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H. R. 2990

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2001

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) 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 “Lower Rio Grande Val-
5 ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act
6 of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS**
2 **UNDER THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY**
3 **WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IM-**
4 **PROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

5 Section 4(a) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water
6 Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000
7 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) In the United Irrigation District of Hi-
10 dalgo County, Texas, a pipeline and pumping system
11 as identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood, As-
12 sociates, Incorporated, study dated January 2001.

13 “(6) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation
14 District No. 2, proposed improvements to Canal C,
15 as identified in the February 8, 2001, engineering
16 report by Martin, Brown, and Perez.

17 “(7) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation
18 District No. 2, a proposed Canal C and Canal 13
19 Inner Connect, as identified in the February 12,
20 2001, engineering report by Martin, Brown, and
21 Perez.

22 “(8) In Delta Lake Irrigation District of Hi-
23 dalgo and Willacy Counties, Texas, proposed water
24 conservation projects, as identified by the AW Blair
25 Engineering report of February 13, 2001.

1 “(9) In the Hidalgo and Cameron County,
2 Texas, Irrigation District No. 9, a proposed project
3 to salvage spill water using automatic control of
4 canal gates as identified in the AW Blair Engineer-
5 ing report dated February 14, 2001.

6 “(10) In the Brownsville Irrigation District of
7 Cameron County, Texas, a proposed main canal re-
8 placement as outlined in the Holdar-Garcia & Asso-
9 ciates engineering report dated February 14, 2001.

10 “(11) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
11 District No. 16, a proposed off-district pump station
12 project as identified by the Melden & Hunt, Incor-
13 porated, engineering report dated February 14,
14 2001.

15 “(12) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
16 District No. 1, a proposed canal replacement of the
17 North Branch East Main, as outlined in the Melden
18 & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis dated
19 February, 2001.

20 “(13) In the Donna (Texas) Irrigation District,
21 a proposed improvement project as identified by the
22 Melden & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis
23 dated February 13, 2001.

24 “(14) In the Hudspeth County, Texas, Con-
25 servation and Reclamation District No. 1, the Alamo

1 Arroyo Pumping Plant water quality project as identified
2 by the engineering report and drawings by
3 Gebhard-Sarma and Associates dated July 1996 and
4 the construction of a 1,000 acre-foot off-channel reg-
5 ulating reservoir for the capture and conservation of
6 irrigation water, as identified in the engineering re-
7 port by AW Blair Engineering dated March of 2001.

8 “(15) In the El Paso County, Texas, Water Im-
9 provement District No. 1, the Riverside Canal Im-
10 provement Project Phase I Reach A, a canal lining
11 and water conservation project as identified by the
12 engineering report and drawings by AW Blair Engi-
13 neering dated November 1999.

14 “(16) In the Maverick County, Texas, Water
15 Improvement and Control District No. 1, the con-
16 crete lining project of 12 miles of the Maverick Main
17 Canal, identified in the engineering report by AW
18 Blair Engineering dated March 2001.

19 “(17) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
20 District No. 6, rehabilitation of 10.2 miles of con-
21 crete lining in the main canal between Lift Stations
22 Nos. 2 and 3 as identified in the engineering report
23 by AW Blair Engineering dated March 2001.

24 “(18) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
25 District No. 2, Wisconsin Canal Improvements as

1 identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Asso-
2 ciates, Incorporated, engineering report dated Feb-
3 ruary 2001.

4 “(19) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation
5 District No. 2, Lateral ‘A’ Canal Improvements as
6 identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Asso-
7 ciates, Incorporated, engineering report dated July
8 25, 2001.”.

9 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY**
10 **WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IM-**
11 **PROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

12 The Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Con-
13 servation and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-
14 576; 114 Stat. 3065 et seq.) is further amended as fol-
15 lows:

16 (1) Section 3(a) is amended in the first sen-
17 tence by striking “The Secretary” and all that fol-
18 lows through “in cooperation” and inserting “The
19 Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclama-
20 tion, shall undertake a program under cooperative
21 agreements”.

22 (2) Section 3(b) is amended to read as follows:
23 “(b) PROJECT REVIEW.—Project proposals shall be
24 reviewed and evaluated under the guidelines set forth in
25 the document published by the Bureau of Reclamation en-

1 titled ‘Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Proposals
2 for Water Conservation and Improvement Projects Under
3 P.L. 106–576’, dated June 2000.’.

4 (3) Section 3(d) is amended by inserting before
5 the period at the end the following: “, including op-
6 eration, maintenance, repair, and replacement”.

7 (4) Section 3(e) is amended by striking “the
8 criteria established pursuant to this section” and in-
9 serting “the guidelines referred to in subsection
10 (b)”.

11 (5) Subsection (f) of section 3 is amended by
12 striking “to prepare” and all that follows through
13 the end of the subsection and inserting “to have the
14 Secretary prepare the reports required under this
15 section. The Federal share of the cost of such prepa-
16 ration by the Secretary shall not exceed 50 percent
17 of the total cost of such preparation.”.

18 (6) Section 3(g) is amended by striking
19 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

20 (7) Section 4(b) is amended—

21 (A) in the first sentence by striking “costs
22 of any construction” and inserting “total
23 project cost of any project”; and

24 (B) in the last sentence by inserting “the
25 actual” before “funds”.

1 (8) Section 4(c) is amended by striking
2 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$47,000,000 (2001
3 dollars)”.

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