

CWIFP Statutory Amendments

A soon-to-be reintroduced bill proposes WIFIA/CWIFP amendments that are important for dam finance.

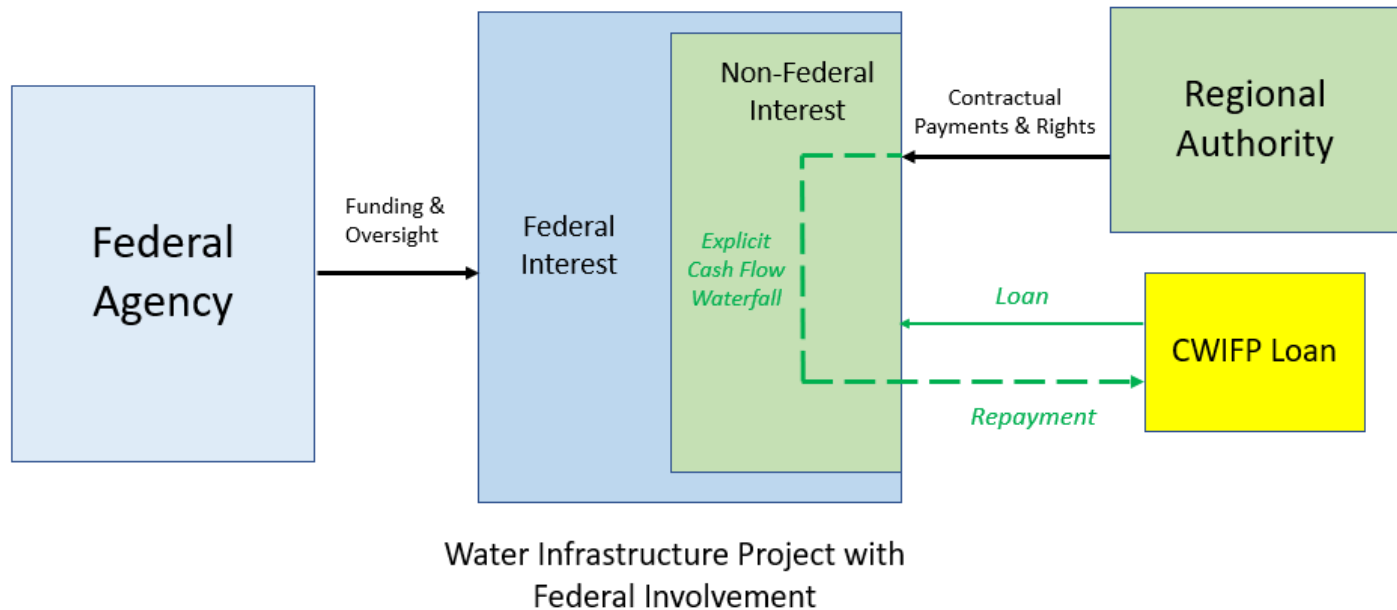
Two key amendments will be included:

- Fixing FCRA criteria
- 55-year loan term

Two other amendments should be considered:

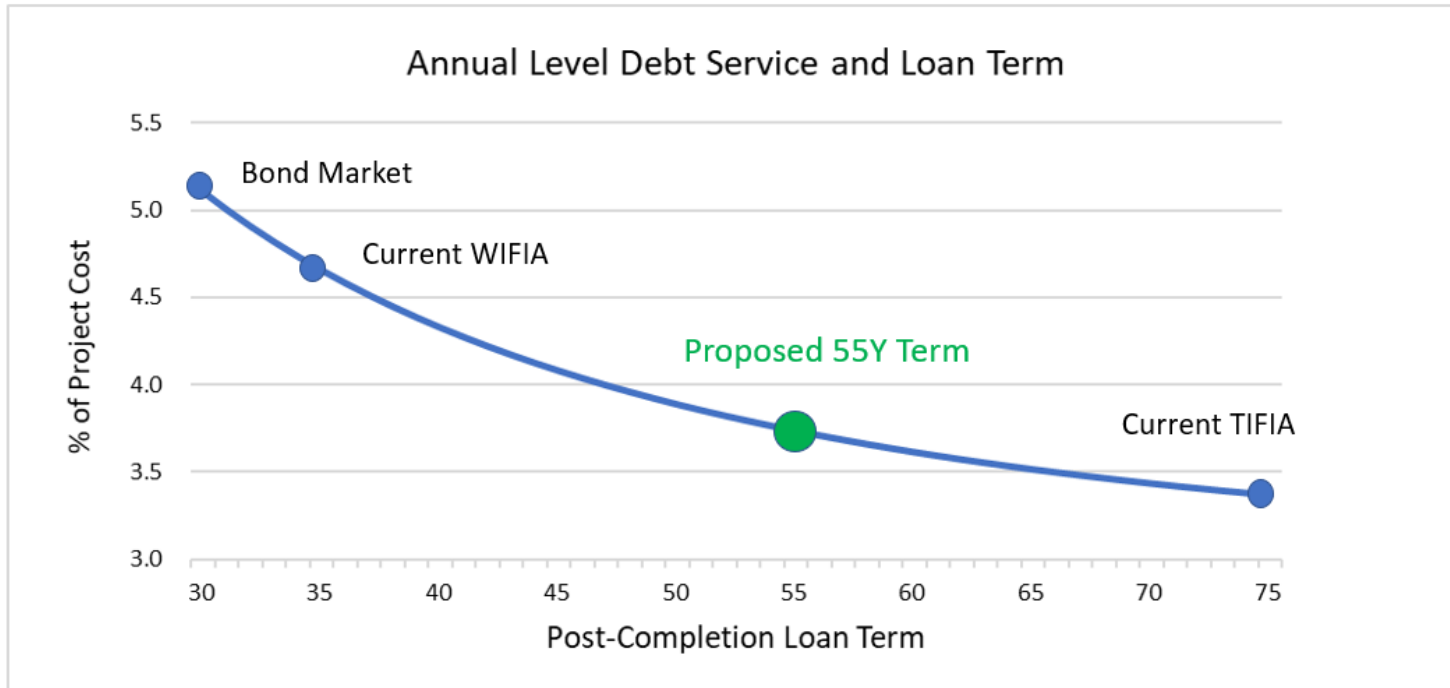
- Adding the Limited Buydown
- Small Dam Study Directive

1. Fixing FCRA Criteria for Federally Involved Projects



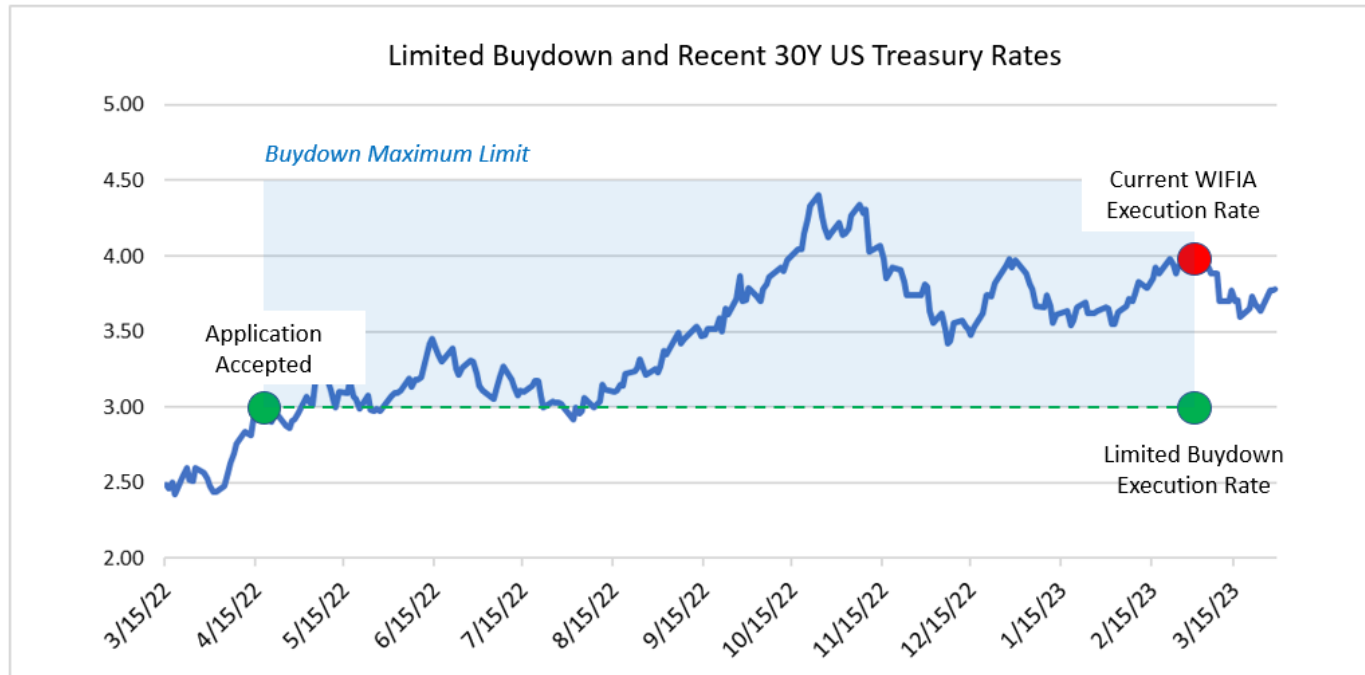
- OMB's current FCRA criteria seek to determine an ineligible 'Federal Project'. This approach has no basis in FCRA law.
- Amendment focuses on repayment from non-federal sources. This is consistent with FCRA law and founding principles.

2. Extending CWIFP's Loan Term



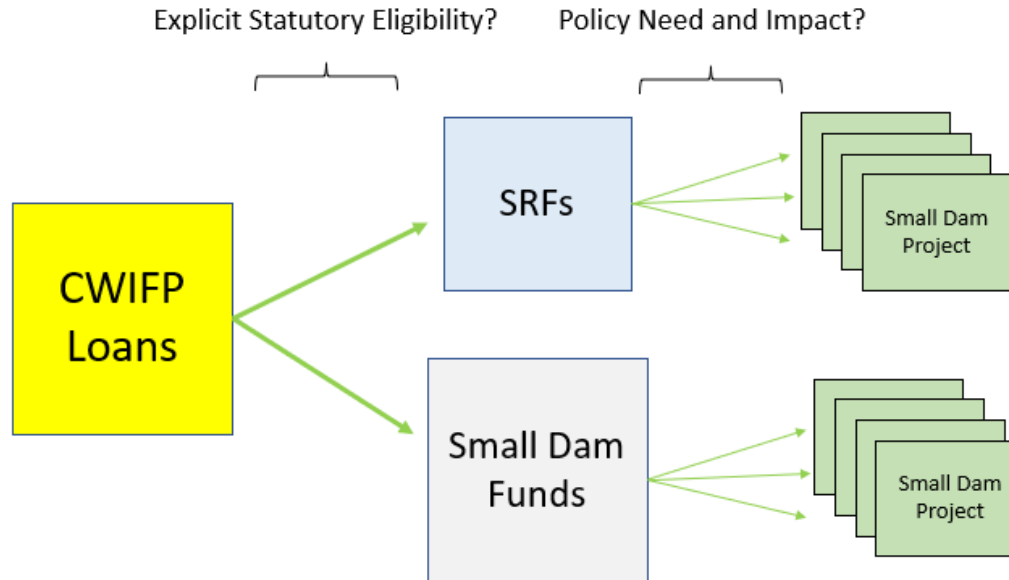
- Proposed 55-year CWIFP loan term will significantly lower annual debt service requirements.
- Dam project useful life could justify a 75-year term, as currently in TIFIA loan program.

3. Adding a Limited Buydown



- Limited Buydown allows program to cap execution rate when loan application is accepted. TIFIA and CIFIA have an LB.
- The LB is especially useful for long-development project finance loans during periods of volatile interest rates.

4. Small Dam Fund Study Directive



- Small dam study could focus on scope of CWIFP statutory eligibility and policy need & impact for small dam finance.
- Expanded scope could include statutory & policy aspects for other small water management projects.

Links

FCRA Issue

- [Six FCRA Criteria for Federally Involved Projects](#) *WFM Feb 2023*
- [Non-Federal Interest Illustration](#)
- [FCRA Non-Federal Series](#)

Extended Term

- [Extend WIFIA's Maximum Term...As a First Step](#) *WFM Aug 2022*
- [Extending WIFIA loan term](#) *WaterWorld Oct 2022*
- [Extended Term for WIFIA Loans](#)

Limited Buydown

- [Why Doesn't WIFIA Have a Limited Buydown?](#) *WaterWorld Jan 2023*
- [Adding the Limited Buydown to WIFIA Loans](#) *WFM Jan 2023*
- [Limited Buydown Amendment Language](#)

Small Dam Study

- [Small Dam Fund Study Directive Language](#)
- [CWIFP Loans to Small Dam Funds](#)
- [Three Ideas for Federal Financing of Dam Removal](#)