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AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project.

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 “Madera Water Supply
3 Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For the purposes of this Act:

6 (1) **DISTRICT.**—The term “District” means the
7 Madera Irrigation District, Madera, California.

8 (2) **PROJECT.**—The term “Project” means the
9 Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, a
10 groundwater bank on the 13,646-acre Madera Ranch
11 in Madera, California, owned, operated, maintained,
12 and managed by the District that will plan, design,
13 and construct recharge, recovery, and delivery sys-
14 tems able to store up to 250,000 acre-feet of water
15 and recover up to 55,000 acre-feet of water per year,
16 as substantially described in the California Environ-
17 mental Quality Act, Final Environmental Impact
18 Report for the Madera Irrigation District Water
19 Supply Enhancement Project, September 2005.

20 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of the United States Department of
22 the Interior.

23 (4) **TOTAL COST.**—The term “total cost” means
24 all reasonable costs, such as the planning, design,
25 permitting, and construction of the Project and the

1 acquisition costs of lands used or acquired by the
2 District for the Project.

3 **SEC. 3. PROJECT FEASIBILITY.**

4 (a) PROJECT FEASIBLE.—Pursuant to the Reclama-
5 tion Act of 1902 (32 Stat. 388) and Acts amendatory
6 thereof and supplemental thereto, the Project is feasible
7 and no further studies or actions regarding feasibility are
8 necessary.

9 (b) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The Sec-
10 retary shall implement the authority provided in this Act
11 in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, including
12 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
13 4321 et seq.) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973
14 (7 U.S.C. 136; 16 U.S.C. 460 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

16 All final planning and design and the construction of
17 the Project authorized by this Act shall be undertaken in
18 accordance with a cooperative agreement between the Sec-
19 retary and the District for the Project. Such cooperative
20 agreement shall set forth in a manner acceptable to the
21 Secretary and the District the responsibilities of the Dis-
22 trict for participating, which shall include—

- 23 (1) engineering and design;
24 (2) construction; and

1 (3) the administration of contracts pertaining
2 to any of the foregoing.

3 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MADERA WATER SUPPLY**
4 **AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.**

5 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION.**—The Sec-
6 retary, acting pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws
7 (Act of June 17, 1902; 32 Stat. 388), and Acts amend-
8 atory thereof or supplementary thereto, is authorized to
9 enter into a cooperative agreement through the Bureau
10 of Reclamation with the District for the support of the
11 final design and construction of the Project.

12 (b) **TOTAL COST.**—The total cost of the Project for
13 the purposes of determining the Federal cost share shall
14 not exceed \$90,000,000.

15 (c) **COST SHARE.**—The Federal share of the capital
16 costs of the Project shall not exceed 25 percent of the total
17 cost. Capital, planning, design, permitting, construction,
18 and land acquisition costs incurred by the District prior
19 to the date of the enactment of this Act shall be considered
20 a portion of the non-Federal cost share.

21 (d) **CREDIT FOR NON-FEDERAL WORK.**—The Dis-
22 trict shall receive credit toward the non-Federal share of
23 the cost of the Project for—

1 (1) in-kind services that the Secretary deter-
2 mines would contribute substantially toward the
3 completion of the project;

4 (2) reasonable costs incurred by the District as
5 a result of participation in the planning, design, per-
6 mitting, and construction of the Project; and

7 (3) the acquisition costs of lands used or ac-
8 quired by the District for the Project.

9 (e) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary shall not provide
10 funds for the operation or maintenance of the Project au-
11 thorized by this section. The operation, ownership, and
12 maintenance of the Project shall be the sole responsibility
13 of the District.

14 (f) **PLANS AND ANALYSES CONSISTENT WITH FED-**
15 **ERAL LAW.**—Before obligating funds for design or con-
16 struction under this section, the Secretary shall work co-
17 operatively with the District to use, to the extent possible,
18 plans, designs, and engineering and environmental anal-
19 yses that have already been prepared by the District for
20 the Project. The Secretary shall ensure that such informa-
21 tion as is used is consistent with applicable Federal laws
22 and regulations.

23 (g) **TITLE; RESPONSIBILITY; LIABILITY.**—Nothing in
24 this section or the assistance provided under this section

