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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 “Emergency Drought  
3 Relief Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.**

5       (a) CORPUS CHRISTI.—

6           (1) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—For the  
7       purpose of providing emergency drought relief, the  
8       Secretary of the Interior shall defer all principal and  
9       interest payments without penalty or accrued inter-  
10      est for the 5-year period beginning on the date of  
11      enactment of this Act for the city of Corpus Christi,  
12      Texas, and the Nueces River Authority under con-  
13      tract No. 6–07–01–X0675 involving the Nueces  
14      River Reclamation Project, Texas: *Provided*, That  
15      the city of Corpus Christi shall commit to use the  
16      funds thus made available exclusively for the acquisi-  
17      tion of or construction of facilities related to alter-  
18      native sources of water supply.

19          (2) ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.—If construction of  
20      facilities related to alternative water supplies re-  
21      ferred to in paragraph (1) requires a Federal permit  
22      for use of Bureau of Reclamation lands or facilities,  
23      the Secretary shall issue such permits within 90  
24      days after the date of enactment of this Act, rec-  
25      ognizing the environmental impact statement  
26      FES74–54 and the environmental assessment dated

1 March 1991 (relating to the Lavaca-Navidad River  
2 Authority Pipeline permit).

3 (b) CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHOR-  
4 ITY.—

5 (1) RECOGNITION OF TRANSFER OF LANDS TO  
6 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—All obligations and  
7 associated debt under contract No. 14–06–500–485  
8 for land and related relocations transferred to the  
9 National Park Service to form the Lake Meredith  
10 National Recreation Area under Public Law 101–  
11 628, in the amount of \$4,000,000, shall be non-  
12 reimbursable. The Secretary shall recalculate the re-  
13 payment schedule of the Canadian River Municipal  
14 Water Authority to reflect the determination of the  
15 preceding sentence and to implement the revised re-  
16 payment schedule within one year of the date of en-  
17 actment of this Act.

18 (2) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—The Sec-  
19 retary shall defer all principal and interest payments  
20 without penalty or accrued interest for the 3-year  
21 period beginning on the date of enactment of this  
22 Act for the Canadian River Municipal Water Au-  
23 thority under contract No. 14–06–500–485 as emer-

- 1 agency drought relief to enable construction of addi-
- 2 tional water supply and conveyance facilities.

Passed the House of Representatives September 10,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*