

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Idaho State Capitol building. The image shows the large, white, ornate dome of the capitol, which is topped with a smaller, classical-style dome. The building features a series of arched windows and classical columns. An American flag is visible on a pole in the lower right foreground. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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- 2020 Election Outcomes
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- Biden Administration Update

- 117th Congress
 - House of Representatives
 - 221 Democrats
 - 211 Republicans
 - 3 vacancies
 - Just 6 votes can swing outcomes from D to R
 - Senate
 - 50 Republicans
 - 48 Democrats
 - 2 Independents (caucus with Democrats)
 - 50-50 with VP Kamala Harris the tie-breaker
 - Democratic control – power sharing agreement within reach
 - At issue: filibuster/committee makeup

Appropriations FY2021/2022



- FY2021 Spending Bills Enacted End of December
 - Army Corps of Engineers funding increased by \$145M over FY2020 funding levels
 - Bureau of Reclamation funding increased by \$11M over FY2020 funding levels
- FY2022 Budget Request – Biden Administration
 - “Skinny” Budget to Congress in March
 - Full Budget not expected until May
 - Typical timing for incoming Administration

Appropriations FY2021/2022



- Additional FY2021 Funding – Reclamation
 - Water conservation and delivery - \$255.1M
 - WIIN Act water storage funded \$134M
 - Critical feasible conveyance repairs - >\$8M
 - Water conservation/banking or infrastructure in drought prone areas (priority Colorado River Basin) - \$40M
 - Snowpack modeling data processing - \$3M
 - Great Plains aquifer recharge and recovery - \$20M
 - Rural Water - \$114.7M
 - Environmental restore \$42.5M (WIIN Act \$40M)
 - Fish passage - \$11.4M

Appropriations FY2021/2022



- Additional FY2021 Funding – WaterSMART
 - Water and Energy Conservation Grants - \$55M
 - Title XVI - \$63.6M (WIIN Act \$20M)
 - WCFSP - \$2.1M
 - Cooperative Watershed - \$4.2M
 - Basin Studies - \$2.4M (+ \$7M from Spending Plan)
 - Drought Response - \$4M (+\$10.5M from Spending Plan)

Appropriations FY2021/2022



- Additional Funding – WIIN Act Storage
 - WIIN Projects Named in FY2021 Appropriations Bill
 - Boise River Basin Feasibility Study - \$2.88M
 - Boise Storage Project was deemed feasible before January 1, 2021 for construction funding eligibility
 - Construction project was recommended by the Interior Secretary and was named in the FY 2021 appropriations bill - \$10M Federal share
 - WIIN Act Storage Funding Available – FY2022
 - \$418M authorized and appropriated storage funding – FY2020
 - \$254.6M allocated to WIIN Act projects through FY2021
 - \$134M additional appropriation in FY2021
 - Total of \$297.4M now available for FY2022 allocations

116th Congress Water Legislation



- H.R. 133 Consolidated Appropriations Act – FY 2021
 - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020
 - Groundwater recharge
 - S. 1570/HR 2871 aquifer recharge provisions
 - Aging federal infrastructure funding/financing
 - S. 2044/HR 4659 Aging infrastructure account – revolving (federal transferred works projects)
 - WaterSMART program reauthorization
 - Broadened participation/enhanced cost share on collaborative projects
 - Adding natural infrastructure projects
 - ASO Program authorization
 - Reclamation in coordinating role - \$15M over five years
 - Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration program authorization

IWUA Accomplishments - 2020



- Title Transfers – Dingle Act
 - A&B and Minidoka Irrigation Districts
- H.R. 133 Consolidated Appropriations Act – FY 2021
 - S. 1570/H.R. 2871 Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act
 - S. 2044/H.R. 4659 Aging Infrastructure Account
- Water Supply Infrastructure
 - WIIN Act Water Storage Funding
 - FY 2021 – Boise River Basin study named in FY 2021 omnibus spending bill to receive \$2.8M in additional funding to Reclamation to complete study
 - FY 2021 – Construction of Anderson Ranch Reservoir raise was determined feasible and was recommended for \$10M in funding under WIIN Act in FY 2021 omnibus spending bill
 - Added \$134M to WIIN Act projects

- IWUA – 2021 and Beyond
 - Water Supply Infrastructure Development in Idaho
 - Boise River Basin – Anderson Ranch Raise
 - “Construction” must commence by December 2021 to receive WIIN Act federal funding (\$10M)
- New Federal Water Infrastructure Funding
 - WIIN Act Extension (or Substitute) Legislation
 - WaterSMART Grants – Future Studies/Projects
 - Additional Funding Sources – Infrastructure Stimulus
 - Funding for Aging Infrastructure Account in Treasury
 - Reclamation Access to WIFIA Loan Program (EPA/Corps)
 - NRCS – EQIP and RCPP Partnership Opportunities

IWUA 2021 Federal Priorities



- Flood Control Manual Study – Ririe Reservoir
 - December 2020 – Completed Phase I
 - Decision Point for Commencement of Phase II

- 2021 Washington DC “Virtual” Outreach
 - New congressional staff
 - New Administration officials

- Executive Orders
 - Revoke Trump natural resource and deregulatory agenda
 - Review Trump rulemaking – WOTUS/ESA/CWA 401/NEPA
 - Sweeping “whole of government” climate change EOs
- Cabinet Nominations
 - Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM) for Secretary of the Interior
 - Tom Vilsack for Secretary of Agriculture
 - Michael Regan for EPA Administrator
- Department/Agency Appointments and Nominations
 - Liz Klein, Nominated for Deputy Secretary of the Interior
 - Tanya Trujillo, appointed Principal Deputy ASWS at Interior
 - Camille Touton, appointed Deputy Commissioner at Reclamation

Questions

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