

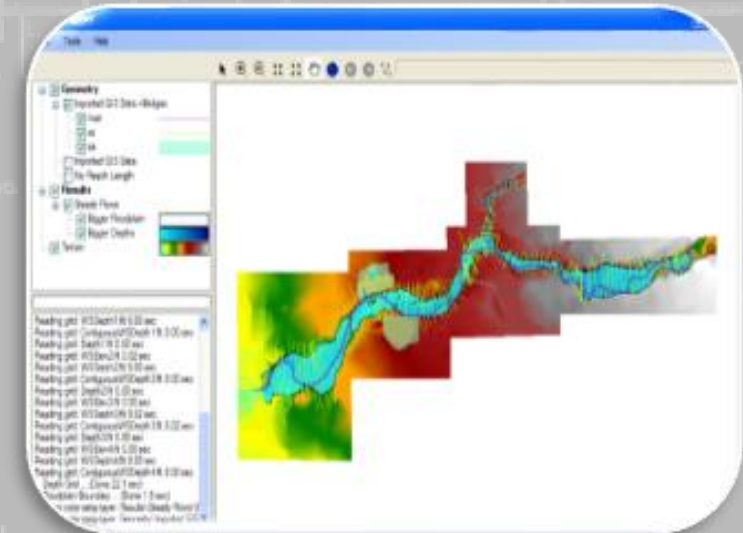
USACE LIAISON UPDATE

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NEW ASA(CW)



On 4 November 2021, Senate confirmed Michael L. Connor





USACE HIGHLIGHTS



- **WRDA 2020 (Implementation Underway)**
 - Record number (46) Chief's Reports – paves the way for \$10B in projects
 - Changes Inland Waterways Trust Fund formula 50/50 to 65/35%
 - Directs USACE to update guidance related to sea level rise, invasive species, economically disadvantaged communities
 - Amends existing authorities related to USACE study and project deauthorization processes to address \$98B backlog
 - Encourages nature-based infrastructure solutions and offers more flexibility in identifying long-term solutions for repetitive flooding
 - Allows greater access to the \$10 billion balance in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
- Congress allowing new Community Project Requests (CPR) – process in development



IWR EVENTS & ONGOING PRODUCTS



Continued Reorganization of the Navigation Data Center

- Waterborne Commerce Statistical Boundary Project
- Domestic Water Commerce CY 2020 data published 1 Oct 2021
- Foreign Water Commerce CY 2020 data published 29 Oct 2021

Updates and Modernization

- Transportation Operational Waterborne Statistics System
- Dredging Information System Redesign
- Lock Performance Monitoring System Updates and Modernization
- NNOMPEAS

Inland Waterways Users Board

Has been technically re-established or approved subject to new members being appointed and charter renewed. Both are still at OSD for action.

Next meeting: TBD

New Federal Discount Rate is record low (2.25%)



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)



For the CW program, the bill provides a total of **\$17.1 billion**

Investigations \$150 million – remains available until expended

Construction \$11.615 billion – remains available until expended; can be spent on ‘new starts’; waives 902; federal share of DMDFs are derived from general treasury; establishes certain reporting requirements

Of the Account \$1.5 billion shall be used for major rehabilitation, construction, and related activities for rivers and harbors

Of which \$250 million shall be to undertake work at remote and subsistence harbors

And up to \$250 million may be for federal breakwater/jetty projects

Of the Account \$2.5 billion for inland waterways projects; waives need to cost share from IWTF

O&M \$4.0 billion – remains available until expended;

Sums necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible O&M costs for coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors shall be derived from the general treasury; establishes certain reporting requirements



QUESTIONS?



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