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H. R. 2994

To provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE 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 “Sugar Pine Dam and
5 Reservoir Conveyance Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purpose of this Act:

8 (1) The term “District” means the Foresthill
9 Public Utility District, a political subdivision of the
10 State of California duly organized, existing, and act-

1 ing pursuant to the laws thereof with its principal
2 place of business in the town of Foresthill, Placer
3 County, California.

4 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
5 of the Interior.

6 (3) The term “Reclamation” means the Depart-
7 ment of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

8 (4) The term “Project” means the Foresthill
9 Divide Sub Unit, including Sugar Pine Dam and
10 Reservoir, the associated conveyance system, holding
11 reservoir, and treatment plant, water rights, Rec-
12 lamation rights described in the agreement of June
13 11, 1985, with the Tahoe National Forest and other
14 associated interests owned and held by the United
15 States authorized as a part of the Auburn-Folsom
16 South Unit under the Act of September 2, 1965 (79
17 Stat. 615). The Project is currently operated and
18 maintained by the District.

19 (5) The term “Water Service Contract” means
20 Water Service Contract Number 14–06–200–3684A,
21 dated February 13, 1978, as amended between the
22 District and the United States.

23 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF THE PROJECT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, as soon as
25 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, trans-

1 fer all right, title, and interest in and to the Sugar Pine
2 Project to the District. Reclamation withdrawal estab-
3 lished by Public Land Order 5726 dated 5/27/1980, cov-
4 ering the reservoir area in the Tahoe National Forest is
5 hereby revoked in its entirety.

6 (b) SALE PRICE.—The Secretary is authorized to re-
7 ceive from the District \$2,772,221 to relieve payment obli-
8 gations and extinguish the debt with respect to the
9 Project. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Dis-
10 trict shall continue to make payments required by section
11 3407 of Public Law 102–575 through year 2023.

12 **SEC. 4. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING OPERATIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
14 strued as significantly expanding or otherwise changing
15 the use or operation of the Project from its current use
16 and operation.

17 (b) FUTURE ALTERATIONS.—If the District alters
18 the operations or uses of the Project, it shall comply with
19 all applicable laws or regulations governing such changes
20 at that time.

21 **SEC. 5. LIABILITY.**

22 Effective on the date of conveyance of the Project de-
23 scribed herein, the United States shall not be held liable
24 by any court for damages of any kind arising out of any
25 act, omission, or occurrence relating to such Project, ex-

1 cept damages caused by acts of negligence committed by
2 the United States or its employees, agents, or contractors
3 prior to the date of title transfer. Nothing in this section
4 shall be deemed to increase the liability of the United
5 States beyond that currently provided in the Federal Tort
6 Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq.).

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