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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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 “Arbuckle Project Main-
5 tenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of
6 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MAINTENANCE COMPLEX AND**
2 **DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE ARBUCKLE**
3 **PROJECT, OKLAHOMA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
5 shall, as soon as practicable, convey to the Arbuckle Mas-
6 ter Conservancy District, located in Murray County, Okla-
7 homa, all right, title, and interest of the United States
8 in and to the Maintenance Complex and District Office,
9 Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, consistent with the terms
10 and conditions set forth in the Agreement between the
11 United States and the Arbuckle Master Conservancy Dis-
12 trict.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

14 (1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement”
15 means the Agreement between the United States
16 and the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District for
17 Transferring Title to the Federally Owned Mainte-
18 nance Complex and District Office to the Arbuckle
19 Master Conservancy District (Agreement No.
20 14AG640141).

21 (2) DISTRICT OFFICE.—The term “District Of-
22 fice” means the headquarters building located at
23 2440 East Main, Davis, Oklahoma, and the approxi-
24 mately 0.83 acres described in the Agreement.

25 (3) MAINTENANCE COMPLEX.—The term
26 “Maintenance Complex” means the caretakers resi-

1 dence, shop buildings, and any appurtenances lo-
2 cated on the lands described in the Agreement, to
3 include approximately 2.00 acres, more or less.

4 (c) LIABILITY.—Effective upon the date of convey-
5 ance of the Maintenance Complex and District Office
6 under this section, the United States shall not be held lia-
7 ble by any court for damages of any kind arising out of
8 any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the Mainte-
9 nance Complex and District Office, except for damages
10 caused by acts of negligence committed by the United
11 States or by its employees or agents prior to the date of
12 conveyance. Nothing in this section increases the liability
13 of the United States beyond that provided in chapter 171
14 of title 28, United States Code (popularly known as the
15 “Federal Tort Claims Act”) on the date of the enactment
16 of this Act.

17 (d) BENEFITS.—After conveyance of the Mainte-
18 nance Complex and District Office to the Arbuckle Master
19 Conservancy District—

20 (1) the Maintenance Complex and District Of-
21 fice shall not be considered to be a part of a Federal
22 reclamation project; and

23 (2) such water district shall not be eligible to
24 receive any benefits with respect to any facility com-
25 prising that Maintenance Complex and District Of-

1 fice, except benefits that would be available to a
2 similarly situated person with respect to such a facil-
3 ity that is not part of a Federal reclamation project.

4 (e) COMMUNICATION.—If the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior has not completed the conveyance required under sub-
6 section (a) within 12 months after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a letter
8 with sufficient detail that explains the reasons the convey-
9 ance has not been completed and stating the date by which
10 the conveyance will be completed.

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