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## POSITION PAPER ON FUNDING

### Title XVI

#### Recommendation

Provide \$50 million in funding for Fiscal Year 2018.

#### Background

The Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, commonly referred to as Title XVI, is the only federal program that provides funding specifically for water reuse projects in 17 western states and Hawaii. Participants can use the funds for planning, design and construction of water reuse projects.

Since the program was enacted, approximately \$639 million in federal funding has been leveraged with more than \$2.4 billion in non-federal funding to design and construct water recycling projects, adding hundreds of thousands of acre-feet to the nation's water supply.

In 2016, the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act modernized Title XVI into a competitive grant program with congressional oversight. The new model will ensure the best projects receive funding.

The program is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation within the U.S. Department of Interior.

#### Funding History

Budget Year	Funding in Millions
2013	\$20
2014	\$21.5
2015	\$21.5
2016	\$23
2017	\$34.4
Recommendation for 2018	\$50

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In 2015, Title XVI projects produced nearly 120 billion gallons of water – enough to meet the needs of 370,000 families of four every year.

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#### Benefits

- Communities can leverage federal funding to finance needed water infrastructure.