the Water Resources Reform & Development Act
What is WRRDA?

- Provides critical policy direction to and oversight of the Corps of Engineers and the Administration

- Authorizes key Corps of Engineers missions:
  - Developing, maintaining, and supporting port & waterway infrastructure (locks and dams)
  - Supporting effective and targeted flood protection & environmental restoration needs
The Importance of Water Resource Infrastructure

‣ JOBS
‣ TRADE
‣ COMPETITIVENESS
‣ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Consequences of Inaction

- Needed improvements stall and American competitiveness erodes
- Administration operates without direction from Congress
- Army Corps red tape costs more time and more money
- Flexibility and opportunities for private sector involvement are limited
WRRDA 2013 Highlights

- Policy and reform focused
- Fiscally responsible
- **NO** earmarks
- Maintains Constitutional Congressional authority
- Improves competitiveness, creates jobs, and strengthens water resources infrastructure.
Reform Focused

OLD PROCESS

15+ YEARS

NEW PROCESS

3 YEARS

- Sets hard deadlines on the time and cost of studies
- Streamlines environmental reviews
Fiscally Responsible

- **Deauthorizes** $12 billion in old inactive projects
- Fully **offsets** new authorizations with deauthorizations
- **Sunsets** new authorizations to prevent backlogs
Strengthens Oversight, Transparency & Accountability

- NO earmarks

- Establishes a new transparent process to review and prioritize water resources development activities

- Maintains Constitutional Congressional authority
Increases Flexibility

- Breaks down barriers to unlock opportunities for non-federal investment
- Establishes a Water Infrastructure Public Private Partnership Program
Competitiveness, Jobs & Strengthening Water Infrastructure

- Authorizes needed investment in America’s ports
- Supports underserved emerging ports
- Reforms and preserves the Inland Waterways Trust Fund
- Strengthens water resources infrastructure