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To make technical and clarifying amendments to improve the management of water-related facilities in the Western United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To make technical and clarifying amendments to improve the management of water-related facilities in the Western United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Authority to use reclamation project facilities for nonproject water.

Sec. 3. Reduction of waiting period for obligation of funds provided under Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

Sec. 4. Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Reclamation and Reuse Project.

Sec. 5. Phoenix Metropolitan Water Reclamation and Reuse Project.

Sec. 6. Refund of amounts received as paid from compensation bills under Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

Sec. 7. Designation of Trinity Lake.

Sec. 8. Extension of periods for repayments for Nueces River reclamation project and Canadian River reclamation project, Texas.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO USE RECLAMATION PROJECT FA-**  
 2 **CILITIES FOR NONPROJECT WATER.**

3 The Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Govern-  
 4 ment to contract for impounding, storing, and carriage of  
 5 water, and to cooperate in the construction and use of res-  
 6 ervoirs and canals under reclamation projects, and for  
 7 other purposes”, approved February 21, 1911, popularly  
 8 known as the Warren Act, is amended—

9 (1) in the first section (36 Stat. 925; 43 U.S.C.  
 10 523)—

11 (A) in the first sentence—

12 (i) by inserting “, including water  
 13 from sources other than the project (in  
 14 this Act referred to as ‘nonproject  
 15 water’),” after “water” the first place it  
 16 appears;

17 (ii) by striking “and irrigation dis-  
 18 tricts” and inserting “irrigation districts,  
 19 municipalities, public water districts and  
 20 agencies, Indian tribes, other Federal  
 21 agencies, and State agencies”; and

22 (iii) by striking “for irrigation”; and

1 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-  
2 serting the following new sentences: “Water so  
3 impounded, stored, or carried under any such  
4 contract shall be for the purpose of distribution  
5 by the party with whom the contract is made to  
6 individual water users, municipalities, public  
7 water districts and agencies, Indian tribes,  
8 other Federal agencies, and State agencies. Any  
9 nonproject water so impounded, stored, or car-  
10 ried may be used for any domestic, municipal,  
11 fish and wildlife, industrial, irrigation, or other  
12 beneficial purposes. However, in the use of rec-  
13 lamation project facilities and water (including  
14 nonproject water), priority shall be given to  
15 achieving the purposes of the project. Any  
16 water so impounded, stored, or carried shall not  
17 be used otherwise than as prescribed by law as  
18 to lands held in private ownership within Gov-  
19 ernment reclamation projects.”; and

20 (2) in section 2 (36 Stat. 926; 43 U.S.C.  
21 524)—

22 (A) by striking “irrigation purposes” and  
23 inserting “domestic, municipal, fish and wild-  
24 life, industrial, irrigation, or other beneficial  
25 purposes”; and

1 (B) in the second proviso, by inserting “for  
2 irrigation purposes” after “one landowner”.

3 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR OBLIGATION**  
4 **OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER RECLAMATION**  
5 **SAFETY OF DAMS ACT OF 1978.**

6 Section 5 of the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of  
7 1978 (92 Stat. 2471; 43 U.S.C. 509) is amended by strik-  
8 ing “sixty days” and all that follows through “day cer-  
9 tain)” and inserting “30 calendar days”.

10 **SEC. 4. ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA RECLAMA-**  
11 **TION AND REUSE PROJECT.**

12 Section 1621 of the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-  
13 tion and Adjustment Act of 1992 (110 Stat. 3292; 43  
14 U.S.C. 390h–12g) is amended—

15 (1) in the heading by striking “**STUDY**”; and

16 (2) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by inserting “the planning, design, and  
18 construction of” after “participate in”; and

19 (B) by striking “Study” and inserting  
20 “Project”.

21 **SEC. 5. PHOENIX METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION**  
22 **AND REUSE PROJECT.**

23 Section 1608 of the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-  
24 tion and Adjustment Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 4666; 43  
25 U.S.C. 390h–6) is amended—

1           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
2       lows:

3       “(a) The Secretary, in cooperation with the city of  
4 Phoenix, Arizona, shall participate in the planning, design,  
5 and construction of the Phoenix Metropolitan Water Rec-  
6 lamation and Reuse Project to utilize fully wastewater  
7 from the regional wastewater treatment plant for direct  
8 municipal, industrial, agricultural, and environmental pur-  
9 poses, groundwater recharge, and direct potable reuse in  
10 the Phoenix metropolitan area.”;

11           (2) in subsection (b) by striking the first sen-  
12       tence; and

13           (3) by striking subsection (c).

14 **SEC. 6. REFUND OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED AS PAID FROM**  
15                           **COMPENSATION BILLS UNDER RECLAMATION**  
16                           **REFORM ACT OF 1982.**

17       (a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to subsection (b)  
18 and the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the  
19 Interior shall refund fully amounts received by the United  
20 States as collections under section 224(i) of the Reclama-  
21 tion Reform Act of 1982 (101 Stat. 1330–268; 43 U.S.C.  
22 390ww(i)) for paid form compensation bills (including in-  
23 terest collected) issued by the Secretary of the Interior be-  
24 fore January 1, 1994, for furnishing certificates under

1 sections 206 and 224(c) of such Act (96 Stat. 1266, 1272;  
2 43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)).

3 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—In the case of a refund  
4 of amounts collected in connection with sections 206 and  
5 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat.  
6 1266, 1272; 43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) that occurred  
7 with respect to any water year after the 1987 water year,  
8 the amount refunded shall be reduced by an administra-  
9 tive fee of \$260 for each collection so refunded.

10 **SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF TRINITY LAKE.**

11 (a) DESIGNATION.—The reservoir created by Trinity  
12 Dam in the Central Valley project, California, and des-  
13 ignated as “Clair Engle Lake” by Public Law 88–662 (78  
14 Stat. 1093) is hereby redesignated as “Trinity Lake”.

15 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
16 tion, document, record, map, or other paper of the United  
17 States to the reservoir referred to in subsection (a) shall  
18 be considered to be a reference to “Trinity Lake”.

19 (c) REPEAL OF EARLIER DESIGNATION.—Public  
20 Law 88–662 (78 Stat. 1093) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENTS FOR**  
2 **NUECES RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT AND**  
3 **CANADIAN RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT,**  
4 **TEXAS.**

5 Section 2 of the Emergency Drought Relief Act of  
6 1996 (Public Law 104–318; 110 Stat. 3862) is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(c) **EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENT.**—  
9 Notwithstanding any provision of the Reclamation Project  
10 Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485 et seq.), the Secretary of the  
11 Interior—

12 “(1) shall extend the period for repayment by  
13 the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Nueces  
14 River Authority under contract No. 6–07–01–  
15 X0675, relating to the Nueces River reclamation  
16 project, Texas, until—

17 “(A) August 1, 2029, for repayment pur-  
18 suant to the municipal and industrial water  
19 supply benefits portion of the contract; and

20 “(B) until August 1, 2044, for repayment  
21 pursuant to the fish and wildlife and recreation  
22 benefits portion of the contract; and

23 “(2) shall extend the period for repayment by  
24 the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority  
25 under contract No. 14–06–500–485, relating to the

- 1 Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, until Oc-
- 2 tober 1, 2021.”.

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