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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Yuma East Wetlands Project in the vicinity of Yuma, Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Mr. PASTOR 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. AUTHORIZATION OF YUMA EAST WETLANDS**
4 **PROJECT.**

5 The Secretary of the Interior shall, subject to the
6 availability of appropriations and in accordance with all
7 applicable law and acting through the Commissioner of the
8 Bureau Reclamation and subject to the cost-sharing re-
9 quirements described in section 3 and other provisions of
10 this Act, provide financial assistance and otherwise par-

1 ticipate in the planning, design, and construction of the
2 Yuma East Wetlands Project along the Colorado River in
3 the vicinity of Yuma, Arizona.

4 **SEC. 2. PROJECT PURPOSES.**

5 The purposes of the project include—

6 (1) restoration of wetlands and riparian habi-
7 tat;

8 (2) revegetation of riparian areas; and

9 (3) providing river access and opportunities for
10 recreation and environmental education.

11 **SEC. 3. COST-SHARING.**

12 Before obligating or expending Federal funds for con-
13 struction of the Yuma East Wetlands Project, the Com-
14 missioner of the Bureau of Reclamation shall enter into
15 cost-sharing agreements with local project sponsors to en-
16 sure that Federal expenditures for the project are limited
17 to an appropriate share of the total costs of the project.

18 **SEC. 4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**

19 No Federal funds may be used to pay operation and
20 maintenance costs associated with the Yuma East Wet-
21 lands Project, except those operation and maintenance
22 costs directly attributable to the responsibilities of the Sec-
23 retary of the Interior for long-term environmental restora-
24 tion on the Colorado River.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary of the Interior \$9,000,000 for the planning, design,
4 and construction of the Yuma East Wetlands Project.
5 Amounts appropriated under this section may remain
6 available until expended.

7 **SEC. 6. APPROVAL OF PROJECT DESIGNS.**

8 No Federal funds may be obligated or expended for
9 construction of the Yuma East Wetlands Project until the
10 Secretary of the Interior has approved final designs.

11 **SEC. 7. CONSUMPTIVE USE OF COLORADO RIVER WATER.**

12 Local project sponsors shall bear full responsibility
13 for any Colorado River water consumptively used by the
14 Yuma East Wetlands Project, as determined by the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 8. LONG-TERM MONITORING.**

17 Long-term monitoring of the effectiveness of the
18 Yuma East Wetlands Project in restoring habitat values
19 and meeting the other purposes of the project shall be the
20 responsibility of local project sponsors and the Secretary
21 of the Interior in consultation with the Lower Colorado
22 River Multi-Species Conservation Program.

1 **SEC. 9. APPLICATION OF EXPENDITURES TO FEDERAL**
2 **COST SHARE FOR LONG-TERM ENVIRON-**
3 **MENTAL RESTORATION.**

4 Federal funds expended for the Yuma East Wetlands
5 Project may be counted against the Federal cost-sharing
6 obligation for long-term environmental restoration on the
7 Colorado River.

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