

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3022

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nampa and Meridian
5 Conveyance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FACILITIES.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred
3 to as the “Secretary”) shall, as soon as practicable after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, convey facilities to the
5 Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District (in this Act re-
6 ferred to as the “District”) in accordance with all applica-
7 ble laws and pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum
8 of Agreement (contract No. 1425–99MA102500, dated 7
9 July 1999) between the Secretary and the District. The
10 conveyance of facilities shall include all right, title, and
11 interest of the United States in and to any portion of the
12 canals, laterals, drains, and any other portion of the water
13 distribution and drainage system that is operated or main-
14 tained by the District for delivery of water to and drainage
15 of water from lands within the boundaries of the District.

16 **SEC. 3. LIABILITY.**

17 Except as otherwise provided by law, effective on the
18 date of conveyance of facilities under this Act, the United
19 States shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising
20 out of any act, omission, or occurrence based on its prior
21 ownership or operation of the conveyed property.

22 **SEC. 4. EXISTING RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.**

23 Nothing in this Act affects the rights of any person
24 except as provided in this Act. No water rights shall be
25 transferred, modified, or otherwise affected by the convey-
26 ance of facilities and interests to the Nampa and Meridian

1 Irrigation District under this Act. Such conveyance shall
2 not affect or abrogate any provision of any contract exe-
3 cuted by the United States or State law regarding any
4 irrigation district's right to use water developed in the fa-
5 cilities conveyed.

Passed the Senate October 13 (legislative day, Sep-
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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