

May 5, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324-A Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324-A Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support for Bureau of Reclamation Infrastructure Provisions in Reconciliation  
Legislative Package**

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA), I write to express our strong support for the Bureau of Reclamation provisions included in the House Natural Resources Committee's budget reconciliation legislative text.

NWRA is a nonprofit federation of state water resources associations, regional associations, agriculture and municipal water agencies, and industrial water groups. Our members provide water and hydropower to approximately 50 million individuals, families, agricultural producers and other industries that support our communities large and small, our economy and our environment.

Specifically, we commend the Committee for providing **\$2.5 billion** in non-reimbursable funding for Reclamation water infrastructure, including:

- **\$2 billion** to increase capacity at existing surface water storage facilities, and
- **\$500 million** to improve capacity at existing conveyance infrastructure.

These investments are critically important to the water users and communities we represent throughout the 17 western states. Reclamation facilities form the backbone of water supply, delivery, and reliability in the West. This infrastructure—much of it built decades ago—requires strategic modernization to meet growing demand, withstand drought, and ensure long-term resilience.

We are particularly appreciative that these funds are non-reimbursable, ensuring that local water agencies and ratepayers are not burdened with unaffordable costs for projects that deliver broad public benefits. We also note and support the Committee's decision not to repurpose or reduce funding previously allocated to Reclamation. This preservation of existing funding—combined with targeted new investments—reflects a balanced and forward-thinking approach to meeting pressing water challenges.

NWRA supports these reconciliation provisions and stands ready to assist in efforts to ensure their continued inclusion as the legislative process advances. We thank the Committee for its leadership and recognition of the urgent infrastructure needs in the West.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Morrison", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Morrison  
Executive Vice President  
National Water Resources Association