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**APWA Commends President Obama for Signing Water Resources Bill into Law**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- American Public Works Association (APWA) President Edward A. Gottko, PWLF, today commended President Obama for signing into law the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). The new law funds needed projects for flood control, water navigation, storm damage reduction, beach nourishment, ecological restoration, water supply, and dam and levee safety.

“The American Public Works Association (APWA) applauds President Obama for signing into law vital legislation that restores the federal commitment to rebuild our nation’s aging water resources infrastructure,” said Gottko. “The Water Resources Reform and Development Act will improve the quality of life in our communities with job-generating projects that provide flood protection and environmental restoration, and improve our waterway infrastructure.”

APWA is an organization of 28,500 members dedicated to providing public works infrastructure and services to millions of people in rural and urban communities, both small and large. WRRDA’s reforms will shorten the time it takes to complete projects, save taxpayers money, and ensure that environmental quality is not diminished,” said Gottko.

The Senate approved WRRDA by a vote 91-7, and the House of Representatives approved the measure with a vote of 412-4.

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**About APWA**

The American Public Works Association ([www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net)) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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