MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1046(b) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014) – Improving Planning and Administration of Water Supply Storage

1. Section 1046(b) of WRRDA 2014 directs, that for each water supply feature of a reservoir managed by the Secretary, the Secretary shall notify the applicable non-Federal interests of the anticipated operations and maintenance (O&M) activities and estimated costs of those activities for the next fiscal year (FY) and the subsequent four fiscal years. A copy of Section 1046(b) is enclosed.

2. Applicability. This guidance applies to all non-federal users that are required to pay O&M costs allocated to water supply.

3. Notification of O&M Activities and Expenditures. Prior to the start of each FY beginning FY16, districts will provide the best available estimates of the anticipated expenditures for O&M activities allocated to water supply for the next FY and, within current program and budget process constraints, anticipated expenditures for the subsequent four FYs. All notifications will include the following statements.

   The information provided is an estimate that may be used for planning purposes. However, the information shall not be construed as or relied upon as the actual amount the non-federal users will be required to contribute. Actual expenditures are subject to Congressional appropriations and program execution.

   Notifications shall be consistent with the specific terms of applicable water supply agreements. The Water Supply Business Line will serve as the proponent for developing and communicating best practices in providing these estimates as program and budget processes evolve.

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Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, Public Law 121, 113th Congress, 2nd Session, approved June 10, 2014, Section 1046(b):

(b) IMPROVING PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF WATER SUPPLY STORAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For each water supply feature of a reservoir managed by the Secretary, the Secretary shall notify the applicable non-Federal interests before each fiscal year of the anticipated operation and maintenance activities for that fiscal year and each of the subsequent 4 fiscal years (including the cost of those activities) for which the non-Federal interests are required to contribute amounts.

(2) CLARIFICATION.—The information provided to a non-Federal interest under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) be an estimate which the non-Federal interest may use for planning purposes; and

(B) not be construed as or relied upon by the non-Federal interest as the actual amounts that the non-Federal interest will be required to contribute.