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H. R. 6281

To amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants and enter into cooperative agreements for integrated regional water conservation plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington 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 “Western Water Supply
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT.**

2 (a) **COST SHARING.**—Section 9504(a)(3)(E)(ii) of the
3 Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42
4 U.S.C. 10364(a)(3)(E)(ii)) is amended—

5 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause
8 (III) and in such subclause, by inserting before the
9 period the following: “(other than Federal power
10 marketing agencies)”; and

11 (3) by inserting after subclause (I) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(II) consider non-Federal funds
14 secured and committed to the plan-
15 ning, design, or construction of im-
16 provements authorized for assistance
17 under subsection (b), even if such
18 funds are secured and committed in
19 advance of an application to receive a
20 grant, or enter into an agreement
21 with the Secretary under paragraph
22 (1); and”.

23 (b) **INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER CONSERVATION**
24 **PLANS; GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—Sec-
25 tion 9504 of such Act is amended by redesignating sub-
26 sections (b) through (e) as subsections (c) through (f), re-

1 spectively, and by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(b) INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER CONSERVATION
4 PLANS—GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

5 “(1) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—Consistent
6 with subsection (a), the Secretary may provide a
7 grant to, or enter into an agreement with, any eligi-
8 ble applicant to assist the eligible applicant in plan-
9 ning, designing, or constructing any improvements
10 as part of a multiyear regional, integrated, and co-
11 ordinated water conservation and management plan.

12 “(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
13 grant from, or enter into an agreement with, the
14 Secretary under paragraph (1), an eligible applicant
15 shall—

16 “(A) be located within the States and
17 areas referred to in the first section of the Act
18 of June 17, 1902 (43 U.S.C. 391); and

19 “(B) submit to the Secretary an applica-
20 tion that includes—

21 “(i) a long-term (minimum 5 years)
22 water conservation and management plan
23 based on a regional, coordinated, and inte-
24 grated water conservation and manage-
25 ment model for—

1 “(I) an entire watershed or river
2 basin; or

3 “(II) a regional effort that in-
4 cludes multiple partnering irrigation
5 or municipal entities; and

6 “(ii) a proposed budget and schedule
7 for improvements or activities to be
8 planned, designed, constructed, or imple-
9 mented by the eligible applicant consistent
10 with the plan submitted.

11 “(3) REQUIREMENTS OF GRANTS AND COOPER-
12 ATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

13 “(A) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRE-
14 MENTS.—Each grant and agreement entered
15 into by the Secretary with an eligible applicant
16 under paragraph (1) shall be in compliance with
17 each requirement described in subsection (a),
18 and with subparagraph (B).

19 “(B) COST SHARING.—

20 “(i) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The
21 amount provided to an eligible applicant
22 through a grant or other agreement under
23 paragraph (1) shall be not more than
24 \$15,000,000 for each 5-year period covered
25 by the plan.

1 “(ii) GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS.—In
2 considering awards of grants provided to
3 eligible applicants under paragraph (1),
4 the Secretary shall consider providing at
5 least one grant to at least two of the five
6 Reclamation Regions having submitted a
7 valid grant application.”.

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