

July 1, 2005

## Send in Your Annual Meeting Registrations Now



NAFSMA members and colleagues are urged to get their registrations faxed in today to take advantage of the reduced early registration fee for this year's Annual Meeting, which will be held at the beautiful Hotel Captain Cook in downtown Anchorage (*registration form provided below*). The meeting dates are August 21-25, 2005. Registration forms should be faxed to Lori Buford at 916-574-0682.

Two special workshop activities will be held during this year's meeting, the first will be a three-hour workshop on Monday afternoon, August 22, addressing stormwater funding legal issues. The second workshop will provide an update on FEMA's Map Modernization Initiative on Thursday morning, August 25, 2005.

Additional program details and guest registration fees will be available on the NAFSMA website next week at [www.nafsma.org](http://www.nafsma.org). Please contact Susan Gilson at 202-218-4133 if you have any program questions.

### Hotel Cutoff is July 21, 2005

Attendees are urged to make hotel reservations soon at the Hotel Captain Cook at 800-843-1950 or 907-276-6000. Please mention that you are a NAFSMA guest for our meeting rates and note that **July 21** is the cutoff date for reservations at the special NAFSMA rate.

## 2005 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

**FAX:** (916) 574-0682 Attn: Lori Buford  
**MAIL:** NAFSMA c/o California Reclamation Board  
3310 El Camino Avenue - Room LL40  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
Attn: Lori Buford, Conference Registrar

### REGISTRATION TYPE

- Member Early - \$595
- Member Late - \$645
- Non-Member Early - \$745
- Non-Member Late - \$795

*Special Events Guest Fees will be available shortly.*

**Early Registration ends July 1, 2005.**

Cancellations received prior to July 15 are entitled to a refund, minus a \$100 processing fee.

Cancellations received after July 25, 2005, are not entitled to a refund.

Visit us online at [www.nafsma.org](http://www.nafsma.org) and click on "Meetings."



### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Critical for receipt of meeting updates)

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make checks payable to NAFSMA  
(tax ID No. 52-1102917)

Check Enclosed  Bill Me

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAFSMA requests that all registration fees be paid in advance of the meeting. We also do not accept credit cards.

### Shirt Size (Please circle - all adult sizes)

Small Medium Large XLarge XXLarge

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## ***House Floor Action on Water Resources Bill Delayed Until After Recess***

Although the House version of the Water Resources Development Act of 2005 (H.R. 2864) was granted a rule and floor action had been expected on Thursday, June 30, the bill now awaits consideration following the July 4 recess. WRDA authorizes projects and activities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Although the bill is targeted for renewal every two years, it has now been five years since we have had a WRDA bill enacted.

A copy of the rule that will guide floor debate on the bill, including a summary and text of the amendments that have been filed, is available at <http://www.house.gov/rules/109rulehr2864.htm>

Copies of the bill as reported, as well as the House report on the bill filed June 24, 2005 (H. Rept. 109-154) are available on Thomas at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

## ***Senate Bill Also Awaits Floor Action***

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has also reported out its version of WRDA (S. 728). The bill was reported on April 26, 2005 (S. Rept. 109-61). Copies of the Senate bill are also available at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

## ***House Staffer Nominated for EPA Assistant Administrator Post***

The White House on June 28, 2005, announced the nomination of Susan Bodine as Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Susan currently serves as the staff director and general counsel for the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Water Resource and Environment Subcommittee. She previously served as associate attorney for Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., according to the White House. She has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

## ***Appropriations—Overview***

The Senate, at about 1 a.m. this morning, approved its version of the Energy and Water spending bill by a vote of 92-3 with 5 Senators not voting. The bill provides funding for the Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The bill recommends a total of \$31.245 billion in spending which exceeds the President's request and the House approved bill by \$1.49 billion.

The Senate also approved their FY 2006 Interior Appropriations bill, which includes funding for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, this week by a vote of 94-0. To date, the Senate has approved three fiscal year 06 funding bills.

The House this week completed all their Appropriations bills with its approval of its last remaining spending measure, the Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, and District of Columbia bill. With the passage of this bill late on June 30, Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) met his goal of having all spending bills clear the House floor by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Energy and Water (Funds U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation)***

The Senate approved its Energy and Water spending bill on early Friday morning as senators tried to push through numerous pieces of legislation prior to leaving Washington for the July 4<sup>th</sup> recess (S. Rept. 109-86). The bill provides a total of \$31.245 billion in funding which exceeds the President's request and the House approved version by \$1.49 billion.

The measure provides \$5.298 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers. This amount is \$966 million above the President's requested funding level and provides a \$1.4 billion increase above current spending. The measure varies from the one approved by the House in that it includes language that does not restrict the Corps of Engineers ability to reprogram funds. This could be a heated issue when the bill gets to conference as House Energy and Water Chairman David Hobson (R-OH) has made it clear that he wants to end the practice of reprogramming funds.

The bill provides \$1.08 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and related Interior accounts. This represents a modest increase of \$130 million above the President's request. Specifically, the measure will provide \$35 million for Cal Fed, \$20 million for Water 2025 and \$60 million for the Animas-LaPlata water project.

The House approved its version of the bill (H.R. 2419 and H. Rept. 109-86) on May 24.

***Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (H.R. 2361 - Includes funding for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)***

The Senate approved a \$26.3 billion fiscal year 2006 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill by a vote of 94-0. The bill was similar to the committee reported version (S. Rept. 109-80) with the addition of two amendments that added \$1.51 billion to the bill.

The EPA receives \$7.8 billion under the spending measure with \$1.1 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, \$850 million for the Drinking Water State Revolving loan, \$2.3 billion going to the Environmental Programs and Management account, \$1.25 billion for the Superfund account, and \$3.45 billion for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants

The measure provides \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an amount that is \$22.9 million over the FY05 level. The bill provides \$262 million for the Endangered Species Act, including \$73 million for recovery, \$80 million for section 6 grants, \$25 million for the Land Owner Incentive Program and \$7.5 million for Private Stewardship Grants. The bill also provides Fish and Wildlife with \$72 million for State Wildlife Grants.

The measure also provides \$404 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, including \$162 million for land acquisition, \$63 million for Forest Legacy, a program that Protects Private Forest Lands from Being Converted to Non-Forest Uses, and \$30 million for State Assistance.

The House approved its version of the funding bill on May 19 (H.R. 2361 and H. Rept. 109-80).