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H. R. 2498

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. STUDY TO DEVELOP WATER PLAN; REPORT.**

4 (a) PLAN.—

5 (1) GRANT.—Not later than 120 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclama-
8 tion, shall award a grant to the California Water In-
9 stitute, located at California State University, Fres-
10 no, California, to conduct a study coordinating and
11 integrating sub-regional interated regional water
12 management plans into a unified Integrated Re-
13 gional Water Management Plan for the subject 8
14 counties in the hydrologic basins that would address
15 issues related to—

16 (A) water quality;

17 (B) water supply (both surface, ground-
18 water banking and brackish water desalination);

19 (C) water conveyance;

20 (D) water reliability;

21 (E) flood control;

22 (F) water resource-related environmental
23 enhancement; and

24 (G) population growth.

1 (2) STUDY AREA.—The study area referred to
2 in paragraph (1) is the proposed study area of the
3 San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and Tulare
4 Lake Hydrologic Region, as defined by California
5 Department of Water Resources Bulletin 160-05,
6 Volume 3, Chapters 7 and 8, including Kern,
7 Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus,
8 and San Joaquin counties in California.

9 (b) USE OF PLAN.—The Integrated Regional Water
10 Management Plan developed for the 2 hydrologic basins
11 under subsection (a) shall serve as a guide for the 8 coun-
12 ties in the study area described in subsection (a)(2) to use
13 as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water
14 needs in a sustainable and equitable manner.

15 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall ensure that a re-
16 port containing the results of the Integrated Regional
17 Water Management Plan for the 2 hydrologic regions is
18 submitted to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
20 and Natural Resources of the Senate not later than 24
21 months after the grant is awarded under subsection
22 (a)(1).

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
3 rior \$1,000,000 to carry out this section.

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