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To amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9 (legislative day, MARCH 6), 1995

Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KYL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. BASINWIDE SALINITY CONTROL PROGRAM FOR**
4 **THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND
6 MAINTAIN A BASINWIDE SALINITY CONTROL PRO-
7 GRAM.—Section 202 of the Colorado River Basin Salinity
8 Control Act (43 U.S.C. 1592) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the first sentence—

3 (i) by striking “the following salinity
4 control units” and inserting “the following
5 salinity control units and salinity control
6 program”; and

7 (ii) by striking the period at the end
8 and inserting a colon; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(6) SALINITY CONTROL PROGRAM.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
12 through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall
13 implement a basinwide salinity control program.

14 “(B) CONTRACTS AND OTHER VEHI-
15 CLES.—The Secretary may carry out this para-
16 graph directly, or may enter into contracts and
17 memoranda of agreement, or make grants, com-
18 mitments for grants, or advances of funds to
19 non-Federal entities, under such terms and con-
20 ditions as the Secretary considers to be appro-
21 priate.

22 “(C) COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES.—The
23 salinity control program shall consist of cost-ef-
24 fective measures and associated works to reduce
25 salinity from saline springs, leaking wells, irri-

1 gation sources, industrial sources, erosion of
2 public and private land, or other sources, as the
3 Secretary considers to be appropriate.

4 “(D) MITIGATION.—The salinity control
5 program shall provide for the mitigation of inci-
6 dental fish and wildlife resources that are lost
7 as a result of the measures and associated
8 works described in subparagraph (C).

9 “(E) PLANNING REPORT.—The Secretary
10 shall submit a planning report concerning the
11 salinity control program to the appropriate
12 committees of Congress.

13 “(F) DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION.—The
14 Secretary may not expend funds for any meas-
15 ure or associated work described in subpara-
16 graph (C) before the expiration of a 30-day pe-
17 riod beginning on the date on which the Sec-
18 retary submits a planning report under sub-
19 paragraph (E).”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)(4) by striking “and (5)”
21 and inserting “(5), and (6)”.

22 (b) ALLOCATION OF COSTS.—Section 205(a) of the
23 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act (43 U.S.C.
24 1595(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “authorized by
2 sections 202(a) (4) and (5)” and inserting “author-
3 ized by section 202(a) (4), (5), and (6)”; and

4 (2) in paragraph (4)(i) by striking “sections
5 202(a) (4) and (5)” each place it appears and in-
6 serting “section 202(a) (4), (5), and (6)”.

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 208 of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act (43
9 U.S.C. 1598) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
10 ing new subsection:

11 “(c) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
12 TIONS.—In addition to the amounts authorized to be ap-
13 propriated under subsection (b), there are authorized to
14 be appropriated—

15 “(1) such sums as are necessary to pay for non-
16 federally financed salinity control; and

17 “(2) \$75,000,000 for the construction of feder-
18 ally financed improvements described in section
19 202(a).”.

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