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# H. R. 832

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. VELA, Mr. GALLEGGO, and Mr. O'ROURKE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Lower Rio Grande Val-  
5       ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act  
6       of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND**  
2 **ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LOWER RIO GRANDE**  
3 **WATER CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.**—Section 4(a) of the  
6 Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation  
7 and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–576; 114  
8 Stat. 3067) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(20) In Cameron County, Texas, Bayview Irri-  
10 gation District No. 11, water conservation and im-  
11 provement projects as identified in the March 3,  
12 2004, engineering report by NRS Consulting Engi-  
13 neers at a cost of \$1,425,219.

14 “(21) In the Cameron County, Texas Harlingen  
15 Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation and im-  
16 provement projects as identified in the March 2004  
17 engineering report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a  
18 cost of \$5,133,432.00.

19 “(22) In the Cameron County, Texas, Cameron  
20 County Irrigation District No. 2, water conservation  
21 and improvement projects as identified in the Feb-  
22 ruary 11, 2004, engineering report by NRS Con-  
23 sulting Engineers at a cost of \$8,269,576.

24 “(23) In the Cameron County, Texas, Cameron  
25 County Irrigation District No. 6, water conservation  
26 and improvement projects as identified in an engi-

1 neering report by Turner Collie Braden, Inc., at a  
2 cost of \$5,607,300.

3 “(24) In the Cameron County, Texas, Adams  
4 Gardens Irrigation District No. 19, water conserva-  
5 tion and improvement projects as identified in the  
6 March 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair En-  
7 gineering at a cost of \$3,025,000.

8 “(25) In the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties,  
9 Texas, Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation  
10 District No. 9, water conservation and improvement  
11 projects as identified by the February 11 engineer-  
12 ing report by NRS Consulting Engineers at a cost  
13 of \$8,929,152.

14 “(26) In the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties,  
15 Texas, Delta Lake Irrigation District, water con-  
16 servation and improvement projects as identified in  
17 the March 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair  
18 Engineering at a cost of \$8,000,000.

19 “(27) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
20 County Irrigation District No. 2, water conservation  
21 and improvement projects identified in the engineer-  
22 ing reports attached to a letter dated February 11,  
23 2004, from the district’s general manager, and the  
24 renovation of a pumping plant for flood protection

1 identified in by Sigler, Winston, Greenwood Associ-  
2 ates at a cost of \$13,117,710.

3 “(28) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
4 County Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation  
5 and improvement projects identified in an engineer-  
6 ing report dated March 5, 2004, by Melden and  
7 Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$5,595,018.

8 “(29) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
9 County Irrigation District No. 6, water conservation  
10 and improvement projects as identified in the March  
11 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair Engineering  
12 at a cost of \$3,450,000.

13 “(30) In the Hidalgo County, Texas Santa  
14 Cruz Irrigation District No. 15, water conservation  
15 and improvement projects as identified in an engi-  
16 neering report dated March 5, 2004, by Melden and  
17 Hunt at a cost of \$4,609,000.

18 “(31) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Engelman  
19 Irrigation District, water conservation and improve-  
20 ment projects as identified in an engineering report  
21 dated March 5, 2004, by Melden and Hunt, Inc. at  
22 a cost of \$2,251,480.

23 “(32) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Valley  
24 Acres Water District, water conservation and im-  
25 provement projects as identified in an engineering

1 report dated March 2004 by Axiom-Blair Engineer-  
2 ing at a cost of \$500,000.

3 “(33) In the Hudspeth County, Texas,  
4 Hudspeth County Conservation and Reclamation  
5 District No. 1, water conservation and improvement  
6 projects as identified in the March 2004 engineering  
7 report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a cost of  
8 \$1,500,000.

9 “(34) In the El Paso County, Texas, El Paso  
10 County Water Improvement District No. 1, water  
11 conservation and improvement projects as identified  
12 in the March 2004 engineering report by Axiom-  
13 Blair Engineering at a cost of \$10,500,000.

14 “(35) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
15 County Irrigation District No. 16, water conserva-  
16 tion and improvement projects identified in an engi-  
17 neering report dated March 22, 2004, by Melden  
18 and Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$2,800,000.

19 “(36) The United Irrigation District of Hidalgo  
20 County water conservation and improvement  
21 projects as identified in a March 2004 engineering  
22 report by Sigler Winston, Greenwood and Associates  
23 at a cost of \$6,067,021.”.

24 (b) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE WATER  
25 OR IMPROVE SUPPLY; TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—

1 Section 4 of such Act (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat.  
2 3067) is further amended by redesignating subsection (c)  
3 as subsection (e), and by inserting after subsection (b) the  
4 following:

5 “(c) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE  
6 WATER OR IMPROVE SUPPLY.—In addition to the activi-  
7 ties identified in the engineering reports referred to in  
8 subsection (a), each project that the Secretary conducts  
9 or participates in under subsection (a) may include any  
10 of the following:

11 “(1) The replacement of irrigation canals and  
12 lateral canals with buried pipelines.

13 “(2) The impervious lining of irrigation canals  
14 and lateral canals.

15 “(3) Installation of water level, flow measure-  
16 ment, pump control, and telemetry systems.

17 “(4) The renovation and replacement of pump-  
18 ing plants.

19 “(5) Other activities that will result in the con-  
20 servation of water or an improved supply of water.

21 “(d) TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—Of amounts  
22 made available for a project referred to in any of para-  
23 graphs (20) through (36) of subsection (a), the Secretary  
24 may transfer and use for another such project up to 10  
25 percent.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
2 **LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION.**

3       Section 4(e) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water  
4 Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000  
5 (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067), as redesignated  
6 by section 2(b) of this Act, is further amended by inserting  
7 before the period the following: “for projects referred to  
8 in paragraphs (1) through (19) of subsection (a), and  
9 \$45,389,954 for projects referred to in paragraphs (20)  
10 through (36) of subsection (a)”.

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