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TRINITY LAKE

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Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 63]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the Act (H.R. 63) to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the Act do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of H.R. 63 is to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley Project, California, as “Trinity Lake”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

H.R. 63 redesignates Clair Engle Lake (the reservoir created behind the Trinity Dam in California), as “Trinity Lake”. The name change will bring the name of the reservoir into conformity with the other facilities at the site, including the Trinity Dam and the Trinity powerplant which are both located on the Trinity River. Redesignation will decrease confusion related to the reservoir and better match the way local users of the reservoir refer to the lake.

Clair Engle Lake is the largest body of recreational water in Trinity County, California. The dam regulates drainage in an area of over 728 square miles. The dam was completed in 1962. It is an earthfill structure 2,450 feet long at the crest, is 538 feet high and impounds up to 2,448 million acre feet of water in the reservoir. Releases from the reservoir are used to generate electrical power at five powerplants and for consumptive use in the Central Valley Project. The lake is a popular destination for thousands of rec-

reational users each year. Its uses include boating, fishing, hiking and camping.

Since the construction of the dam, local citizens have referred to the lake as Trinity Lake. The usage has been widely adopted by almost all the public as well as Federal, state and local officials.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 63 was introduced on January 7, 1997 by Congressman Wally Herger. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on March 11, 1997.

Companion legislation, S. 895 was introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein on June 12, 1997 and was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation held a hearing on S. 895 on June 26, 1997.

At the business meeting on July 30, 1997, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered H.R. 63 favorably reported without amendments.

Similar legislation (H.R. 1070) passed the House of Representatives during the 104th Congress, although no action was taken by the Senate on the bill.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on July 30, 1997, by a unanimous vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 63 without amendment.

The roll call vote on reporting the measure was 20 yeas, 0 nays, as follows:

YEAS	NAYS
Mr. Murkowski	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Nickles	
Mr. Craig	
Mr. Campbell ¹	
Mr. Thomas	
Mr. Kyl	
Mr. Grams	
Mr. Smith	
Mr. Gorton	
Mr. Burns ¹	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Bingaman ¹	
Mr. Akaka	
Mr. Dorgan	
Mr. Graham	
Mr. Wyden	
Mr. Johnson	
Ms. Landrieu ¹	

¹ Indicates voted by proxy.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1(a) redesignates as “Trinity Lake”, the reservoir created by the Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project of California and previously designated as “Clair Engle Lake” pursuant to Public Law 88–662 (78 Stat. 1093).

Section 1(b) directs that any reference in law, regulation, document, record, map or other government paper refer to the reservoir in section 1(a) as Trinity Lake.

Section 1(c) repeals former status—Public Law 88–662, the statute which designated the site as the Clair Engle Lake.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of costs of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office:

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CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 63 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not have any impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 63 would designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake.” Under the provisions of Public Law 88–662, the reservoir is currently designated as “Clair Engle Lake.”

The CBO staff contact for the estimate is Victoria V. Heid, who can be reached at 226–2860. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 63. The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H.R. 63, as ordered reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

On August 1, 1997, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requested legislative reports from the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget setting forth Executive agency recommendations on H.R. 63. These reports had not been received at the time the report on H.R. 63 was filed. When these reports become available, the Chairman will request that they be printed in the Congressional Record for the advice of the

Senate. The testimony of the Department of the Interior at the Subcommittee hearing follows:

STATEMENT OF KATHERINE H. STEVENSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES, STEWARDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Thank you for the opportunity to offer the Department of the Interior's views on S. 895, a bill to change the name of the reservoir created by the Trinity Dam in Central Valley Project to "Trinity Lake".

This bill would change the name of the reservoir created by the Trinity Dam in Central Valley Project to "Trinity Lake." Most people in the area already refer to the lake as Trinity even though its formal name is Clair Engle Lake. The Administration supports this bill which would officially change the name of the body of water to Trinity Lake.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the bill H.R. 63 as reported.