

## WASHINGTON UPDATE: WATER RESOURCES



## 114TH CONGRESS HOMESTRETCH

- ✓ WRDA 2016
- ✓ Appropriations
- ✓ Water Infrastructure



## WRDA 2016

- ✓ Kitchen Sink or Pamphlet
- ✓ Key Issues
  - ‡ Dredged Material
  - ‡ Resiliency
  - ‡ Focus on nonfederal support



## DREDGED MATERIAL BENEFICIAL USE

- ✓ Dredged material disposal meet water quality standards
- ✓ Special Rule (Sec. 2008) no O&M
- ✓ Non-federal funds to dispose of material
- ✓ Dredged material between projects if:
  - ‡ enhanced flooding from sea level rise or storms
  - ‡ contribute shoreline resiliency
  - ‡ public interest
  - ‡ cost reasonable associated with environmental, flood and resiliency benefits

## FISCAL YEAR 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

- ☑ House and Senate Budgets Complete
- ☑ Reverses Administration Cuts
- ☑ Full Funding of HMTF
- ☑ New Starts

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- ☑ Water Energy Efficiency
- ☑ Financing Innovation
- ☑ Grants to support stormwater



## WRDA OUTLOOK

- ☑ Costs of Legislation
- ☑ Focus of Legislation
- ☑ Administration Views
- ☑ Election Influence



### Cook Changes Presidential Ratings For 13 States

#### Cook Political Report: Electoral College Ratings Changes

State	Previous Rating	New Rating
Arizona	Likely Republican	Lean Republican
Colorado	Toss Up	Lean Democrat
Florida	Toss Up	Lean Democrat
Georgia	Likely Republican	Lean Republican
Indiana	Solid Republican	Likely Republican
Maine-02	Solid Democrat	Likely Democrat
Missouri	Solid Republican	Likely Republican
Nebraska-02	Solid Republican	Toss Up
New Mexico	Likely Democrat	Solid Democrat
North Carolina	Lean Republican	Toss Up
Pennsylvania	Toss Up	Lean Democrat
Virginia	Toss Up	Lean Democrat
Wisconsin	Toss Up	Lean Democrat

**Total Electoral College Projections:**  
 Solid D: 190 Toss up: 44 Solid R: 142  
 Likely D: 27 Likely R: 21  
 Lean D: 87 Lean R: 27  
**Total D: 304 Total R: 190**

270 electoral votes needed to win

**Analysis**

- Now that Trump and Clinton have emerged as the presumptive nominees, Cook Political Report has adjusted their electoral college ratings based on the candidates
- Because of Trump's historic unpopularity with wide swaths of the electorate (women, millennials, independents and Latinos) the ratings have switched in Democrats favor in nearly all the states (with the exception of Maine's second district)

Source: Amy Walter, David Wassman and Charlie Cook, New Electoral Scorecard Ratings in 13 States, The Cook Political Report, May 5, 2016.

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