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### **APWA Applauds House and Senate Leaders Passage of Water Infrastructure Improvements for Nation (WIIN) Act**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – December 12, 2016** – The American Public Works Association (APWA) commends Congress for passing S. 612, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. The WIIN Act includes provisions to invest in the nation’s navigable waterways, and water infrastructure. The projects and programs authorized within this final iteration of the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) are essential to the public health, safety and welfare of all communities.

“APWA’s more than 29,000 members recognize that WRDA projects have successfully protected hundreds of communities from flooding, and prevented an estimated \$23 billion in flood damage,” said APWA President Ron Calkins, P.E., PWLF of Ventura, CA. “This important legislation is needed as we’ve seen increases in the number and severity of damaging weather events exposing gaping vulnerabilities in the nation’s flood control infrastructure,” he said. “It is essential this vital legislation is acted on, and APWA encourages President Obama to sign the bill into law before the end of this year.”

“As we have seen from the flooding in the Southern U.S. this year, communities across our nation cannot be protected from the risk of floods if our flood control infrastructure is inadequate and deteriorating. Passage of the WIIN Act is an important first-step for adequately re-enforcing and rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure,” said APWA Executive Director, Scott Grayson.

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