

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3910

To provide emergency drought relief to the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Texas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 1996

Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Drought
5 Relief Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.**

7 (a) CORPUS CHRISTI.—

8 (1) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—For the
9 purpose of providing emergency drought relief, the

1 Secretary of the Interior shall defer all principal and
2 interest payments without penalty or accrued inter-
3 est for a period of 5 years for the city of Corpus
4 Christi, Texas, and the Nueces River Authority
5 under contract No. 6-07-01-X0675 involving the
6 Nueces River Reclamation Project, Texas: *Provided*,
7 That the city of Corpus Christi shall commit to use
8 the funds thus made available exclusively for the ac-
9 quisition of or construction of facilities related to al-
10 ternative sources of water supply.

11 (2) ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.—If construction of
12 facilities related to alternative water supplies re-
13 ferred to in paragraph (1) requires a Federal permit
14 for use of Bureau of Reclamation lands or facilities,
15 the Secretary shall issue such permits within 90
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act, rec-
17 ognizing the environmental impact statement
18 FES74-54 and the environmental assessment dated
19 March 1991 (relating to the Lavaca-Navidad River
20 Authority Pipeline permit).

21 (b) CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHOR-
22 ITY.—

23 (1) RECOGNITION OF TRANSFER OF LANDS TO
24 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—All obligations and
25 associated debt under contract No. 14-06-500-485

1 for land and related relocations transferred to the
2 National Park Service to form the Lake Meredith
3 National Recreation Area under Public Law 101–
4 628, in the amount of \$4,000,000, shall be non-
5 reimbursable. The Secretary shall recalculate the re-
6 payment schedule of the Canadian River Municipal
7 Water Authority to reflect the determination of the
8 preceding sentence and to implement the revised re-
9 payment schedule within one year of the date of en-
10 actment of this Act.

11 (2) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—The Sec-
12 retary shall defer all principal and interest payments
13 without penalty or accrued interest for a period of
14 3 years for the Canadian River Municipal Water Au-
15 thority under contract No. 14–06–500–485 as emer-
16 gency drought relief to enable construction of addi-
17 tional water supply and conveyance facilities.

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