

# FY2019 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL

## CONFERENCE AGREEMENT | MISSISSIPPI SUMMARY

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

- Total of \$73.3 million for 28 authorized Corps of Engineers projects in Mississippi.
- Additional funding, above budget request, in all major Corps, accounts for work that was not included in the budget request or was inadequately budgeted. Funding would be distributed in a FY2019 Work Plan. (**Related:** *Mississippi allotted \$55.9 million in FY2018 Work Plan – <http://bit.ly/2K9kqXp>*)

### ***Investigations Account***

- \$25 million for Research and Development, which will benefit the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Vicksburg.

### ***Construction Account***

- \$77 million for Environmental Infrastructure nationwide to assist eligible small towns and cities throughout Mississippi with water and wastewater infrastructure needs. The bill includes language encouraging the Corps to place priority on projects in rural and impoverished areas with economic impact and substantial benefit to water quality improvement.
- \$66 million for the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), \$62.5 million above budget request, to allow the Corps to undertake small, localized flood control and related projects without having to go through the lengthy authorization and study process typically associated with traditional Corps activities.

### ***Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Account***

- \$29.1 million for 14 authorized flood control and navigation projects and activities within the Yazoo-Mississippi River basin, including but not limited to:
  - \$5.5 million for Arkabutla Lake (Tate and Desoto Counties)
  - \$5.2 million for Enid Lake (Panola, Yalobusha, and Lafayette Counties)
  - \$5.3 million for Grenada Lake (Grenada, Yalobusha, and Calhoun Counties)
  - \$6.2 million for Sardis Lake (Lafayette, Panola, and Marshall Counties)
  - \$940,000 for Vicksburg Port
  - \$930,000 for Greenville Port
- \$118 million in additional funds for projects not included in the budget request or were inadequately budgeted.
- Report language directing the Corps to allocate not less than \$14.4 million of the additional funds to continue construction of important MR&T projects not included in the budget, such as the Delta Headwaters, Upper Yazoo, Big Sunflower, and Yazoo Backwater projects, which have a combined total FY2019 capability of approximately \$28 million.
- \$975,000 of the additional funds to continue operation of Corps facilities, such as the Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum in Vicksburg.
- \$5 million to dredge Mississippi River ports to their authorized depths.

***Operation and Maintenance Account***

- \$44.3 million which will benefit 13 authorized projects in Mississippi, such as the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (\$27.9 million) and harbors at Gulfport (\$3.3 million), Pascagoula (\$6.1 million), Biloxi (\$1.74 million), and Rosedale (\$935,000). None of the harbor maintenance funding was included in the budget request.

**Independent Agencies**

- \$165 million for the Appalachian Regional Commission, including not less than \$16 million for a program of industrial site and workforce development in Southern and South Central Appalachia and up to \$13.5 million for Southern Appalachia.
- \$25 million for the Delta Regional Authority, including \$10 million for flood control, basic public infrastructure development and transportation improvements.

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