

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 855

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

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

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD WATER**
4 **RECYCLING AND DESALINIZATION PROJECT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and
6 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–
7 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 163___. BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD**
2 **WATER RECYCLING AND DESALINIZATION**
3 **PROJECT.**

4 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in cooperation
5 with the Brownsville Public Utility Board, may participate
6 in the design, planning, and construction of facilities to
7 reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the Browns-
8 ville, Texas, area.

9 “(b) **COST SHARING.**—The Federal share of the cost
10 of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed
11 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

12 “(c) **LIMITATION.**—Funds provided by the Secretary
13 shall not be used for operation and maintenance of the
14 project described in subsection (a).”.

15 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sec-
16 tions in section 2 of Public Law 102–575 is amended by
17 inserting after the last item relating to title XVI the fol-
18 lowing:

“163___. Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination
project.”.

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