

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 175

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVATORY**

4 **DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Thunderbird Lake, located on Little River  
7 in central Oklahoma, was constructed in 1965 by the  
8 Bureau of Reclamation for flood control, water sup-  
9 ply, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes;

1           (2) the available yield of Thunderbird Lake is  
2 allocated to the Central Oklahoma Master Conserv-  
3 atory District, which supplies municipal and indus-  
4 trial water supplies to the cities of Norman, Midwest  
5 City, and Del City, Oklahoma; and

6           (3) studies conducted by the Bureau during fis-  
7 cal year 2003 indicate that the District will require  
8 additional water supplies to meet the future needs of  
9 the District, including through—

10                   (A) the drilling of additional wells;

11                   (B) the implementation of a seasonal pool  
12 plan at Thunderbird Lake;

13                   (C) the construction of terminal storage to  
14 hold wet-weather yield from Thunderbird Lake;

15                   (D) a reallocation of water storage; and

16                   (E) the importation of surplus water from  
17 sources outside the basin of Thunderbird Lake.

18           (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
19 enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of the Bureau  
20 of Reclamation shall conduct a feasibility study of alter-  
21 natives to augment the water supplies of the Central Okla-  
22 homa Master Conservatory District and cities served by  
23 the District, including recommendations of the Commis-  
24 sioner, if any.

1           (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Commissioner of the  
3 Bureau of Reclamation \$300,000 to conduct the study  
4 under subsection (b).

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