

# Shuster and Gibbs Announce Plans for Committee to Consider Water Resources Reform Legislation in September

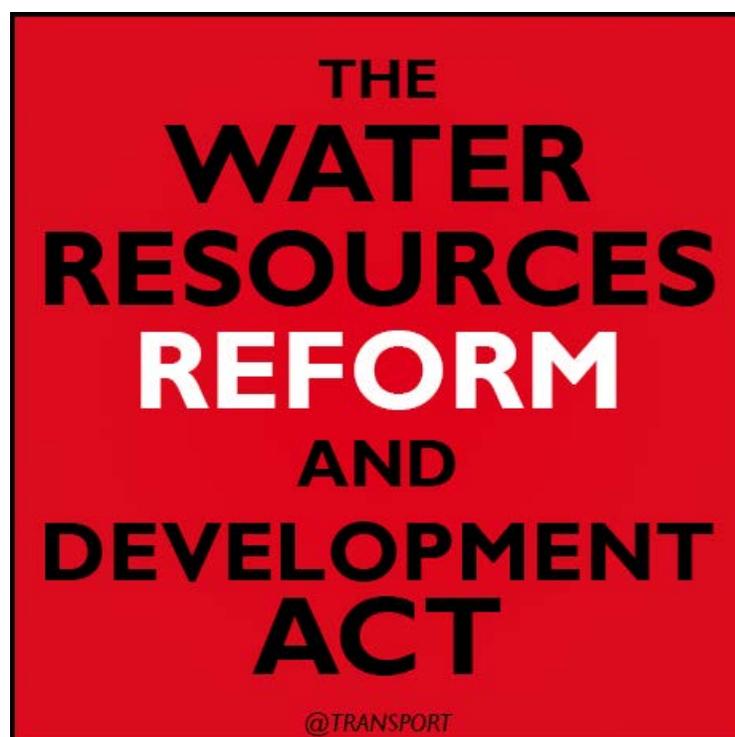
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Today, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Chairman Bob Gibbs (R-OH) announced plans for the Committee to consider the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013 when Congress returns in September. The Committee leaders' plans also received the support of Speaker of the House John Boehner and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor.



"One of my top priorities is moving forward with unprecedented water resources infrastructure reform legislation. This bill will be the most policy and reform-focused legislation of its kind in the last two decades," **Shuster** said. "In September, our Committee plans to consider the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). This legislation will contain no earmarks and will make major reforms to increase transparency, accountability, and Congressional

oversight in reviewing and prioritizing future water resources development activities. WRRDA will cut federal red tape and bureaucracy, streamline the project delivery process, promote fiscal responsibility, and strengthen our water transportation networks to promote American competitiveness, prosperity, and economic growth.”

“We are literally studying infrastructure projects to death. While it once took the Corps of Engineers three to five years to complete a study, it has now become the norm for this process to take 10 to 15 years,” said **Gibbs**. “The unwieldy review process remains tied up in red tape, costing us time and money and preventing action. Congress must change the way the Corps of Engineers does business.”

“Chairman Shuster and Chairman Gibbs have done a great job developing a water resources bill focused on major policy reforms – and without earmarks,” said **Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH)**. “I look forward to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee moving a bill that addresses our infrastructure needs in a fiscally responsible manner.”

“We need fiscally responsible solutions that cut red tape and improve our essential infrastructure,” said **House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA)**. “The bill by Chairman Shuster and Chairman Gibbs offers a way to cut through the Federal Government’s excessive bureaucracy and help America become more competitive. I look forward to consideration of WRRDA this fall.”

More details about the Committee’s markup of WRRDA will be announced at later date.