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Welcome to the **WaterLog** e-newsletter. Subscribers have been getting our monthly podcasts, but the e-newsletter has been on a well-deserved vacation so far in 2023. If you're not a subscriber, you can sign-up [here](#) and look for the email confirm it's you. Be assured that we will never use or sell your contact info and you can cancel at any time with one click. [Warwick Group Consultants LLC](#) is the publisher and we've been providing governmental affairs services to local governments and nonprofits since 1884, with a focus on water resources and sea level rise.

President Proposes Huge Budget for the Corps: Is it Big Enough? The President's budget proposal for the Corps (or PBUD, as it's known here in DC) targets \$7.4 billion for the agency, about \$1 billion less than Congress appropriated for the current fiscal year but a billion more than the President proposed a year ago. Given the current decade's needs based on commerce, riverine floods, and coastal sea level rise, it's still not enough. That's especially true for the traditionally underfunded Investigations account, which needs to get a major boost so new projects needed over the next decade can get started now. *Editor's note: The current system that relies on new projects being proposed only by local and state officials needs to be scrapped. It's time for Congress to authorize the Corps to do regional surveys of 21st century water resources needs with recommendations for where federal or non-federal investments are needed over the next 50 years! It will be a roadmap that can be used by state and local officials. [What do you think?](#)*

The President always earmarks the Corps' budget. To see which coastal projects he wants funded, click [here](#).

FY24 Spending Outlook: While House and Senate committee have already begun holding public hearings on the President's budget proposal, it looks like it will be a process that gets dragged out more than usual this year. House Republicans want to cut domestic discretionary spending back to FY22 levels. When they take Social Security, Medicare and Veterans Benefits off the cutting room table, there's not much left to cut...and they've tied this to agreeing to extend the debt limit. More to come in the months ahead.

Pre-Disaster Requirements for Post-Disaster Eligibility: The Corps' post-disaster program called PL 84-99) is separate from FEMA's and applies to damages caused by natural disasters to Corps water resources projects. The Corps proposed a new set of regulations that would require non-federal sponsors of damaged projects to show that they have made progress on reducing risk to life, safety, and property in order to be eligible to receive PL84-99 assistance. *Editor's note: The Corps has no authority to impose pre-disaster requirements on a post-disaster relief and response program. Warwick Group was the only organization representing coastal interest's to file comments in opposition to the proposed rule. You can read our comments [here](#).*

For Whom the Wind Blows: Offshore wind farms are being proposed for many parts of the nation's coasts. Some see it as the primary means of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels; others see it as the destruction of a coastal ecosystem and culture that will not reduce oil and gas reliance by even 1% but will increase consumer costs and have serious impacts on marine mammals. [Listen](#) to our most recent podcast for more on this issue.

We've Got Bills! Actually, we track all bills introduced that affect coastal communities. You can find a list [here](#).

We'd like to hear your thoughts. Contact us here --

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