

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4531

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. CALVERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL WATER RECYCLING**  
2 **PROJECT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and  
4 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–  
5 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 1635. INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL WATER RECYCLING**  
8 **PROJECT.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation  
10 with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, may participate  
11 in the design, planning, and construction of the Inland  
12 Empire regional water recycling project described in the  
13 report submitted under section 1606.

14 “(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost  
15 of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed  
16 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

17 “(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary  
18 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the  
19 project described in subsection (a).

20 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$20,000,000.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
24 tions in section 2 of such Act is amended by inserting after  
25 the item relating to section 1634 the following:

“Sec. 1635. Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project.”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL BRINE LINES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and  
3 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–  
4 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is further amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 1636. REGIONAL BRINE LINES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(1) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The Secretary,  
9 in cooperation with units of local government, may  
10 carry out a program under the Federal reclamation  
11 laws to assist agencies in projects to construct re-  
12 gional brine lines to export the salinity imported  
13 from the Colorado River to the Pacific Ocean as  
14 identified in—

15 “(A) the Salinity Management Study pre-  
16 pared by the Bureau of Reclamation and the  
17 Metropolitan Water District of Southern Cali-  
18 fornia; and

19 “(B) the Southern California Comprehen-  
20 sive Water Reclamation and Reuse Study pre-  
21 pared by the Bureau of Reclamation.

22 “(2) SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND SANTA CLARA  
23 VALLEY.—The Secretary may carry out a study of,  
24 and a program under the Federal reclamation laws  
25 to assist water agencies in, projects to construct re-

1 regional brine lines in the San Francisco Bay area and  
 2 the Santa Clara Valley area, California.

3 “(b) AGREEMENTS AND REGULATIONS.—The Sec-  
 4 retary may enter into such agreements and promulgate  
 5 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

6 “(c) COST SHARING.—

7 “(1) PROJECTS.—The Federal share of the cost  
 8 of a project to construct regional brine lines de-  
 9 scribed in subsection (a) shall not exceed—

10 “(A) 25 percent of the total cost of the  
 11 project; or

12 “(B) \$50,000,000.

13 “(2) STUDY.—The Federal share of the cost of  
 14 the study described in subsection (a)(2) shall be 50  
 15 percent.

16 “(d) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary  
 17 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of any  
 18 project described in subsection (a).”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 20 tions in section 2 of such Act is further amended by insert-  
 21 ing after the item relating to section 1635 the following:

“Sec. 1636. Regional brine lines.”.

22 **SEC. 3. LOWER CHINO DAIRY AREA DESALINATION DEM-**  
 23 **ONSTRATION AND RECLAMATION PROJECT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and  
 25 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102—

1 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is further amended  
2 by adding at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 1637. LOWER CHINO DAIRY AREA DESALINATION**  
4 **DEMONSTRATION AND RECLAMATION**  
5 **PROJECT.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation  
7 with the Chino Basin Watermaster, the Inland Empire  
8 Utilities Agency, the Western Municipal Water District,  
9 and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and act-  
10 ing under the Federal reclamation laws, shall participate  
11 in the design, planning, and construction of the Lower  
12 Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and rec-  
13 lamation project.

14 “(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost  
15 of the project described in subsection (a) shall not  
16 exceed—

17 “(1) 25 percent of the total cost of the project;

18 or

19 “(2) \$50,000,000.

20 “(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary  
21 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the  
22 project described in subsection (a).

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
25 essary to carry out this section.”.

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2 tions in section 2 of such Act is further amended by insert-  
3 ing after the item relating to section 1636 the following:

“Sec. 1637. Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and rec-  
lamation project.”.

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