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[Report No. 106-545]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mr. HORN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MARCH 23, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGAN and Mr. McKEON

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 2, 1999]

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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 “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 Restoration*
 14 *Fund shall be administered by the Secretary of the*
 15 *Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers (in this*
 16 *Act referred to as the “Secretary”). The Secretary*
 17 *shall administer the Fund in cooperation with the*
 18 *San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, or its*
 19 *successor agency.*

20 *(3) PURPOSES OF FUND.—*

21 *(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph*

22 *(B), the amounts in the Restoration Fund, in-*

1 *cluding interest accrued, shall be utilized by the*
2 *Secretary—*

3 *(i) to design and construct water qual-*
4 *ity projects to be administered by the San*
5 *Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and*
6 *the Central Basin Water Quality Project to*
7 *be administered by the Central Basin Mu-*
8 *nicipal Water District; and*

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

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

1 *ment agencies, and private entities may provide*
2 *all or any portion of such amount.*

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

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

18 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be ap-*
20 *propriated to the Restoration Fund established under*
21 *subsection (a) \$85,000,000. Such funds shall remain*
22 *available until expended.*

23 (2) *SET-ASIDE.*—*Of the amounts appropriated*
24 *under paragraph (1), no more than \$10,000,000 shall*

1 *be available to carry out the Central Basin Water*
2 *Quality Project.*

3 **SEC. 3. PERCHLORATE.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation with*
5 *Federal, State, and local government agencies, is authorized*
6 *to participate in studies and other investigative activities*
7 *and in the planning and design of projects determined by*
8 *the Secretary to offer a long-term solution to the problem*
9 *of groundwater contamination caused by perchlorates.*

10 *(b) INVESTIGATIONS AND PROJECTS.—*

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

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

1 (3) *EASTERN SANTA CLARA BASIN.*—*The Sec-*
2 *retary, in coordination with other Federal, State, and*
3 *local government agencies, shall participate under*
4 *subsection (a) in investigations and projects related to*
5 *sites that are sources of perchlorates and that are lo-*
6 *cated in the city of Santa Clarita, California.*

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

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