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# S. 2460

To provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2004

Mr. DOMENICI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “New Mexico Water  
5       Planning Assistance Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
9       the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-

1 reau of Reclamation and the United States Geologi-  
2 cal Survey.

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
4 of New Mexico.

5 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN ASSISTANCE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—On the request of the Governor  
7 of the State and subject to subsections (b) through (e),  
8 the Secretary shall—

9 (1) provide to the State technical assistance  
10 and grants for the development of comprehensive  
11 State water plans;

12 (2) conduct water resources mapping in the  
13 State; and

14 (3) conduct a comprehensive study of ground-  
15 water resources (including potable, brackish, and sa-  
16 line water resources) in the State to assess the  
17 quantity, quality, and interaction of groundwater  
18 and surface water resources.

19 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Technical assistance  
20 provided under subsection (a) may include—

21 (1) acquisition of hydrologic data, groundwater  
22 characterization, database development, and data  
23 distribution;

24 (2) expansion of climate, surface water, and  
25 groundwater monitoring networks;

1           (3) assessment of existing water resources, sur-  
2           face water storage, and groundwater storage poten-  
3           tial;

4           (4) numerical analysis and modeling necessary  
5           to provide an integrated understanding of water re-  
6           sources and water management options;

7           (5) participation in State planning forums and  
8           planning groups;

9           (6) coordination of Federal water management  
10          planning efforts;

11          (7) technical review of data, models, planning  
12          scenarios, and water plans developed by the State;  
13          and

14          (8) provision of scientific and technical special-  
15          ists to support State and local activities.

16          (c) ALLOCATION.—In providing grants under sub-  
17          section (a), the Secretary shall, subject to the availability  
18          of appropriations, allocate—

19               (1) \$5,000,000 to develop hydrologic models  
20               and acquire associated equipment for the New Mex-  
21               ico Rio Grande main stem sections and Rio Taos  
22               and Hondo, Rios Nambe, Pojoaque and Teseque,  
23               Rio Chama, and Lower Rio Grande tributaries;

24               (2) \$1,500,000 to complete the hydrographic  
25               survey development of hydrologic models and acquire

1 associated equipment for the San Juan River and  
2 tributaries;

3 (3) \$1,000,000 to complete the hydrographic  
4 survey development of hydrologic models and acquire  
5 associated equipment for Southwest New Mexico, in-  
6 cluding the Animas Basin, the Gila River, and tribu-  
7 taries;

8 (4) \$4,500,000 for statewide digital  
9 orthophotography mapping; and

10 (5) such sums as are necessary to carry out ad-  
11 ditional projects consistent with subsection (b).

12 (d) NON-REIMBURSABLE AND NO COST-SHARING.—  
13 Any assistance or grants provided to the State under this  
14 Act shall be made on a non-reimbursable basis and with-  
15 out a cost-sharing requirement.

16 (e) AUTHORIZED TRANSFERS.—On request of the  
17 State, the Secretary shall directly transfer to 1 or more  
18 Federal agencies any amounts made available to the State  
19 to carry out this Act.

20 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
22 this Act \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through  
23 2009.

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