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S. 1529

To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma,
Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2005

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

A BILL

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the city of Yuma, Arizona.

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 “City of Yuma Improve-
5 ment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
9 Yuma, Arizona.

1 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
 2 means the Bureau of Reclamation land depicted on
 3 the map and more particularly described as—

4 (A) parcels 2 and 3 of tract 1;

5 (B) a portion of parcel 110–73–019;

6 (C) the old Arizona Department of Trans-
 7 portation weigh station;

8 (D) portions of blocks 52, 53, 54, and 55;

9 (E) the future drying bed location; and

10 (F) the future Arizona Welcome Center.

11 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
 12 titled “City of Yuma Proposed Property Ownership”
 13 and dated July 25, 2005.

14 (4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
 15 eral land” means the non-Federal land depicted on
 16 the map and generally known as the “Railroad Par-
 17 cels”.

18 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND AND NON-FED-**
 21 **ERAL LAND.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
 23 easements, and rights-of-way, and in accordance with sub-
 24 section (b), the Secretary shall convey all right, title, and

1 interest of the United States in and to the Federal land
2 to the City in exchange for the non-Federal land.

3 (b) TITLE TO NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of a deed con-
5 veying to the United States fee simple title to the
6 non-Federal land that meets the requirements under
7 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall record a deed
8 from the United States that conveys to the City fee
9 simple title to the Federal land.

10 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Title to the non-Federal
11 land shall—

12 (A) conform with the regulations and title
13 approval standards of the Attorney General
14 that are applicable to Federal land acquisitions;
15 and

16 (B) include all valid existing rights, ease-
17 ments, and rights-of-way.

18 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—The
19 Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclama-
20 tion, shall administer the non-Federal land acquired by
21 the Secretary.

22 (d) RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.—Effective on the
23 date of conveyance to the City of the parcel of Federal
24 land under subsection (a), the United States shall not be
25 liable for damages arising out of any act, omission, or oc-

1 currence relating to the Federal land and facilities con-
2 veyed, but shall continue to be liable for damages caused
3 by acts of negligence committed by the United States or
4 by any employee or agent of the United States before the
5 date of conveyance, consistent with chapter 171 of title
6 28, United States Code.

7 (e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—All administrative
8 costs relating to the conveyance of the Federal land and
9 non-Federal land under subsection (a) shall be paid by the
10 City to the United States.

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