

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 178

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## AN ACT

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

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

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

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

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

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the request of the Governor  
11 of the State and subject to subsections (b) through (f),  
12 the Secretary shall—

13 (1) provide to the State technical assistance  
14 and grants for the development of comprehensive  
15 State water plans;

16 (2) conduct water resources mapping in the  
17 State; and

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

23 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Technical assistance  
24 provided under subsection (a) may include—

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

4           (2) expansion of climate, surface water, and  
5           groundwater monitoring networks;

6           (3) assessment of existing water resources, sur-  
7           face water storage, and groundwater storage poten-  
8           tial;

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

12          (5) participation in State planning forums and  
13          planning groups;

14          (6) coordination of Federal water management  
15          planning efforts;

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

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

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

24                 (1) \$5,000,000 to develop hydrologic models  
25                 and acquire associated equipment for the New Mex-

1        ico Rio Grande main stem sections and Rios Pueblo  
2        de Taos and Hondo, Rios Nambe, Pojoaque and  
3        Teseque, Rio Chama, and Lower Rio Grande tribu-  
4        taries;

5            (2) \$1,500,000 to complete the hydrographic  
6        survey development of hydrologic models and acquire  
7        associated equipment for the San Juan River and  
8        tributaries;

9            (3) \$1,000,000 to complete the hydrographic  
10       survey development of hydrologic models and acquire  
11       associated equipment for Southwest New Mexico, in-  
12       cluding the Animas Basin, the Gila River, and tribu-  
13       taries;

14           (4) \$4,500,000 for statewide digital  
15       orthophotography mapping; and

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

18        (d) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

19            (1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share of  
20       the total cost of any activity carried out using a  
21       grant provided under subsection (a) shall be 50 per-  
22       cent.

23            (2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-  
24       Federal share under paragraph (1) may be in the  
25       form of any in-kind services that the Secretary de-

1       termines would contribute substantially toward the  
2       conduct and completion of the activity assisted.

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

6       (f) **AUTHORIZED TRANSFERS.**—On request of the  
7       State, the Secretary shall directly transfer to 1 or more  
8       Federal agencies any amounts made available to the State  
9       to carry out this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11       There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
12       this Act \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through  
13       2010.

Passed the Senate July 26, 2005.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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