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An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water

Oct. 25, 2004 [H.R. 2828]

Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental

Improvement

California.

Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE: TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act".
- (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:
- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—CALIFORNIA WATER SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL **ENHANCEMENT**

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Definitions.
- Sec. 103. Bay Delta program.
- Sec. 104. Management.
- Sec. 105. Reporting requirements. Sec. 106. Crosscut budget.
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 Sec. 107. Federal share of costs.
 Sec. 108. Compliance with State and Federal law.
 Sec. 109. Authorization of appropriation.

TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 201. Salton Sea study program.
- Sec. 202. Alder Creek water storage and conservation project feasibility study and
- Sec. 203. Folsom Reservoir temperature control device authorization.

TITLE I—CALIFORNIA WATER SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT

Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act".

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM.—The terms "Calfed Bay-Delta Program" and "Program" mean the programs, projects, complementary actions, and activities undertaken through coordinated planning, implementation, and assessment activities of the State agencies and Federal agencies as set forth in the Record of Decision.

- (iii) evaluation of lower Mokelumne River floodway improvements.
- (C) INTERTIES.—Activities under this subparagraph consist of-
 - (i) evaluation and construction of an intertie between the State Water Project California Aqueduct and the Central Valley Project Delta Mendota Canal, near the City of Tracy, as an operation and maintenance activity, except that the Secretary shall design and construct the intertie in a manner consistent with a possible future expansion of the intertie capacity (as described in subsection (f)(1)(B)); and
 - (ii) assessment of a connection of the Central Valley Project to the Clifton Court Forebay of the State Water Project, with a corresponding increase in the screened intake of the Forebay.

- (D) PROGRAM TO MEET STANDARDS.—

 (i) IN GENERAL.—Prior to increasing export limits from the Delta for the purposes of conveying water to south-of-Delta Central Valley Project contractors or increasing deliveries through an intertie, the Secretary shall, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, in consultation with the Governor, develop and initiate implementation of a program to meet all existing water quality standards and objectives for which the Central Valley Project has responsibility.
- (ii) MEASURES.—In developing and implementing the program, the Secretary shall include, to the maximum extent feasible, the measures described in clauses (iii) through (vii).
- (iii) RECIRCULATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall incorporate into the program a recirculation program to provide flow, reduce salinity concentrations in the San Joaquin River, and reduce the reliance on the New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives through the use of excess capacity in export pumping and conveyance facilities.

(iv) Best management practices plan.—

- (I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and implement, in coordination with the State's programs to improve water quality in the San Joaquin River, a best management practices plan to reduce the water quality impacts of the dis-charges from wildlife refuges that receive water from the Federal Government and discharge salt
- or other constituents into the San Joaquin River.

 (II) COORDINATION WITH INTERESTED PAR-TIES.—The plan shall be developed in coordination with interested parties in the San Joaquin Valley and the Delta.
- (III) COORDINATION WITH ENTITIES THAT DIS-CHARGE WATER.—The Secretary shall also coordinate activities under this clause with other entities that discharge water into the San Joaquin River to reduce salinity concentrations discharged into

the River, including the timing of discharges to

optimize their assimilation.

(v) Acquisition of Water.—The Secretary shall incorporate into the program the acquisition from willing sellers of water from streams tributary to the San Joaquin River or other sources to provide flow, dilute discharges of salt or other constituents, and to improve water quality in the San Joaquin River below the confluence of the Merced and San Joaquin Rivers, and to reduce the reliance on New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives.

(vi) Purpose.—The purpose of the authority and direction provided to the Secretary under this subparagraph is to provide greater flexibility in meeting the existing water quality standards and objectives for which the Central Valley Project has responsibility so as to reduce the demand on water from New Melones Reservoir used for that purpose and to assist the Secretary in meeting any obligations to Central Valley Project contractors from the New Melones Project.

(vii) Updating of New Melones Operating

(vii) UPDATING OF NEW MELONES OPERATING PLAN.—The Secretary shall update the New Melones operating plan to take into account, among other things, the actions described in this title that are designed to reduce the reliance on New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives, and to ensure that actions to enhance fisheries in the Stanislaus River are based on the best available science.

(3) Water use efficiency.—

(A) WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS.—Activities under this paragraph include water conservation projects that provide water supply reliability, water quality, and ecosystem benefits to the California Bay-Delta system.

(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Activities under this paragraph include technical assistance for urban and agri-

cultural water conservation projects.

- (C) WATER RECYCLING AND DESALINATION PROJECTS.—Activities under this paragraph include water recycling and desalination projects, including groundwater remediation projects and projects identified in the Bay Area Water Plan and the Southern California Comprehensive Water Reclamation and Reuse Study and other projects, giving priority to projects that include regional solutions to benefit regional water supply and reliability needs.
- (D) WATER MEASUREMENT AND TRANSFER ACTIONS.— Activities under this paragraph include water measurement

and transfer actions.

(E) Urban water conservation.—Activities under this paragraph include implementation of best management practices for urban water conservation.

(F) RECLAMATION AND RECYCLING PROJECTS.—

(i) PROJECTS.—This subparagraph applies to—
(I) projects identified in the Southern California Comprehensive Water Reclamation and Reuse Study, dated April 2001 and authorized by

Applicability.