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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 175****[Report No. 110-111]**

To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

 IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 28, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

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A BILL

To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

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. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVATORY**

4 **DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that—

1 (1) Thunderbird Lake, located on Little River
2 in central Oklahoma, was constructed in 1965 by the
3 Bureau of Reclamation for flood control, water sup-
4 ply, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes;

5 (2) the available yield of Thunderbird Lake is
6 allocated to the Central Oklahoma Master Conserv-
7 atory District, which supplies municipal and indus-
8 trial water supplies to the cities of Norman, Midwest
9 City, and Del City, Oklahoma; and

10 (3) studies conducted by the Bureau during fis-
11 cal year 2003 indicate that the District will require
12 additional water supplies to meet the future needs of
13 the District, including through—

14 (A) the drilling of additional wells;

15 (B) the implementation of a seasonal pool
16 plan at Thunderbird Lake;

17 (C) the construction of terminal storage to
18 hold wet-weather yield from Thunderbird Lake;

19 (D) a reallocation of water storage; and

20 (E) the importation of surplus water from
21 sources outside the basin of Thunderbird Lake.

22 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
23 enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of the Bureau
24 of Reclamation shall conduct a feasibility study of alter-
25 natives to augment the water supplies of the Central Okla-

1 homa Master Conservatory District and cities served by
 2 the District, including recommendations of the Commis-
 3 sioner, if any.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 5 authorized to be appropriated to the Commissioner of the
 6 Bureau of Reclamation \$300,000 to conduct the study
 7 under subsection (b).

8 **SECTION 1. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVATORY**
 9 **DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

10 (a) STUDY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
 12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
 13 Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Rec-
 14 lamation (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
 15 retary”), shall—

16 (A) conduct a feasibility study of alter-
 17 natives to augment the water supplies of—

18 (i) the Central Oklahoma Master Con-
 19 servatory District (referred to in this section
 20 as the “District”); and

21 (ii) cities served by the District;

22 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The study under paragraph
 23 (1) shall include recommendations of the Secretary, if
 24 any, relating to the alternatives studied.

25 (b) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Federal share of the total*
2 *costs of the study under subsection (a) shall not exceed*
3 *50 percent.*

4 (2) *FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.*—*The non-*
5 *Federal share required under paragraph (1) may be*
6 *in the form of any in-kind services that the Secretary*
7 *determines would contribute substantially toward the*
8 *conduct and completion of the study.*

9 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There is*
10 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to conduct*
11 *the study under subsection (a) \$900,000.*

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