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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,

TITLE I—FREMONT-MADISON IR RIGATION FACILITIES CON VEYANCE

4 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

5 This title may be cited as the "Fremont-Madison6 Conveyance Act".

7 SEC. 102. CONVEYANCE OF FACILITIES.

8 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of 9 the Interior shall convey to the Fremont-Madison Irriga-10 tion District, Idaho, as soon as practicable after the date 11 of enactment of this Act and in accordance with all applicable law and pursuant to the terms of the memorandum 12 of agreement between the District and the Secretary (Con-13 tract No. 1425–01–MA–10–3310). The Secretary shall in-14 15 clude in the facilities conveyed under this section all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the ca-16 nals, laterals, drains, and other components of the water 17 18 distribution and drainage system that is operated or maintained by the District for delivery of water to and drainage 19 of water from lands within the boundaries of the District 2021as they exist upon the date of enactment of this Act, con-22 sistent with section 107.

(b) REPORT.—If the Secretary has not completed any
conveyance required under this title by September 13,
2003, the Secretary shall, by no later than that date, sub-

mit a report to the Congress explaining the reasons that
 conveyance has not been completed and stating the date
 by which the conveyance will be completed.

4 SEC. 103. COSTS.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require, as a 6 condition of the conveyance under section 102, that the 7 District pay the administrative costs of the conveyance 8 and related activities, including the costs of any review 9 required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 10 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) as described in Contract 11 No. 1425–01–MA–10–3310.

12 (b) VALUE OF FACILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED.— In addition to subsection (a) the Secretary shall also re-13 quire, as condition of the conveyance under section 102, 14 that the District pay to the United States the lesser of 15 the net present value of the remaining obligations owed 16 17 by the District to the United States with respect to the facilities conveyed, or \$280,000. Amounts received by the 18 United States under this subsection shall be deposited into 19 the reclamation fund. 20

21 SEC. 104. TETON EXCHANGE WELLS.

(a) CONTRACTS AND PERMIT.—In conveying the
Teton Exchange Wells under section 102, the Secretary
shall also convey to the District—

(1) Idaho Department of Water Resources per mit number 22-7022, including drilled wells under
 the permit, as described in Contract No. 1425-01 MA-10-3310; and

5 (2) all equipment appurtement to such wells.

6 (b) EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE CONTRACT.— 7 The water service contract between the Secretary and the 8 District (Contract No. 7–07–10–W0179, dated September 9 16, 1977) is hereby extended and shall continue in full 10 force and effect until all conditions described in this title 11 are fulfilled.

12 SEC. 105. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969.

Prior to conveyance the Secretary shall complete all
actions as may be required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the
Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),
and all other applicable laws.

18 SEC. 106. LIABILITY.

19 Effective on the date of the conveyance of the facili-20 ties described in section 102, the United States shall not 21 be held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising 22 out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the con-23 veyed facilities, except for damages caused by acts of neg-24 ligence committed by the United States or by its employ-25 ees, agents, or contractors prior to the date of conveyance. Nothing in this section may be deemed to increase the li ability of the United States beyond that currently provided
 in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, popularly
 known as the Federal Tort Claims Act.

5 SEC. 107. WATER SUPPLY TO DISTRICT LANDS.

6 The Secretary shall increase the number of acres 7 within the District that are eligible to receive water from 8 the Minidoka Project and the Teton Basin Projects to re-9 flect the number of acres within the District as of the date 10 of enactment of this Act, which includes lands annexed into the District prior to enactment of this Act as intended 11 by the Teton Basin Project. This section does not in any 12 way authorize the use of any additional Federal Reclama-13 tion project water beyond that which is currently author-14 15 ized under their existing water storage contracts and as allowed by State water law. 16

17 SEC. 108. EXISTING RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.

Nothing in this title affects the rights of any person except as provided in this title. Any conveyance under this title shall not affect or abrogate any provision of any contract executed by the United States or State law regarding any irrigation district's right to use water developed in the facilities conveyed.

24 SEC. 109. DEFINITIONS.

25 In this title:

(1) DISTRICT.—The term "District" means the
 Fremont-Madison Irrigation District, an irrigation
 district organized under the law of the State of
 Idaho.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

7 TITLE II—HUMBOLT PROJECT 8 CONVEYANCE

9 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

10 This title may be cited as the "Humboldt Project11 Conveyance Act".

12 SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.

13 For purposes of this title:

14 (1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 (2) STATE.—The term "State" means the State17 of Nevada.

(3) PCWCD.—The term "PCWCD" means the
Pershing County Water Conservation District, a
public entity organized under the laws of the State
of Nevada.

(4) PERSHING COUNTY.—The term "Pershing
County" means the Pershing County government, a
political subunit of the State of Nevada.

(5) LANDER COUNTY.—The term "Lander
 County" means the Lander County government, a
 political subunit of the State of Nevada.

4 SEC. 203. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY TITLE.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act and in accordance with all 6 7 applicable law, the Secretary shall convey all right, title, 8 and interest in and to the lands and features of the Hum-9 boldt Project, including all water rights for storage and 10 diversion, to PCWCD, the State, Pershing County, and Lander County, consistent with the terms and conditions 11 set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between 12 13 PCWCD and Lander County dated January 24, 2000, the Conceptual Agreement between PCWCD and the State 14 15 dated October 18, 2001, the Letter of Agreement between Pershing County and the State dated April 16, 2002, and 16 17 any agreements between the Bureau of Reclamation and PCWCD. 18

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENTS.—All parties
to the conveyance under subsection (a) shall comply with
the terms and conditions of the agreements cited in subsection (a).

(c) REPORT.—If the conveyance required by this section has not been completed within 18 months after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

a report to the Committee on Resources of the House of
 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat ural Resources of the Senate that describes—

4 (1) the status of the conveyance;
5 (2) any obstacles to completion of the convey6 ance; and
7 (3) the anticipated data for completion of the

7 (3) the anticipated date for completion of the8 conveyance.

9 SEC. 204. PAYMENT.

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—As consideration for any convey-11 ance required by section 203, PCWCD shall pay to the 12 United States the net present value of miscellaneous reve-13 nues associated with the lands and facilities to be con-14 veyed.

(b) WITHDRAWN LANDS.—As consideration for any
conveyance of withdrawn lands required by section 203,
the entity receiving title shall pay the United States (in
addition to amounts paid under subsection (a)) the fair
market value for any such lands conveyed that were withdrawn from the public domain pursuant to the Secretarial
Orders dated March 16, 1934, and April 6, 1956.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Administrative costs
for conveyance of any land or facility under this title shall
be paid in equal shares by the Secretary and the entity

receiving title to the land or facility, except costs identified
 in subsections (d) and (e).

3 (d) REAL ESTATE TRANSFER COSTS.—As a condi4 tion of any conveyance of any land or facility required by
5 section 203, costs of all boundary surveys, title searches,
6 cadastral surveys, appraisals, and other real estate trans7 actions required for the conveyance shall be paid by the
8 entity receiving title to the land or facility.

9 (e) NEPA COSTS.—Costs associated with any review 10 required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 11 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for conveyance of any land 12 or facility under section 203 shall be paid in equal shares 13 by the Secretary and the entity receiving title to the land 14 or facility.

15 (f) STATE OF NEVADA.—The State shall not be responsible for any payments for land or facilities under this 16 17 section. Any proposal by the State to reconvey to another entity land conveyed by the Secretary under this title shall 18 19 be pursuant to an agreement with the Secretary providing 20 for fair market value to the United States for the lands, 21 and for continued management of the lands for recreation, 22 wildlife habitat, wetlands, or resource conservation.

23 SEC. 205. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.

Following the conveyance required by section 203,the district, the State, Pershing County, and Lander

County shall, with respect to the interests conveyed, com ply with all requirements of Federal, State, and local law
 applicable to non-Federal water distribution systems.

4 SEC. 206. REVOCATION OF WITHDRAWALS.

Effective on the date of the conveyance required by
section 203, the Secretarial Orders dated March 16, 1934,
and April 6, 1956, that withdrew public lands for the Rye
Patch Reservoir and the Humboldt Sink, are hereby revoked.

10 SEC. 207. LIABILITY.

11 Effective on the date of the conveyance required by 12 section 203, the United States shall not be held liable by 13 any court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, 14 omission, or occurrence relating to the Humboldt Project, 15 except for damages caused by acts of negligence committed by the United States or by its employees or agents 16 prior to the date of conveyance. Nothing in this section 17 shall be considered to increase the liability of the United 18 19 States beyond that currently provided in chapter 171 of 20 title 28, United States Code, popularly known as the Fed-21 eral Tort Claims Act.

22 SEC. 208. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.

23 Prior to any conveyance under this title, the Sec24 retary shall complete all actions as may be required under
25 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.

1 4321 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

2 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and all other applicable laws.

3 SEC. 209. FUTURE BENEFITS.

4 Upon conveyance of the lands and facilities by the 5 Secretary under this title, the Humboldt Project shall no 6 longer be a Federal reclamation project and the district 7 shall not be entitled to receive any future reclamation ben-8 efits with respect to that project, except those benefits 9 that would be available to other nonreclamation districts.

10 TITLE III—JICARILLA APACHE 11 RESERVATION RURAL WATER 12 SYSTEM

13 SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

14 This title may be cited as the "Jicarilla Apache Res-15 ervation Rural Water System Act".

16 SEC. 302. PURPOSES.

17 The purposes of this title are as follows:

(1) To ensure a safe and adequate rural, municipal, and water supply and wastewater systems
for the residents of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation
in the State of New Mexico in accordance with Public Law 106–243.

(2) To authorize the Secretary of the Interior,
through the Bureau of Reclamation, in consultation
and collaboration with the Jicarilla Apache Nation—

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1	(A) to plan, design, and construct the
2	water supply, delivery, and wastewater collec-
3	tion systems on the Jicarilla Apache Reserva-
4	tion in the State of New Mexico; and
5	(B) to include service connections to facili-
6	ties within the town of Dulce and the sur-
7	rounding area, and to individuals as part of the
8	construction.
9	(3) To require the Secretary, at the request of
10	the Jicarilla Apache Nation, to enter into a self-de-
11	termination contract with the Jicarilla Apache Na-
12	tion under title I of the Indian Self-Determination
13	and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. $450f$ et
14	seq.) under which—
15	(A) the Jicarilla Apache Nation shall plan,
16	design, and construct the water supply, deliv-
17	ery, and wastewater collection systems, includ-
18	ing service connections to communities and in-
19	dividuals; and
20	(B) the Bureau of Reclamation shall pro-
21	vide technical assistance and oversight responsi-
22	bility for such project.
23	(4) To establish a process in which the Jicarilla
24	Apache Nation shall assume title and responsibility

1	for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and re-
2	placement of the system.
3	SEC. 303. DEFINITIONS.
4	As used in this title:
5	(1) BIA.—The term "BIA" means the Bureau
6	of Indian Affairs, an agency within the Department
7	of the Interior.
8	(2) IRRIGATION.—The term "irrigation" means
9	the commercial application of water to land for the
10	purpose of establishing or maintaining commercial
11	agriculture in order to produce field crops and vege-
12	tables for sale.
13	(3) Reclamation.—The term "Reclamation"
14	means the Bureau of Reclamation, an agency within
15	the Department of the Interior.
16	(4) REPORT.—The term "Report" means the
17	report entitled "Planning Report/Environmental As-
18	sessment, Water and Wastewater Improvements,
19	Jicarilla Apache Nation, Dulce, New Mexico'', dated
20	September 2001, which was completed pursuant to
21	Public Law 106–243.
22	(5) RESERVATION.—The term "Reservation"
23	means the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State
24	of New Mexico, including all lands and interests in

land that are held in trust by the United States for
 the Tribe.

3 RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT.—The (6)term "Rural Water Supply Project" means a munic-4 5 ipal, domestic, rural, and industrial water supply 6 and wastewater facility area and project identified to 7 serve a group of towns, communities, cities, tribal 8 reservations, or dispersed farmsteads with access to 9 clean, safe domestic and industrial water, to include the use of livestock. 10

11 (7) STATE.—The term "State" means the State12 of New Mexico.

13 (8) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
14 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu15 reau of Reclamation.

16 (9) TRIBE.—The term "Tribe" means the17 Jicarilla Apache Nation.

18 SEC. 304. JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION RURAL WATER
19 SYSTEM.

(a) CONSTRUCTION.—The Secretary, in consultation
and collaboration with the Tribe, shall plan, design, and
construct the Rural Water Supply Project to improve the
water supply, delivery, and wastewater facilities to the
town of Dulce, New Mexico, and surrounding communities
for the purpose of providing the benefits of clean, safe,

and reliable water supply, delivery, and wastewater facili ties.

3 (b) SCOPE OF PROJECT.—The Rural Water Supply4 Project shall consist of the following:

5 (1) Facilities to provide water supply, delivery,
6 and wastewater services for the community of Dulce,
7 the Mundo Ranch Development, and surrounding
8 areas on the Reservation.

9 (2) Pumping and treatment facilities located on10 the Reservation.

(3) Distribution, collection, and treatment facilities to serve the needs of the Reservation, including, but not limited to, construction, replacement,
improvement, and repair of existing water and
wastewater systems, including systems owned by individual tribal members and other residents on the
Reservation.

18 (4) Appurtement buildings and access roads.

19 (5) Necessary property and property rights.

20 (6) Such other electrical power transmission
21 and distribution facilities, pipelines, pumping plants,
22 and facilities as the Secretary deems necessary or
23 appropriate to meet the water supply, economic,
24 public health, and environmental needs of the Res25 ervation, including, but not limited to, water storage

3 (c) Cost Sharing.—

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4 (1) TRIBAL SHARE.—Subject to paragraph (3) 5 and subsection (d), the tribal share of the cost of the 6 Rural Water Supply Project is comprised of the 7 costs to design and initiate construction of the 8 wastewater treatment plant, to replace the diversion 9 structure on the Navajo River, and to construct raw 10 water settling ponds, a water treatment plant, water 11 storage plants, a water transmission pipeline, and 12 distribution pipelines, and has been satisfied.

13 (2) FEDERAL SHARE.—Subject to paragraph 14 (3) and subsection (d), the Federal share of the cost 15 of the Rural Water Supply Project shall be all re-16 maining costs of the project identified in the Report. 17 (3) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Fed-18 eral share of the cost of operation and maintenance 19 of the Rural Water Supply Project shall continue to 20 be available for operation and maintenance in ac-21 cordance with the Indian Self-Determination Act, as 22 set forth in this title.

23 (d) OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT
24 AFTER COMPLETION.—Upon determination by the Sec25 retary that the Rural Water Supply Project is substan-

tially complete, the Tribe shall assume responsibility for
 and liability related to the annual operation, maintenance,
 and replacement cost of the project in accordance with this
 title and the Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement
 Plan under chapter IV of the Report.

6 SEC. 305. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

7 The Secretary is authorized to enter into contracts, 8 grants, cooperative agreements, and other such agree-9 ments and to promulgate such regulations as may be nec-10 essary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this 11 title and the Indian Self-Determination Act (Public Law 12 93-638; 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

13 SEC. 306. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.

14 (a) PLANS.—

15 (1) PROJECT PLAN.—Not later than 60 days 16 after funds are made available for this purpose, the 17 Secretary shall prepare a recommended project plan, 18 which shall include a general map showing the loca-19 tion of the proposed physical facilities, conceptual 20 engineering drawings of structures, and general 21 standards for design for the Rural Water Supply 22 Project.

(2) OM&R PLAN.—The Tribe shall develop an
operation, maintenance, and replacement plan, which
shall provide the necessary framework to assist the

Tribe in establishing rates and fees for customers of
 the Rural Water Supply Project.

3 (b) CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.—The Secretary,
4 through Reclamation and in consultation with the Tribe,
5 shall select a project construction manager to work with
6 the Tribe in the planning, design, and construction of the
7 Rural Water Supply Project.

8 (c) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—The Secretary 9 shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the 10 Tribe that commits Reclamation and BIA to a transition 11 plan that addresses operations and maintenance of the 12 Rural Water Supply Project while the facilities are under 13 construction and after completion of construction.

(d) OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary shall have oversight
responsibility with the Tribe and its constructing entity
and shall incorporate value engineering analysis as appropriate to the Rural Water Supply Project.

(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
provide such technical assistance as may be necessary to
the Tribe to plan, develop, and construct the Rural Water
Supply Project, including, but not limited to, operation
and management training.

(f) SERVICE AREA.—The service area of the Rural
Water Supply Project shall be within the boundaries of
the Reservation.

(g) OTHER LAW.—The planning, design, construc tion, operation, and maintenance of the Rural Water Sup ply Project shall be subject to the provisions of the Indian
 Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

5 (h) REPORT.—During the year that construction of
6 the Rural Water Supply Project begins and annually until
7 such construction is completed, the Secretary, through
8 Reclamation and in consultation with the Tribe, shall re9 port to Congress on the status of the planning, design,
10 and construction of the Rural Water Supply Project.

(i) TITLE.—Title to the Rural Water Supply Project
shall be held in trust for the Tribe by the United States
and shall not be transferred or encumbered without a subsequent Act of Congress.

15 SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-17 priated to carry out this title \$45,000,000 (January 2002) 18 dollars) plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be 19 justified by reason of changes in construction costs as in-20 dicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the types 21 of construction involved for the planning, design, and con-22 struction of the Rural Water Supply Project as generally 23 described in the Report dated September 2001.

(b) CONDITIONS.—Funds may not be appropriated
 for the construction of any project authorized under this
 title until after—

4 (1) an appraisal investigation and a feasibility
5 study have been completed by the Secretary and the
6 Tribe; and

7 (2) the Secretary has determined that the plan
8 required by section 306(a)(2) is completed.

9 (c) NEPA.—The Secretary shall not obligate funds 10 for construction until after the requirements of the Na-11 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 12 et seq.) are met with respect to the Rural Water Supply 13 Project.

14 SEC. 308. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR IRRIGATION 15 PURPOSES.

16 None of the funds made available to the Secretary
17 for planning or construction of the Rural Water Supply
18 Project may be used to plan or construct facilities used
19 to supply water for the purposes of irrigation.

20 SEC. 309. WATER RIGHTS.

The water rights of the Tribe are part of and included in the Jicarilla Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act (Public Law 102–441). These rights are adjudicated under New Mexico State law as a partial final judgment and decree entered in the Eleventh Judicial Dis-

trict Court of New Mexico. That Act and decree provide 1 for sufficient water rights under "historic and existing 2 3 uses" to supply water for the municipal water system. 4 These water rights are recognized depletions within the 5 San Juan River basin and no new depletions are associated with the Rural Water Supply Project. In consultation 6 7 with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Rec-8 lamation has determined that there shall be no significant 9 impact to endangered species as a result of water deple-10 tions associated with this project. No other water rights of the Tribe shall be impacted by the Rural Water Supply 11 12 Project.

13 TITLE IV—TOM GREEN COUNTY 14 WATER CONTROL AND IM15 PROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 16 REPAYMENT CONTRACT EX17 TENSION

18SEC. 401. TOM GREEN COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IM-19PROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; REPAYMENT

20 PERIOD EXTENDED.
21 The Secretary of the Interior may revise the repay22 ment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control
23 and Improvement District No. 1 numbered 14–06–500–
24 369, by extending the period authorized for repayment of

- 1 reimbursable constructions costs of the San Angelo project
- $2 \quad {\rm from } \ 40 \ {\rm years to } \ 50 \ {\rm years}.$

Passed the House of Representatives September 24, 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.