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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mr. HORN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “San Gabriel Basin
3 Water Quality Initiative”.

4 **SEC. 2. SAN GABRIEL BASIN RESTORATION FUND.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESTORATION
6 FUND.—There shall be established within the Treasury of
7 the United States an interest bearing account to be known
8 as the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund (in this sec-
9 tion referred to as “Restoration Fund”).

10 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESTORATION
11 FUND.—The Restoration Fund shall be administered by
12 the Secretary of the Army (in this Act referred to as the
13 “Secretary”), acting through the Chief of Engineers. The
14 Secretary shall administer such Fund in cooperation with
15 the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, or its suc-
16 cessor agency.

17 (c) PURPOSES OF THE RESTORATION FUND.—The
18 proceeds of the Restoration Fund shall be utilized by the
19 Secretary to design, construct, operate, and maintain
20 water quality projects administered by the San Gabriel
21 Basin Water Quality Authority.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
23 each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004, there is au-
24 thorized to be appropriated to the Restoration Fund
25 \$15,000,000.

1 (e) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFOR-
2 NIA.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief of Engi-
3 neers, is authorized to accept and administer in coopera-
4 tion with the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
5 any funds which the State of California, local government
6 agencies, or private entities may contribute to the Restora-
7 tion Fund.

8 (f) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.—In carry-
9 ing out the activities described in subsection (c), the Sec-
10 retary shall comply with any applicable Federal or State
11 law.

12 (g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Nothing
13 in this Act shall be construed to affect other Federal or
14 State authorities that are being used or may be used to
15 facilitate the cleanup and protection of the San Gabriel
16 groundwater basin. In carrying out the activities described
17 in subsection (c), the Secretary shall integrate such activi-
18 ties with ongoing Federal and State projects and activi-
19 ties. None of the funds made available for the activities
20 described in subsection (c) pursuant to this Act shall be
21 counted against any Federal authorization ceiling estab-
22 lished for any previously authorized Federal projects or
23 activities.

1 **SEC. 3. PERCHLORATE.**

2 (a) INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS.—The Sec-
3 retary, acting through the Chief of Engineers and in co-
4 operation with State and local government agencies, is au-
5 thorized to participate in studies and other investigative
6 activities and in the planning and design of projects deter-
7 mined by the Secretary to offer a long-term solution to
8 the problem of groundwater contamination caused by per-
9 chlorates.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
11 purposes of carrying out the activities authorized in sub-
12 section (a), there are authorized to be appropriated to the
13 Secretary \$25,000,000.

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