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To assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage, storm, flood and other waters as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1999

Mr. OSE (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HERGER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. RADANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage, storm, flood and other waters as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California.

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Colusa Basin Water-
5 shed Integrated Resources Management Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred
3 to as the “Secretary”), acting within existing budgetary
4 authority, may provide financial assistance to the Colusa
5 Basin Drainage District, California (in this Act referred
6 to as the “District”), for use by the District or by local
7 agencies acting pursuant to section 413 of the State of
8 California statute known as the Colusa Basin Drainage
9 Act (California Stats. 1987, ch. 1399) as in effect on the
10 date of the enactment of this Act (in this Act referred
11 to as the “State statute”), for planning, design, environ-
12 mental compliance, and construction required in carrying
13 out eligible projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed to—

14 (1)(A) reduce the risk of damage to urban and
15 agricultural areas from flooding or the discharge of
16 drainage water or tailwater;

17 (B) assist in groundwater recharge efforts to al-
18 leviate overdraft and land subsidence; or

19 (C) construct, restore, or preserve wetland and
20 riparian habitat; and

21 (2) capture, as an incidental purpose of any of
22 the purposes referred to in paragraph (1), surface or
23 stormwater for conservation, conjunctive use, and in-
24 creased water supplies.

1 **SEC. 3. PROJECT SELECTION.**

2 (a) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—A project shall be an eligi-
3 ble project for purposes of section 2 only if it is—

4 (1) identified in the document entitled “Colusa
5 Basin Water Management Program”, dated Feb-
6 ruary 1995; and

7 (2) carried out in accordance with that docu-
8 ment and all environmental documentation require-
9 ments that apply to the project under the laws of
10 the United States and the State of California.

11 (b) COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
12 shall ensure that projects for which assistance is provided
13 under this Act are not inconsistent with watershed protec-
14 tion and environmental restoration efforts being carried
15 out under the authority of the Central Valley Project Im-
16 provement Act (Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4706 et
17 seq.) or the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

18 **SEC. 4. COST SHARING.**

19 (a) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The Secretary shall re-
20 quire that the District and cooperating non-Federal agen-
21 cies or organizations pay—

22 (1) 25 percent of the costs associated with con-
23 struction of any project carried out with assistance
24 provided under this Act; and

1 (2) 100 percent of any operation, maintenance,
2 and replacement and rehabilitation costs with re-
3 spect to such a project.

4 (b) PLANNING, DESIGN, AND COMPLIANCE ASSIST-
5 ANCE.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act may be
6 made available to fund all costs incurred for planning, de-
7 sign, and environmental compliance activities by the Dis-
8 trict or by local agencies acting pursuant to the State stat-
9 ute, in accordance with agreements with the Secretary.

10 (c) TREATMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes
11 of this section, the Secretary shall treat the value of lands,
12 interests in lands (including rights-of-way and other ease-
13 ments), and necessary relocations contributed by the Dis-
14 trict to a project as a payment by the District of the costs
15 of the project.

16 **SEC. 5. COSTS NONREIMBURSABLE.**

17 Amounts expended pursuant to this Act shall be con-
18 sidered nonreimbursable for purposes of the Act of June
19 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388; 43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), and Acts
20 amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

21 **SEC. 6. AGREEMENTS.**

22 Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act may be
23 made available to the District or a local agency only if
24 the District or local agency, as applicable, has entered into
25 a binding agreement with the Secretary—

1 (1) under which the District or the local agency
2 is required to pay the non-Federal share of the costs
3 of construction required by section 4(a); and

4 (2) governing the funding of planning, design,
5 and compliance activities costs under section 4(b).

6 **SEC. 7. REIMBURSEMENT.**

7 For project work (including work associated with
8 studies, planning, design, and construction) carried out by
9 the District or by a local agency acting pursuant to the
10 State statute in section 2 before the date amounts are pro-
11 vided for the project under this Act, the Secretary shall,
12 subject to amounts being made available in advance in ap-
13 propriations Acts, reimburse the District or the local agen-
14 cy, without interest, an amount equal to the estimated
15 Federal share of the cost of such work under section 4.

16 **SEC. 8. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may enter into co-
18 operative agreements and contracts with the District to
19 assist the Secretary in carrying out the purposes of this
20 Act.

21 (b) **SUBCONTRACTING.**—Under such cooperative
22 agreements and contracts, the Secretary may authorize
23 the District to manage and let contracts and receive reim-
24 bursements, subject to amounts being made available in

1 advance in appropriations Acts, for work carried out under
2 such contracts or subcontracts.

3 **SEC. 9. RELATIONSHIP TO RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF**
4 **1982.**

5 Activities carried out, and financial assistance pro-
6 vided, under this Act shall not be considered a supple-
7 mental or additional benefit for purposes of the Reclama-
8 tion Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1263; 43 U.S.C. 390aa
9 et seq.).

10 **SEC. 10. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.**

11 Within existing budgetary authority and subject to
12 the availability of appropriations, the Secretary is author-
13 ized to expend up to \$25,000,000, plus such additional
14 amount, if any, as may be required by reason of changes
15 in costs of services of the types involved in the District's
16 projects as shown by engineering and other relevant in-
17 dexes to carry out this Act. Sums appropriated under this
18 section shall remain available until expended.

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