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H. R. 6994

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Mr. NUNES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Tule River Tribe
5 Water Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Not later than 2 years after
3 funds are appropriated for this section, the Secretary of
4 the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation,
5 shall complete a feasibility study to evaluate alternatives
6 (including alternatives for a phase I reservoir storage of
7 an amount of water not to exceed 5,000 acre feet) for a
8 domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial, and irrigation
9 water supply for the Tule River Tribe of the Tule River
10 Reservation.

11 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study con-
12 ducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior
13 shall transmit the study to the Committee on Natural Re-
14 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Com-
16 mittee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

17 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
19 rior \$3,000,000 to carry out this section.

20 **SEC. 3. CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.**

21 No project constructed in relation to the feasibility
22 study conducted under section 2 shall provide water sup-
23 plies for the current tribal casino, an expansion of the cur-
24 rent tribal casino, or any other tribal casino, including any
25 current or future lodging, dining, entertainment, meeting
26 space, parking, or other similar facilities in support of

1 gaming activities. Water supplies provided from the
2 project constructed in relation to the feasibility study shall
3 be available to serve the domestic, municipal, and govern-
4 mental (including firefighting) needs of the tribe and its
5 members, and other commercial, agricultural, and indus-
6 trial needs unrelated to gaming activities.

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