

HR 4074

San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Radanovich, George [R-CA-19]	R · CA		Nov 5, 2007
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2007
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Nov 7, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	May 14, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 27	Related bill	Jun 25, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 838.
110 HR 24	Related bill	Mar 1, 2007: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Title I: The San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act - (Sec. 101) San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior (the Secretary), in cooperation with the state of California, to implement the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13, 2006, in *Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Kirk Rodgers, et al.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California. Directs the Secretary to: (1) enter into agreements with California to facilitate or expedite Settlement implementation; and (2) identify impacts and measures to mitigate impacts on adjacent and downstream water users and landowners. Provides that Settlement implementation and the reintroduction of Chinook salmon shall not result in the involuntary reduction in contract water allocations to Central Valley Project long-term contractors apart from Friant Division contractors.

(Sec. 105) Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) purchase property needed to implement the Settlement from willing sellers; and (2) dispose of such property and deposit proceeds into the San Joaquin River Restoration Fund.

(Sec. 107) Declares that the Settlement satisfies and discharges the Secretary's obligations under the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992.

(Sec. 109) Requires the costs of implementing the Settlement to be covered by payments or in kind contributions made by Friant Division contractors and other non-federal parties, with specified costs shared by California. Directs the Secretary to enter into agreements with California to fund or implement improvements on a project-by-project basis.

(Sec. 110) Directs the Secretary to convert specified long-term contracts to provide for the repayment of construction costs.

(Sec. 111) Provides for the reintroduction of Chinook salmon into the San Joaquin River, contingent upon the Secretary of Commerce finding that a permit for such reintroduction may be issued under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

(Sec. 112) Directs the Secretary to establish a conservation of resources fee for non-producing federal oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico, revenues from which shall be treated as offsetting receipts.

Title II: Study to Develop Water Plan; Report - (Sec. 201) Directs the Secretary: (1) acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to provide direct financial assistance to the California Water Institute to study coordination and integration of sub-regional integrated regional water management plans into a unified Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and (2) to ensure that a report containing the results of the Plan is submitted to specified congressional committees within 24 months after financial assistance is made available to the Institute. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2008:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-633.
- **May 13, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 395.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 15.
- **Nov 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.