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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Jun 21, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 14, 2002
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 1985	Related bill	Sep 13, 2001: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
107 S 976	Related bill	Jul 19, 2001: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-253.

Western Water Enhancement Security Act - **Title I: Western Water Security Program** - Directs the Federal agencies that are signatories to Attachment 3 of the Federal record of decision issued August 28, 2000, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, to continue to operate under the interim governance structure described until a Water Security Board is established. Provides for allocation of CALFED Program funds during the interim period.

Directs the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to study and report findings to the congressional authorizing committees on available water supplies and water yields and existing demand and future needs within the units of the Central Valley Project, the area served by Project agricultural water service contractors and municipal and industrial water service contractors, and the Bay-Delta solution area.

Directs the Secretary, in cooperation with the State of California, to study and report on recommendations for drinking water quality improvement projects and programs to be carried out under the CALFED program.

Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to report to Congress on all Federal and State expenditures made under the CALFED program and other Federal and State programs that may be complementary to CALFED.

(Sec. 102) Directs the Secretary and the State of California to develop and submit to Congress and the California Legislature a proposal to establish such Board for managing CALFED program operations and to otherwise provide for the long-term implementation of such program. Sets forth program elements, including the coordination of activities and elements of related Federal water programs.

Provides for the promotion of partnerships, ecological monitoring, and land partnerships and acquisitions as prescribed by this Act. Requires the Federal agencies and the Board to operate in compliance with California water law.

Sets a limitation on appropriations to implement the CALFED program.

(Sec. 103) Requires the Federal agencies to develop a program to achieve for agricultural and urban uses throughout the Bay-Delta solution area increased water supply and water yield, improved water quality, and environmental benefits and improved water system reliability, water use efficiency, watershed management, water transfers, and levee protection.

Directs the Secretary to make available to south-of-Delta Central Valley Project agricultural water service contractors at least 70 percent of the currently identified contract maximum.

Requires the Federal agencies to cooperate with the State to: (1) increase pumping limits at the Banks Pumping Plant; (2) manage the Environmental Water Account (EWA) and the Ecosystem Restoration Program to maximize the water supply benefits provided by the increased pumping capability; and (3) implement certain other actions in the record of decision.

Requires the Federal agencies, in cooperation with the State agencies, to manage the EWA and the Restoration Program as part of a comprehensive plan to assure that actions taken to protect endangered species avoid redirected impacts and water supply and water quality impacts to the Central Valley Project, to the State Water Project, and to water right holders in the Bay-Delta solution area, and adverse effects (by imposing costs) on the water users in such area.

(Sec. 104) Requires the Secretary and the Federal agencies to carry out all actions necessary to implement the CALFED

program. Requires the Secretary, working with the Governor of California, to develop a regulatory coordination and streamlining process for the issuance of permits and approvals required under State and Federal law for projects under CALFED. Authorizes appropriations for implementing activities.

(Sec. 105) Requires the implementing entity (the Secretary, or for purposes of grants for projects in California, the Board) to undertake a competitive grant program to: (1) investigate and identify opportunities for the design and construction of demonstration and permanent facilities, or the implementation of other programs, to increase water yield and supply, maintain existing supply, improve quality, or improve use efficiency and conservation, reclamation, desalination of brackish and sea water, and recycling of wastewater and impaired ground and surface waters; (2) carry out design and construction of identified facilities and implement such other programs; (3) conduct research; and (4) encourage watershed management actions to increase quality, yield, supply, and groundwater recharge and storage. Provides that, except as provided under this Act, not more than 50 percent of the amounts available in a fiscal year for grants may be used for projects in a single State. Describes the criteria the implementing entity shall consider in evaluating what projects are eligible for funding. Sets limitations on construction grants. Requires the implementing entity to provide annual reports to Congress on the benefits of projects funded under such program and their expenditures. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 106) Authorizes appropriations for the Federal share of specified CALFED program costs and expenses and prescribes the process for authorizing appropriations for the Federal share of the costs of implementing program elements so as to maintain balanced implementation in all program areas.

(Sec. 107) Requires submission to Congress of: (1) annual Board water reports; and (2) annual OMB interagency budget crosscut reports.

(Sec. 109) Prohibits the use of Federal funds to acquire any additional lands for CALFED ecosystem restoration unless the State and Federal agencies develop a management plan for all lands acquired for such restoration.

(Sec. 110) Expresses congressional intent regarding environmental justice in program implementation.

Title II: Small Reclamation Projects - Small Reclamation Water Resources Project Act of 2001 - Amends the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 to: (1) provide that eligible projects may include, but not be limited to, irrigation projects; and (2) modify loan and grant programs to establish within the Bureau of Reclamation a program for loans, grants, and loan guarantees to any organization to carry out a reclamation project, a Small Reclamation Water Resources Management Partnership Program, and a loan guarantee demonstration program. Prohibits an organization from being eligible for an additional loan, grant, or loan guarantee for the same project that has received funding within the prior five fiscal years. Requires any projects to be carried out under applicable State water law. Increases and extends beyond FY 2001 the authorization of appropriations for such projects.

Title III: Miscellaneous - Directs the Secretary to review programs administered by the Department of the Interior to reduce California's current use of Colorado River water to its basic annual apportionment. Authorizes appropriations to address environmental impacts on the Salton Sea associated with implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Directs the Secretary, on and after January 1, 2016, to base determinations of domestic Colorado River surplus conditions exclusively on the 70R spill avoidance strategy to assure that California expeditiously takes all required actions to reduce its use to its allocation of 4,400,000 acre-feet.

(Sec. 302) Authorizes the Secretary to conduct a feasibility study on enlarging Willard Bay Reservoir for the development of additional storage to meet water supply needs within the Weber Basin Project area and to submit results to Congress

for review and approval. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 303) Amends the Federal Water Project Recreation Act to: (1) allow fees and charges to be collected, retained, and used by non-Federal entities for operation, maintenance, and replacement of recreation facilities on project lands and waters being managed by such entities ; (2) authorize the Secretary, in the absence of a non-Federal managing partner, as part of any water resource development project, to plan, construct, manage, and maintain or otherwise provide for public use and enjoyment of public lands, facilities, and water areas, the costs of which are nonreimbursable; (3) repeal requirements regarding the lease of certain facilities and project lands to non-Federal public bodies; (4) require the deposit of amounts collected for admission to or recreational use of project land and waters in a special account in the Fund (Allows such funds to be used for the development, reconstruction, replacement, management, and operation of recreation resources with not less than 60 percent being used at the site from which fees were collected); (5) authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with other non-Federal entities for recreation and concession management at Reclamation projects; (6) authorize the Secretary to approve the administration, management, and use of Reclamation lands, waters, and resources by means of specified conveyance instruments; and (7) authorize the Secretary to produce and/or sell to the public information about Reclamation programs, other Bureau or area memorabilia, and other merchandise. Authorizes appropriations.

(Sec. 304) Limits the amount of and recovery period for reimbursable expenses for repair and maintenance with regard to the Valve Rehabilitation Project at the Arrowrock Dam, Boise Project, Idaho.

(Sec. 305) Requires any contract under which laborers and mechanics may be employed for a project or activity funded under title I or II of this Act to assure that they are paid wages equivalent to those applicable under the Davis-Bacon Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2002:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
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- **Mar 14, 2002:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
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- **Mar 14, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 217.
- **Feb 14, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-360, Part I.
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- **Feb 14, 2002:** House Committee on Transportation Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than March 14, 2002.
- **Feb 14, 2002:** Referred sequentially to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period ending not later than March 14, 2002 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(e), rule X.
- **Nov 7, 2001:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 7, 2001:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 18.
- **Nov 2, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Nov 1, 2001:** Introduced in House
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