The IIJA presents a unique and not to be missed opportunity to address water-related climate resilience in the Colorado River Basin. The Act provides significant additional funding for existing federal programs as well as authorizing and funding new programs. The programs are housed in a variety of federal agencies and, for some of the programs, the agencies are required to provide spending plans to Congress before distribution of funds can begin.

**Non-Governmental Organizations**

**Army Corps of Engineers**

**WRDA Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration**

Funding to carry out major aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects that improve the quality of the environment, are in the public interest, and are cost-effective.

**Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program**

Funding to restore fish and wildlife passage by removing instream barriers and provide technical assistance to non-federal entities carrying out such activities.

**Spend Plan**

(by 60 days [Jan 14, 2022])

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Reclamation Competitive Grant Program for Habitat Restoration**

Funding for a new Reclamation competitive grant program for the design, implementation, and monitoring of conservation outcomes of habitat restoration projects that improve watershed health in river basins adversely affected by a Reclamation project, with priority given to projects with multi-benefit environmental outcomes.

**WaterSMART Grants**

Increased funding for a variety of WaterSMART programs including natural infrastructure, water and energy efficiency, water marketing and drought response.

**Spend Plan**

(by 90 days [Feb 14, 2022])

**USFS**

**Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program**

Funding for a new program between USDA and DOI to establish a collaborative, landscape-scale program for 5-year projects that restore water quality and fish passage on federal, tribal, and private lands, with priority given to proposals that restore the most stream miles for the lowest federal cost.

**USFS/DOI**

**Collaborative-Based, Aquatic-Focused Landscape-Scale Restoration Program**

Funding for a new program between USDA and DOI to establish a collaborative, landscape-scale program for 5-year projects that restore water quality and fish passage on federal, tribal, and private lands, with priority given to proposals that restore the most stream miles for the lowest federal cost.

**New Program Rule Making Required**

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**BOR Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program**

Funding for the design, study and construction of aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects, with certain priorities for regional benefits, including affecting water resources in two or more river basins and other factors.

**Small Water Storage and Groundwater Storage Projects**

Establishes and funds a new BOR competitive grant program for new surface or groundwater storage projects of up to 30,000 acre-feet, with priority for projects that increase water management flexibility, provide multiple benefits (including ecosystem benefits) and address environmental justice considerations.

**Spend Plan**

(by to be determined)

**To be Determined**

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