

# Water Policy Priorities

*ICWP takes a stance on a wide array of water policy issues that have national reach. Our positions are membership-driven and governed by principle statements that inform our work.*

## Principle Statements

Our policy engagement efforts focus in four key areas:

### Federal Affairs

- **Active engagement** on federal water policy and legislative issues
- **Assessments and timely comments** on federal programs and proposals
- **Building and expanding coalitions** to increase the impact of state/interstate influence on federal policy outcomes

### Interstate Coordination & Planning

- **Promote the benefits** of integrated planning and interagency cooperation
- **Securing federal support** for state and interstate planning efforts
- **Developing strategic approaches** to integrated water planning

### Emerging Issues

- **Ongoing opportunities** to learn from others
- **Evaluate the needs and drivers** of emerging water resource challenges and opportunities

### Water Data & Science

- **Support for national policies and programs** for data collection and analytical tools
- **Prioritization of enhancements** to existing water science services and products
- **Responsible representation, communication, and transparency** in the utilization and collection of large data
- **Emphasizing state and interstate involvement** in federal water data and science initiatives

## How We Engage



### Executive Branch

We nurture positive working relationships with key federal agencies to advance our members' interests



### Appropriations

ICWP evaluates programmatic funding needs each budget cycle and informs Congress of our top priorities



### Legislation

We track federal legislation to inform and influence outcomes in support of our policy focus areas



### Collaboration

ICWP provides a national forum for members to share expertise and collaborate to solve problems