



2024 WRDA Guidelines for Submission Requests

Congressman John Duarte (CA-13)

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently opened the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) 2024 portal for Members of Congress to submit projects for consideration in the final bill text. Our office highly encourages local communities and stakeholders to submit requests for local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects. WRDA authorizes studies and projects within the scope of the USACE's Civil Works mission area: "navigation; flood, hurricane, and storm damage reduction; shoreline protection; and ecosystem restoration." Additionally, WRDA authorizes Environmental Infrastructure (EI) assistance to support local governments in either designing or constructing specific water and wastewater infrastructure.

Our office can make the following requests as the committee drafts the 2024 WRDA bill.

1. Authorization of a new USACE feasibility study
2. Authorization of a new USACE construction project (a feasibility study must be completed to submit this request)
3. Authorization of a specific EI assistance
4. Modification of an existing USACE feasibility study
5. Modification of an existing USACE project
6. Deauthorization of an existing USACE project
7. Requests to transfer, exchange, or convey lands or real property owned by the Corps
8. Modify an existing easement held by the Corps over property
9. Modification of a national USACE carries out its general missions and authorities

To submit a request for #1-3, please fill out the appropriate form and send the completed form to William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov. He will reach out to you should any additional information be needed or clarifying questions arise regarding your submission. For all other requests, please email [William Ahlquist](#) for more information on submission. **You may submit multiple requests, however if you do, please rank your requests in order of priority.** Please have all requests emailed to William Ahlquist by **5pm PT, Wednesday January 3rd. Any requests sent after the deadline will not be considered.** Please keep in mind that submitting a request does not guarantee that this request will be submitted to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee or ensure that the House Transportation Infrastructure Committee will include this request in the final version of the 2024 WRDA.

Below I have included additional information that will be helpful as you draft your requests:

Process for Corps Feasibility Studies and Projects

1. Congress Authorizes a Feasibility Study (7001 Report)
2. Congress appropriates the necessary funding to conduct the study through the House Appropriations Committee
3. The USACE then conducts the study and issues the final report to Congress
4. Based on the findings of the report, Congress authorizes construction of the funding
5. Congress appropriates funding for construction

If you choose to submit a request regarding a USACE Feasibility Study and Project, please identify what stage your project is currently in. Our office is only able to submit requests for the 2024 WRDA if they are currently in Steps #1 and #4, if your project is in the other listed stages, we are unable to process those requests currently but please contact my office at (202) 225-1947 for other avenues in the future.

Environmental Infrastructure (EI) Requests

Since 1992, Congress has the authority to authorize the USACE to carry out infrastructure projects that seek to address local water supply, wastewater, and stormwater projects that are publicly-owned. If you would like to discuss or submit the possibility of an EI project to be included as one of your 2024 WRDA requests please reach out to [William Ahlquist](#).

Local Cost Share

It is important to note that most studies and projects will require a nonfederal sponsor to share the cost and provide the required land and real estate to share the cost. Additionally, most flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, and EI projects are owned by nonfederal entities and these entities will be responsible for the full cost of operations, repairs, and other costs following completion of the project. While these costs vary with the project please reach out to [William Ahlquist](#) if you have any questions regarding the local cost share for your submissions.



2024 WRDA ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST

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Please submit a separate form for each WRDA request.

This form is only to request the authorization of new Environmental Infrastructure assistance, such as assistance for a specific local water or wastewater infrastructure construction project. If this request is for authorization of a feasibility study or a Corps project, please use the corresponding form.

If this request is to modify an existing Environmental Infrastructure authority, please email William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

Please return this request form by EMAIL to William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov by 5pm PT, Wednesday, January 3rd.

Sec 1. Requesting entity/organization (*name, type, address, phone number*):

Sec 2. Point of contact (*name, title, phone number, email*):

Sec 3. Request

1. Location of project (i.e., City of Salinas):

2. Type of project:

**(i.e., "water supply infrastructure," "wastewater infrastructure," "stormwater infrastructure," etc.)*

3. Requested funding level:

4. Brief description of the project:

5. Justification (why is the project important?):

6. Has the project been recommended by the Corps in an existing Section 7001 report?

**Previous Section 7001 reports are available at: <https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>. This is not a requirement but is helpful if it has been.*

a. If yes, what was the year of the Section 7001 report?

a. Was the study included in the Main Report that year or was it part of the Appendix?

7. Nonfederal sponsor (owner of the constructed facility):

- a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements, including future operations and maintenance expenses?

**Nonfederal responsibility under EI assistance is typically 25% for construction and 100% for future operations and maintenance.*

8. Prevalence to CA-13:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

- a. If yes, which other offices?



2024 WRDA NEW STUDY REQUEST

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Please submit a separate form for each WRDA request.

This form is only to request a *new* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) feasibility study. If this request is for authorizing construction of a project for which the Corps has already completed a feasibility study (a “Chief’s Report”) or for Environmental Infrastructure assistance, please use the corresponding form.

Please note: authorization of a project may only be requested if the Corps has submitted a completed study to Congress (a Chief’s Report). If this request is to modify an existing statutory authority for an Army Corps study, please email William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

Please return this request form by EMAIL to William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov by 5pm PT, Wednesday, January 3rd.

Sec 1. Requesting entity/organization (*name, type, address, phone number*):

Sec 2. Point of contact (*name, title, phone number, email*):

Sec 3. Request

1. Project name:

2. Location of project to be studied:

3. Brief description of project to be studied:

4. Justification:

5. Corps Mission Area of the project (*navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration*):

6. Was the study recommended by the Corps in an existing Section 7001 report?

**Previous Section 7001 reports are available at: <https://transportation.house.gov/wrda-2024/>*

a. If yes, what was the year of the Section 7001 report?

a. Was the study included in the Main Report that year or was it part of the Appendix?

7. Nonfederal sponsor of the study:

a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements?

**Typically, a 50% nonfederal cost share is required for studies.*

8. Prevalence to CA-13:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

a. If yes, which other offices?



2024 WRDA NEW PROJECT REQUEST

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This form is only to request the authorization of a new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) project for which a study has already been completed. If this request is for authorization of a feasibility study or for Environmental Infrastructure assistance, please use the corresponding form.

If this request is to modify existing statutory authority for an Army Corps study or project, or if this request is to modify national Army Corps policy, please email William.Ahlquist4@mail.house.gov instead of using this form.

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Sec 1. Requesting entity/organization (*name, type, address, phone number*):

Sec 2. Point of contact (*name, title, phone number, email*):

Sec 3. Request

1. Project name:

2. Location of project to be studied:

3. Brief description of project to be studied:

4. Justification (why is the project important?):

5. Corps Mission Area of the project (*navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and ecosystem restoration*):

6. Does the project have a completed Chief's Report, a Corps-approved study prepared by a non-federal interest under Section 203 of the 1986 WRDA, or a Continuing Authority?

**If no, authorization of the project likely cannot be requested for inclusion in WRDA. Instead, please submit a request for a feasibility study for the project.*

a. If a Chief's Report, what year was the Chief's Report signed?

b. If a Corps-approved study prepared by a non-federal interest, please identify.

c. If authorized by a Continuing Authority, please cite the authority.

7. Nonfederal sponsor of the project:

- a. Is the nonfederal sponsor prepared to meet any nonfederal cost share requirements, including future operations and maintenance expenses, if applicable?

8. Prevalence to CA-13:

9. Is this request being submitted to other Congressional offices?

- a. If yes, which other offices?

Sec 4. Priority number *(only if you are submitting multiple requests. 1 indicating top priority):*