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U.S. Senate Committee Appropriates \$1.9 Million for Long Beach Desalination, Reclamation Projects

WASHINGTON DC – Today, the United States [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) unanimously approved a \$30.7 billion Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which includes \$1.9 million for critical Long Beach water supply reliability efforts. The bill provides \$1 million for the [Long Beach Seawater Desalination Project](#) and \$970,000 for the continued expansion of the city's [recycled water distribution system](#).

Since 1999, both the Long Beach Desalination Project and the Long Beach Recycled Water System Expansion Project, together, have received nearly \$16 million in federal funding from the United States Congress. “These projects would not be possible without the full support and hard work of [Senator Dianne Feinstein](#), [Representative Dana Rohrabacher](#) and [Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald](#),” stated [Kevin L. Wattier](#), General Manager of the Long Beach Water Department. While critical, these supply reliability projects are just not cost effective without substantial financial support from the State and Federal government. With their leadership, we have received that support.”

The \$30.7 billion Energy and Water Appropriations Bill funds the Department of Energy, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and other independent agencies. The bill will now be taken up by the full Senate.

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