

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3263

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2011

Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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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 “Lake Thunderbird Ef-  
5 ficient Use Act of 2011”.

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

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

1 **“SEC. 10. LAKE THUNDERBIRD.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Interior  
3 determines that there is enough excess capacity in the res-  
4 ervoir on the Little River known as ‘Lake Thunderbird’  
5 that nonproject water can be stored in Lake Thunderbird,  
6 the Secretary of the Interior may, in accordance with the  
7 reclamation laws, amend an existing contract, or enter  
8 into 1 or more new contracts, with the Central Oklahoma  
9 Master Conservancy District for the storage and convey-  
10 ance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities to  
11 augment municipal and industrial supplies for the cities  
12 served by the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy Dis-  
13 trict.

14 “(b) COSTS.—If any additional infrastructure is  
15 needed to enable the storage and conveyance of non-  
16 project water in Norman project facilities under sub-  
17 section (a) or any other provision of this Act, the costs  
18 of constructing, operating, and maintaining the infrastruc-  
19 ture shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity  
20 contracting with the Secretary of the Interior for storage  
21 and conveyance rights.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EFFECT.**

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

