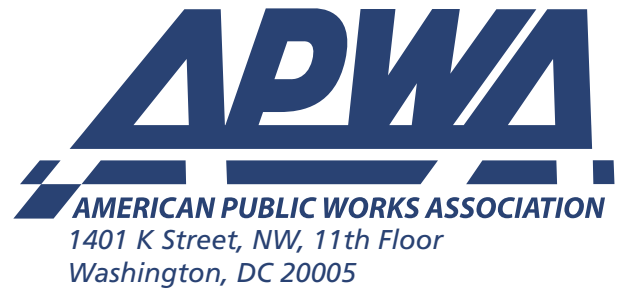


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APWA applauds House T&I Committee attention to water infrastructure needs

Washington, D.C.—In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee today, American Public Works Association (APWA) President Bill Verkest applauded the attention being given to federal investment needs in clean water infrastructure. Verkest encouraged the Committee to craft legislation fully addressing clean water infrastructure funding needs in local communities across the nation.

“The need for increased long-term water infrastructure funding is extreme,” said Verkest. “Without a federal recommitment to clean water, maintenance costs for aging infrastructure, stressed by growth and development, as well as new and costly legal and regulatory requirements, are further burdening public works departments and local governments struggling to preserve the public welfare of their communities.”

APWA appealed to T&I Committee for development of legislation including:

- **Dramatic increases in federal funding**, which experts estimate to be \$300-500 billion short of identified projects and what is actually spent on clean water infrastructure;
- **Support for research and technology demonstration programs** which provide grants for testing innovative and alternative solutions to water quality challenges;
- **Support of a National Center for Utility Management;**
- **Specific language** to assist Congress in identifying a dedicated source of revenue to ensure availability of appropriations to fund clean water programs.

“Legislation addressing these issues will go a long way to alleviate the clean water funding needs challenging public works departments across the nation,” said Verkest. “Thank you for your continued leadership in tackling this difficult challenge.”

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,000 members involved in the field of public works. Originally chartered in 1937, APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. With 67 chapters throughout North America, APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and has an office in Washington, D.C.

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