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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Public Works

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers and in coordination with other Federal agency heads, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term solution to the problems of groundwater contamination, water supply, and reliability affecting the San Gabriel groundwater basin in California, and for other purposes.

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 “San Gabriel Basin
5 Water Quality Initiative”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAN GABRIEL BASIN RESTORATION.**

7 (a) SAN GABRIEL BASIN RESTORATION.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There shall be
9 established within the Treasury of the United States
10 an interest bearing account to be known as the San
11 Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the “Restoration Fund”).

13 (2) ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.—The Restora-
14 tion Fund shall be administered by the Secretary of
15 the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers (in
16 this Act referred to as the “Secretary”). The Sec-
17 retary shall administer the Fund in cooperation with
18 the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, or
19 its successor agency.

20 (3) PURPOSES OF FUND.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
22 graph (B), the amounts in the Restoration
23 Fund, including interest accrued, shall be uti-
24 lized by the Secretary—

1 (i) to design and construct water
2 quality projects to be administered by the
3 San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Author-
4 ity and the Central Basin Water Quality
5 Project to be administered by the Central
6 Basin Municipal Water District; and

7 (ii) to operate and maintain any
8 project constructed under this section for
9 such period as the Secretary determines,
10 but not to exceed 10 years, following the
11 initial date of operation of the project.

12 (B) COST-SHARING LIMITATION.—The Sec-
13 retary may not obligate any funds appropriated
14 to the Restoration Fund in a fiscal year until
15 the Secretary has deposited in the Fund an
16 amount provided by non-Federal interests suffi-
17 cient to ensure that at least 35 percent of any
18 funds obligated by the Secretary are from funds
19 provided to the Secretary by the non-Federal
20 interests. The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality
21 Authority shall be responsible for providing the
22 non-Federal amount required by the preceding
23 sentence. The State of California, local govern-
24 ment agencies, and private entities may provide
25 all or any portion of such amount.

1 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.—In car-
2 rying out the activities described in this section, the Sec-
3 retary shall comply with any applicable Federal and State
4 laws.

5 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Nothing
6 in this section shall be construed to affect other Federal
7 or State authorities that are being used or may be used
8 to facilitate the cleanup and protection of the San Gabriel
9 and Central groundwater basins. In carrying out the ac-
10 tivities described in this section, the Secretary shall inte-
11 grate such activities with ongoing Federal and State
12 projects and activities. None of the funds made available
13 for such activities pursuant to this section shall be counted
14 against any Federal authorization ceiling established for
15 any previously authorized Federal projects or activities.

16 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
18 appropriated to the Restoration Fund established
19 under subsection (a) \$85,000,000. Such funds shall
20 remain available until expended.

21 (2) SET-ASIDE.—Of the amounts appropriated
22 under paragraph (1), no more than \$10,000,000
23 shall be available to carry out the Central Basin
24 Water Quality Project.

1 **SEC. 3. PERCHLORATE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation
3 with Federal, State, and local government agencies, is au-
4 thorized to participate in studies and other investigative
5 activities and in the planning and design of projects deter-
6 mined by the Secretary to offer a long-term solution to
7 the problem of groundwater contamination caused by per-
8 chlorates.

9 (b) INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS.—

10 (1) BOSQUE AND LEON RIVERS.—The Sec-
11 retary, in coordination with other Federal agencies
12 and the Brazos River Authority, shall participate
13 under subsection (a) in investigations and projects
14 in the Bosque and Leon River watersheds in Texas
15 to assess the impact of the perchlorate associated
16 with the former Naval “Weapons Industrial Reserve
17 Plant” at McGregor, Texas.

18 (2) CADDO LAKE.—The Secretary, in coordina-
19 tion with other Federal agencies and the Northeast
20 Texas Municipal Water District, shall participate
21 under subsection (a) in investigations and projects
22 relating to perchlorate contamination in Caddo
23 Lake, Texas.

24 (3) EASTERN SANTA CLARA BASIN.—The Sec-
25 retary, in coordination with other Federal, State,
26 and local government agencies, shall participate

1 under subsection (a) in investigations and projects
2 related to sites that are sources of perchlorates and
3 that are located in the city of Santa Clarita, Cali-
4 fornia.

5 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
6 purposes of carrying out the activities authorized in this
7 section, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary \$25,000,000, of which not to exceed \$8,000,000
9 shall be available to carry out subsection (b)(1), not to
10 exceed \$3,000,000 shall be available to carry out sub-
11 section (b)(2), and not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be avail-
12 able to carry out subsection (b)(3).

Passed the House of Representatives March 28,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.