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Water Resources Development Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Reported Original Measure | Apr 30, 2007 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 110 HR 1495 | Companion bill | Nov 9, 2007: Became Public Law No: 110-114. |

Water Resources Development Act of 2007 - Renews the Water Resources Development Act. Authorizes Army Corps of Engineers water resources development and conservation projects.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Army to carry out a program to restore the ecosystem of the Louisiana Coastal Area. Directs the Secretary, in coordination with the governor of Louisiana, to develop and annually update a plan for protecting, preserving, and restoring the coastal Louisiana ecosystem. Establishes the Coastal Louisiana Ecosystem Protection and Restoration Task Force.

Requires the Secretary, for all water resources project feasibility reports completed after December 31, 2005, to assess whether: (1) the project and each element is cost-effective; and (2) the project complies with federal, state, and local laws and public policies.

Directs: (1) the President to establish a Water Resources Planning Coordinating Committee, which shall report to the President and Congress on U.S. vulnerability to damage from flooding and related storm damage; and (2) the Secretary and the Committee to propose revisions to modernize the planning principles and guidelines by which the Corps analyzes water projects.

Requires the Secretary to appoint a Director of Independent Review who shall appoint panels of independent experts to review water resources projects meeting specified criteria, which includes having an estimated total cost exceeding \$40 million.

Sets forth requirements for plans to mitigate losses to flood damage reduction capabilities and fish and wildlife resulting from a water resources project and criteria for determining success.

National Levee Safety Program Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish a National Levee Safety Committee; and (2) establish and maintain a national levee safety program, which shall include periodically publishing an inventory of levees in the United States and determining the potential for a failure or overtopping of each levee that would pose a risk to human life or public safety.

Directs the Secretary to carry out various projects and studies in Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Establishes the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council.

Rio Grande Environmental Management Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary to carry out in the Rio Grande Basin: (1) a program for the planning, construction, and evaluation of measures for fish and wildlife habitat rehabilitation and enhancement; and (2) implementation of a long-term monitoring, computerized data inventory and analysis, applied research, and adaptive management program.

Deauthorizes specified projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 30, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 30, 2007:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Boxer. With written report No. 110-58.
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