA-01).
- II. **Revised Subcommittee rosters approved without objection.**

GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions

- I. The Committee considered resolutions to fund alteration and optimization projects across federally owned buildings, with the stated goal of reducing long-term costs and taxpayer liability. Ranking Member Larsen said the resolutions would fund work needed to maximize the efficiency of the federally owned real estate portfolio while facilitating the disposal of underutilized federal space.
- II. **Passed out of Committee as amended by a vote of 41–24.**

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 9497, the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 ([H.R. 9497](#))

I. Member Toplines

- Rep. **Dina Titus** (D-NV-01) voiced support for the bill, highlighting provisions that strengthen USACE's role in protecting water supplies, improving drought resilience, and requiring consideration of the impacts of data center development on regional water resources.
- Rep. **Salud Carbajal** (D-CA-24) highlighted that the bill authorizes 219 environmental infrastructure projects. He mentioned a total of \$66.5 million in his district, including:
 - \$30 million for the Los Olivos Community Services District to modernize critical wastewater infrastructure;
 - \$25 million for the City of Ojai to improve water reliability and environmental sustainability;
 - \$6.3 million for the City of Lompoc for essential water infrastructure improvements;
 - \$3.2 million for the Summerland Sanitary District to upgrade its wastewater system; and
 - \$2 million for the City of Solvang to strengthen local water infrastructure.
- Rep. **Greg Stanton** (D-AZ-04) emphasized investments in drought resilience, reservoirs, flood control, and environmental infrastructure, while calling for expedited permitting and increased support for rural and Tribal communities' water infrastructure.
- Rep. **Emilia Sykes** (D-OH-13) applauded the funding for environmental infrastructure projects, including stormwater management, reservoirs, water treatment, sanitary sewer systems, and flood mitigation. She also noted support for provisions requiring studies on the impact of data centers on water resources.
 - She also applauded inclusion of parts of her Water Reservoir Transparency Act ([H.R. 9484](#)) in the bill.
 - Data center concerns were also emphasized by Rep. **Frederica Wilson** (D-FL-24) who voiced the need to also study and eliminate PFAS contamination.
- Rep. **Hillary Scholten** (D-MI-03) highlighted authorization of \$115 million for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects in her district.
- Rep. **David Taylor** (R-OH-02) touted the \$32 million for water supply, storage, and wastewater treatment plant upgrades in his district.
- Rep. **Nellie Pou** (D-NJ-09) voiced support for provisions addressing contaminated waterways, flood reduction, and prioritizing delayed water infrastructure projects through the CLEAN-UP Act ([H.R. 7268](#)).

- Rep. **James Gallagher** (R-CA-01) mentioned \$155 million for Sacramento River Basin water and wastewater infrastructure, environmental restoration, surface water protections, wastewater sewer replacement projects, and timely dam safety reviews.
- Rep. **Shomari Figures** (D-AL-02) spoke about the \$50 million for wastewater improvements, including efforts to reduce drinking water losses, expand sewer infrastructure in underserved rural communities, and authorize contamination studies affecting the Africatown community.

II. *Amendments*

- [Manager's Amendment 01](#): Incorporates more than 25 bipartisan amendments, along with technical and conforming changes to the bill.
 - Rep. **John Garamendi** (D-CA-08) expressed support, noting that more than 30 filed amendments had been successfully negotiated into the manager's package.
 - Rep. **Jeff Van Drew** (R-NJ-02) voiced support for the manager's amendment and Rep. **Laura Gillen** (D-NY-04) highlighted that the amendment authorizes \$11 million for the Village of Garden City to replace lead service lines and includes tens of millions of dollars for additional drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Gillen expressed support for the amendment as well.
 - Adopted by voice vote.
- [Stanton 125](#): Reduces the non-federal cost share to 10 percent for economically disadvantaged communities under the Section 595 Western Rural Water Program.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Crawford 074](#): Transfers the USACE Little Rock District from the Southwestern Division to the Mississippi Valley Division to improve administrative and operational coordination of Corps water resources and navigation activities.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Davids 078](#): Imposes federal fee limits to architectural and engineering contracts.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Strickland 089](#): Authorizes the Northwest Regional Commission.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Babin 036](#): Includes funding for energy transfer ports.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Bost 035](#): Includes the Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act ([H.R. 1285](#)).
 - Withdrawn.
- [Van Drew 129](#): Offers coastal protection and public safety in North Wildwood, New Jersey.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Perry 327](#): Allows firearm possession at USACE properties.
 - The amendment was introduced by Rep. **Scott Perry** (R-PA-10) and supported by Rep. **Jeff Hurd** (R-CO-03); it was opposed by Rep. **Sharice Davids** (D-KS-03) on behalf of Ranking Member Larsen.
 - Failed by a recorded vote of 35-30.
- [Owens 051](#): Amends USACE construction authority to accelerate project delivery.
 - Withdrawn.
- [Mast 178](#): Everglades Agricultural Area project study request.

- Incorporated into the Manager's Amendment and agreed to by voice vote.
- [Onder 031](#): Technical clarification of inland waterway dam systems.
 - Withdrawn.

///. Unanimously passed out of Committee as amended.