

HR 3404

FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 20, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 20, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 20, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 5, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4712	Related bill	Aug 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
117 HR 4647	Related bill	Jul 22, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 2430	Related bill	Jul 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5052)
117 HR 2711	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 1239	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 1015	Related bill	Mar 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act or the FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act

This bill addresses water-related resources and infrastructure.

Among other provisions, the bill

- reauthorizes through FY2026 the California Bay-Delta program, the Water Availability and Use Science Program, and a water desalination program;
- reauthorizes through FY2028 the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation program;
- creates various grants for water projects and expands the allowable uses of grants for water recycling and reuse projects;
- establishes a funding source for certain water resources development projects in western states;
- expands the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and stormwater management measures;
- establishes prizes for water technology applications;
- requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to use specified funds for water control manual updates for forecast-informed water operations projects; and
- allows certain funding to be used for the remediation of land formerly used to cultivate marijuana.

The Department of the Interior must, within 10 years, make certain streamgages operational. (Streamgages are fixed structures at streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs that measure water level and related streamflow.)

The bill establishes programs related to ecosystem protection and restoration, including programs to (1) incentivize farmers to keep fields flooded during appropriate periods for waterbird habitat creation and maintenance, and (2) prepare drought plans to sustain critically important fisheries.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.