

## **FY 2012 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill**

The House passed the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill (HR 2354) on July 15 by a vote of 219 to 196. In floor action, the House adopted additional amendments, one that directly affects Reclamation and some that apply to all Federal agencies as they are government-wide. They are identified below.

- Reclamation and CUPCA were funded at \$1.0 billion, \$51 million below the 2012 budget. The bill does not include the new Indian Water Rights Settlements account proposed in 2012 to implement 2011 Claims Resolution Act (\$51.5 million). The settlements are funded at \$50.6 million within the Water and Related account.
- Funding is eliminated for San Joaquin restoration, including \$9.0 million in discretionary and \$66.0 million in mandatory funds.

### **Amendments Passed on the House Floor**

#### **Directly affecting Reclamation**

- **Mr. Denham (R-CA)** prohibiting funding to reintroduce salmon to the San Joaquin River, which passed by voice vote.
  - This amendment could have serious adverse consequences to the continuation of the settlement agreement.

#### **Affecting all Federal Agencies**

- **Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ.)** to defund a regulation that prohibits people from carrying firearms on federal parklands and refuges and at Army Corps facilities, which passed by voice vote.
- **Mr. Engel (D-NY)** prohibiting the use of funds by the DOE or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for any agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011, which passed by voice vote.
- **Mr. Cole (R-OK)** prohibiting the use of funds to implement any rule, regulation, or executive order that would require contractors to disclose political contributions, which passed on a vote of 249-169.
- **Mr. Landry (R-LA)** prohibiting funding to pay the salaries of individuals appointed to their positions via recess appointment, which passed on a vote of 227-193.
- **Mr. Hastings (R-WA)** prohibiting the use of funds in contravention of, or to delay the implementation of EO 12898 "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-income Populations," which passed by voice vote.

**Amendments Included in the Committee Mark that Affect agencies funded in the bill or all Federal agencies.**

- **Mr. La Tourette (R-OH)** striking language that prohibited certain Davis-Bacon wage and McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act requirements, which passed on a vote of 26-22.
- **Mr. Nunnelee (R-MS)** requiring agencies funded in the bill to use “E-Verify” to confirm the eligibility of new hires to work in the U.S., which passed by voice vote.
- **Ms. McCollum (D-MN)** prohibiting the government from entering into contracts or agreements with any corporation that was convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, which passed by voice vote.
- **Ms. McCollum (D-MN)** prohibiting funds for contracts or agreements with entities with unpaid Federal tax liabilities that have not entered into payment agreements to remedy the liability, which passed by voice vote.