

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3263

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2011

Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) 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 “Lake Thunderbird Ef-
5 ficient Use Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORMAN PROJECT, OKLAHOMA.**

7 Public Law 86–529 (74 Stat. 225) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 10. LAKE THUNDERBIRD.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Interior
3 determines that there is enough excess capacity in the res-
4 ervoir on the Little River known as ‘Lake Thunderbird’
5 that nonproject water can be stored in Lake Thunderbird,
6 the Secretary of the Interior may, in accordance with the
7 reclamation laws, amend an existing contract, or enter
8 into 1 or more new contracts, with the Central Oklahoma
9 Master Conservancy District for the storage and convey-
10 ance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities to
11 augment municipal and industrial supplies for the cities
12 served by the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy Dis-
13 trict.

14 “(b) COSTS.—If any additional infrastructure is
15 needed to enable the storage and conveyance of non-
16 project water in Norman project facilities under sub-
17 section (a) or any other provision of this Act, the costs
18 of constructing, operating, and maintaining the infrastruc-
19 ture shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity
20 contracting with the Secretary of the Interior for storage
21 and conveyance rights.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EFFECT.**

23 Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this
24 Act authorizes any expansion of the storage capacity of
25 Lake Thunderbird.