WRID, Lyon County and Bowman Protestants

EXHIBIT

159

Excerpt from P.L. 109-103, 11/19/2005, Desert Terminal Lakes III

DESERT TERMINAL LAKES III

119 STAT, 2268

PUBLIC LAW 109-103-NOV. 19, 2005

of the cost of planning, designing, and constructing improvements that will conserve water, increase water use efficiency, or enhance water management through measurement or automation, at existing water supply projects within the States identified in the Act of June 17, 1902, as amended, and supplemented: Provided, That when such improvements are to federally owned facilities, such funds may be provided in advance on a non-reimbursable basis to an entity operating affected transferred works or may be deemed non-reimbursable for non-transferred works: *Provided* further, That the calculation of the non-Federal contribution shall provide for consideration of the value of any in-kind contributions, but shall not include funds received from other Federal agencies: Provided further, That the cost of operating and maintaining such improvements shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity: Provided further, That this section shall not supercede any existing project-specific funding authority: Provided further, That the Secretary is also authorized to enter into grants or cooperative agreements with universities or non-profit research institutions to fund water use efficiency research.

Sec. 206. Water Desalination Act.—Section 8 of Public Law 104–298 (The Water Desalination Act of 1996) (110 Stat. 3624) as amended by section 210 of Public Law 108–7 (117 Stat. 146) and by section 6015 of Public Law 109–13 is amended by—

(1) in paragraph (a) by striking "2005" and inserting in

lieu thereof "2006"; and

(2) in paragraph (b) by striking "2005" and inserting in

lieu thereof "2006".

SEC. 207. Section 17(b) of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 as amended (Public Law 100–585, 102 Stat. 2973; Public Law 106–554, 114 Stat. 2763A–266) is amended by striking "within 7 years" and all that follows through "following the date of enactment of this section" and inserting "for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2012".

SEC. 208. (a)(1) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107–171), the Secretary shall provide not more than \$70,000,000 to the University of Nevada—

(A) to acquire from willing sellers land, water appurtenant to the land, and related interests in the Walker River Basin,

Nevada; and

(B) to establish and administer an agricultural and natural resources center, the mission of which shall be to undertake research, restoration, and educational activities in the Walker River Basin relating to—

(i) innovative agricultural water conservation;

(ii) cooperative programs for environmental restoration;

(iii) fish and wildlife habitat restoration; and

(iv) wild horse and burro research and adoption mar-

(2) In acquiring interests under paragraph (1)(A), the University of Nevada shall make acquisitions that the University determines are the most beneficial to—

(A) the establishment and operation of the agricultural and natural resources research center authorized under paragraph (1)(B); and

(B) environmental restoration in the Walker River Basin.

42 USC 10301 note.

(b)(1) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107–171), the Secretary shall provide not more than \$10,000,000 for a water lease and purchase program for the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

(2) Water acquired under paragraph (1) shall be-

(A) acquired only from willing sellers;

(B) designed to maximize water conveyances to Walker Lake; and

(C) located only within the Walker River Paiute Indian

Reservation.

(c) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107–171), the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall provide—

(1) \$10,000,000 for tamarisk eradication, riparian area restoration, and channel restoration efforts within the Walker River Basin that are designed to enhance water delivery to Walker Lake, with priority given to activities that are expected to result in the greatest increased water flows to Walker Lake; and

(2) \$5,000,000 to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, and the Nevada Division of Wildlife to undertake activities, to be coordinated by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to complete the design and implementation of the Western Inland Trout Initiative and Fishery Improvements in the State of Nevada with an emphasis on the Walker River Basin.

(d) For each day after June 30, 2006, on which the Bureau of Reclamation fails to comply with subsections (a), (b), and (c), the total amount made available for salaries and expenses of the

Bureau of Reclamation shall be reduced by \$100,000 per day.

SEC. 209. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to complete a special report to update the analysis of costs and associated benefits of the Auburn-Folsom South Unit, Central Valley Project, California authorized under Federal reclamation laws and the Act of September 2, 1965, Public Law 89–161, 79 Stat. 615 in order to—

(1) identify those project features that are still relevant;

(2) identify changes in benefit values from previous analyses and update to current levels;

(3) identify design standard changes from the 1978 Reclamation design which require updated project engineering;

(4) assess risks and uncertainties associated with the 1978 Reclamation design;

(5) update design and reconnaissance-level cost estimate for features identified under paragraph (1); and

(6) perform other analyses that the Secretary deems appropriate to assist in the determination of whether a full feasibility study is warranted.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this section. The cost of completing this update shall be non-reimbursable.

Effective date.

deports.