

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2514

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## AN ACT

To amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to modify certain requirements applicable to salinity control units, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Salinity  
3 Control Fix Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SALINITY CONTROL UNITS.**

5 Section 205 of the Colorado River Basin Salinity  
6 Control Act (43 U.S.C. 1595) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and all  
8 that follows through “(a) The Secretary” and insert-  
9 ing the following:

10 **“SEC. 205. SALINITY CONTROL UNITS; AUTHORITY AND**  
11 **FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE IN-**  
12 **TERIOR.**

13 “(a) ALLOCATION OF COSTS.—The Secretary”;

14 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
15 following:

16 “(1) NONREIMBURSABLE COSTS; REIMBURS-  
17 ABLE COSTS.—

18 “(A) NONREIMBURSABLE COSTS.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In recognition of  
20 Federal responsibility for the Colorado  
21 River as an interstate stream and for  
22 international comity with Mexico, Federal  
23 ownership of the land of the Colorado  
24 River Basin from which most of the dis-  
25 solved salts originate, and the policy estab-  
26 lished in the Federal Water Pollution Con-

1           trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and ex-  
2           cept as provided in clause (ii), the fol-  
3           lowing shall be nonreimbursable:

4                   “(I) 75 percent of the total costs  
5                   of construction and replacement of  
6                   each unit or separable feature of a  
7                   unit authorized by section 202(a)(1),  
8                   including 90 percent of—

9                           “(aa) the costs of operation  
10                          and maintenance of each unit or  
11                          separable feature of a unit au-  
12                          thorized by that section; and

13                           “(bb) the total costs of con-  
14                          struction, operation, and mainte-  
15                          nance of the associated measures  
16                          to replace incidental fish and  
17                          wildlife values foregone.

18                   “(II) 75 percent of the total costs  
19                   of construction and replacement of  
20                   each unit or separable feature of a  
21                   unit authorized by section 202(a)(2),  
22                   including 100 percent of—

23                           “(aa) the costs of operation  
24                          and maintenance of each unit or

1                   separable feature of a unit au-  
2                   thorized by that section; and

3                   “(bb) the total costs of con-  
4                   struction, operation, and mainte-  
5                   nance of the associated measures  
6                   to replace incidental fish and  
7                   wildlife values foregone.

8                   “(III) 75 percent of the total  
9                   costs of construction, operation, main-  
10                  tenance, and replacement of each unit  
11                  or separable feature of a unit author-  
12                  ized by section 202(a)(3), including  
13                  75 percent of the total costs of con-  
14                  struction, operation, and maintenance  
15                  of the associated measures to replace  
16                  incidental fish and wildlife values fore-  
17                  gone.

18                  “(IV) 70 percent of the total  
19                  costs of construction, operation, main-  
20                  tenance, and replacement of each unit  
21                  or separable feature of a unit author-  
22                  ized by paragraphs (4) and (6) of sec-  
23                  tion 202(a), including 70 percent of  
24                  the total costs of construction, oper-  
25                  ation, and maintenance of the associ-

1           ated measures to replace incidental  
2           fish and wildlife values foregone.

3           “(V) 70 percent of the total costs  
4           of construction and replacement of  
5           each unit or separable feature of a  
6           unit authorized by section 202(a)(5),  
7           including 100 percent of—

8           “(aa) the costs of operation  
9           and maintenance of each unit or  
10          separable feature of a unit au-  
11          thorized by that section; and

12          “(bb) the total costs of con-  
13          struction, operation, and mainte-  
14          nance of the associated measures  
15          to replace incidental fish and  
16          wildlife values foregone.

17          “(VI) 85 percent of the total  
18          costs of implementation of the on-  
19          farm measures authorized by section  
20          202(c), including 85 percent of the  
21          total costs of the associated measures  
22          to replace incidental fish and wildlife  
23          values foregone.

24          “(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR NONREIM-  
25          BURSABLE COSTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024

1                   AND 2025.—Notwithstanding clause (i), for  
 2                   each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the  
 3                   following shall be nonreimbursable:

4                   “(I) 75 percent of all costs de-  
 5                   scribed in clause (i)(I).

6                   “(II) 75 percent of all costs de-  
 7                   scribed in clause (i)(II).

8                   “(III) 70 percent of all costs de-  
 9                   scribed in clause (i)(V).

10                  “(IV) The percentages of all  
 11                  costs described in subclauses (III),  
 12                  (IV), and (VI) of clause (i).

13                  “(B) REIMBURSABLE COSTS.—The total  
 14                  costs remaining after the allocations under  
 15                  clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall be  
 16                  reimbursable as provided for in paragraphs (2),  
 17                  (3), (4), and (5).”;

18                  (3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection  
 19                  designation and all that follows through “Costs of  
 20                  construction” in paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-  
 21                  lowing:

22                  “(b) COSTS PAYABLE FROM LOWER COLORADO  
 23                  RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

24                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—Costs of construction”;

1           (4) in subsection (c), by striking “(c) Costs of  
2           construction” and inserting the following:

3           “(c) COSTS PAYABLE FROM UPPER COLORADO  
4 RIVER BASIN FUND.—Costs of construction”; and

5           (5) in subsection (e), by striking “(e) The Sec-  
6           retary is” and inserting the following:

7           “(e) UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF RATES FOR ELEC-  
8 TRICAL ENERGY.—The Secretary is”.

Passed the Senate December 3, 2024.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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