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# S. 178

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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

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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.—Upon the request of the Governor  
7 of the State and subject to subsections (b) through (f),  
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 Rios Pueblo  
22               de Taos and Hondo, Rios Nambe, Pojoaque and  
23               Teseque, Rio Chama, and Lower Rio Grande tribu-  
24               taries;

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

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

10          (4) \$4,500,000 for statewide digital  
11 orthophotography mapping; and

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

14 (d) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

15          (1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share of  
16 the total cost of any activity carried out using a  
17 grant provided under subsection (a) shall be 50 per-  
18 cent.

19          (2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-  
20 Federal share under paragraph (1) may be in the  
21 form of any in-kind services that the Secretary de-  
22 termines would contribute substantially toward the  
23 conduct and completion of the activity assisted.

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

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

8 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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