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2^D SESSION**S. 2460****[Report No. 108-326]**

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2004

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

AUGUST 25, 2004

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of July 22, 2004, by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “New Mexico Water
3 Planning Assistance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
8 reau of Reclamation and the United States Geologi-
9 cal Survey.

10 (2) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State
11 of New Mexico.

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

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—On the request of the Governor
14 of the State and subject to subsections (b) through (e),
15 the Secretary shall—

16 (1) provide to the State technical assistance
17 and grants for the development of comprehensive
18 State water plans;

19 (2) conduct water resources mapping in the
20 State; and

21 (3) conduct a comprehensive study of ground-
22 water resources (including potable, brackish, and sa-
23 line water resources) in the State to assess the
24 quantity, quality, and interaction of groundwater
25 and surface water resources.

1 (b) ~~TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.~~—Technical assistance
2 provided under subsection (a) may include—

3 (1) ~~acquisition of hydrologic data, groundwater~~
4 ~~characterization, database development, and data~~
5 ~~distribution;~~

6 (2) ~~expansion of climate, surface water, and~~
7 ~~groundwater monitoring networks;~~

8 (3) ~~assessment of existing water resources, sur-~~
9 ~~face water storage, and groundwater storage poten-~~
10 ~~tial;~~

11 (4) ~~numerical analysis and modeling necessary~~
12 ~~to provide an integrated understanding of water re-~~
13 ~~sources and water management options;~~

14 (5) ~~participation in State planning forums and~~
15 ~~planning groups;~~

16 (6) ~~coordination of Federal water management~~
17 ~~planning efforts;~~

18 (7) ~~technical review of data, models, planning~~
19 ~~scenarios, and water plans developed by the State;~~
20 ~~and~~

21 (8) ~~provision of scientific and technical special-~~
22 ~~ists to support State and local activities.~~

23 (c) ~~ALLOCATION.~~—In providing grants under sub-
24 section (a), the Secretary shall, subject to the availability
25 of appropriations, allocate—

1 (1) \$5,000,000 to develop hydrologic models
 2 and acquire associated equipment for the New Mex-
 3 ico Rio Grande main stem sections and Rio Taos
 4 and Hondo, Rios Nambé, Pojoaque and Teseque,
 5 Rio Chama, and Lower Rio Grande tributaries;

6 (2) \$1,500,000 to complete the hydrographic
 7 survey development of hydrologic models and acquire
 8 associated equipment for the San Juan River and
 9 tributaries;

10 (3) \$1,000,000 to complete the hydrographic
 11 survey development of hydrologic models and acquire
 12 associated equipment for Southwest New Mexico, in-
 13 cluding the Animas Basin, the Gila River, and tribu-
 14 taries;

15 (4) \$4,500,000 for statewide digital
 16 orthophotography mapping; and

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

19 (d) ~~NON-REIMBURSABLE AND NO COST-SHARING.~~—

20 Any assistance or grants provided to the State under this
 21 Act shall be made on a non-reimbursable basis and with-
 22 out a cost-sharing requirement.

23 (e) ~~AUTHORIZED TRANSFERS.~~—On request of the
 24 State, the Secretary shall directly transfer to 1 or more

1 Federal agencies any amounts made available to the State
2 to carry out this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
5 this Act \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through
6 2009.

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9 *ning Assistance Act”.*

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24 *orthophotography mapping; and*

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

3 (d) *COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.*—

4 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The non-Federal share of the*
5 *total cost of any activity carried out using a grant*
6 *provided under subsection (a) shall be 50 percent.*

7 (2) *FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.*—*The non-*
8 *Federal share under paragraph (1) may be in the*
9 *form of any in-kind services that the Secretary deter-*
10 *mines would contribute substantially toward the con-*
11 *duct and completion of the activity assisted.*

12 (e) *NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS.*—*Any assistance or*
13 *grants provided to the State under this Act shall be made*
14 *on a non-reimbursable basis.*

15 (f) *AUTHORIZED TRANSFERS.*—*On request of the*
16 *State, the Secretary shall directly transfer to 1 or more Fed-*
17 *eral agencies any amounts made available to the State to*
18 *carry out this Act.*

19 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out*
21 *this Act \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through*
22 *2009.*

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