

## HR 925

Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act

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**Chamber:** House

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act - Amends the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) create and operate within the available capacity of Navajo Reservoir (the reservoir created by the impoundment of the San Juan River at Navajo Dam) a top water bank; and (2) construct, operate, and maintain the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.

Establishes in the Treasury a Reclamation Water Settlements Fund. Authorizes the Secretary to expend from the Fund up to a specified amount to implement a settlement agreement approved by Congress that resolves litigation involving the United States if the agreement or implementing legislation requires the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance for, or plan, design, and construct: (1) water supply infrastructure; or (2) a project to rehabilitate a water delivery system to conserve water or to improve environmental conditions associated with an existing reclamation project. Requires the Secretary to expend specified sums for completion of the Navajo-Gallup water supply project and other New Mexico and Montana settlements.

Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) design, construct, operate, and maintain the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project in substantial accordance with the draft environmental impact statement prepared by the Bureau; and (2) construct, operate, and maintain specified Project facilities to provide for the delivery of San Juan River water to Gallup, New Mexico, the Navajo Nation, and the Jicarilla Apache Nation. Directs the Secretary to: (1) reserve up to 26 megawatts of power for Project use; and (2) identify projects recommended to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct Non-Navajo Irrigation District diversion and ditch facilities to improve water use efficiency.

Approves, ratifies, and confirms the Agreement among New Mexico, the Navajo Nation, and the United States setting forth a stipulated and binding agreement signed by New Mexico and the Navajo Nation on April 19, 2005. Directs the Secretary to enter into that agreement to the extent that it does not conflict with this Act.

Establishes in the Treasury the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
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- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.