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# H. R. 3263

# AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2012''.

**SEC. 2. NORMAN PROJECT, OKLAHOMA.**

Public Law 86–529 (74 Stat. 225) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**''SEC. 10. LAKE THUNDERBIRD.**

''(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Interior determines that there is enough excess capacity in the reservoir on the Little River known as 'Lake Thunderbird' that nonproject water can be stored in Lake Thunderbird, the Secretary of the Interior may, in accordance with the reclamation laws, amend an existing contract, or enter into 1 or more new contracts, with the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District for the storage and conveyance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities to augment municipal and industrial supplies for the cities served by the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District.

''(b) COSTS.—If any additional infrastructure is needed to enable the storage and conveyance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities under subsection (a) or any other provision of this Act, the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the infrastructure shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity

contracting with the Secretary of the Interior for storage and conveyance rights.''.

**SEC. 3. EFFECT.**

Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act authorizes any expansion of the storage capacity of Lake Thunderbird.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2012.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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