

HR 7633

Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2022

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Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: AZ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 12, 2022
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		May 12, 2022
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		May 12, 2022
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		May 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 12, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4104	Identical bill	Jan 5, 2023: Became Public Law No: 117-349.
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.

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This bill modifies and ratifies the Hualapai Tribe water rights settlement agreement negotiated between the tribe, the United States, Arizona, and others, thus satisfying the tribe's claims for groundwater and surface water rights to water in Arizona, including the Verde River, the Bill Williams River, and the Colorado River.

The bill outlines the tribe's water rights, including the right to divert, use, and store 4,000 acre-feet of agricultural priority water of the Central Arizona Project that was previously allocated to nontribal agricultural entities, but retained by the Department of the Interior for reallocation to tribes in Arizona pursuant to the Central Arizona Project Settlement Act of 2004.

Amounts deposited in an established trust fund account shall be made available to the tribe for specified purposes, including to construct the Hualapai Water Project. The project must be designed to divert, treat, and convey up to 3,414 acre-feet of water per year from the Colorado River for municipal, commercial, and industrial uses on the Hualapai Reservation.

The bill authorizes Interior to take specified land into trust for the benefit of the tribe. In the future, land located outside the reservation may only be taken into trust through an act of Congress.

The bill outlines (1) waivers, releases, and retentions of claims by the tribe and the United States under the settlement agreement; and (2) a limited waiver of sovereign immunity by the United States and the tribe with respect to certain claims.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 29, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Apr 29, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.