

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 2228

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2014

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Community Water En-
5 hancement Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROJECTS.**

2 Section 220 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1300) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(4) PARTICIPATION OF RURAL COMMU-
7 NITIES.—In making grants under this section, the
8 Administrator shall consider whether the project—

9 “(A) is located in an unincorporated rural
10 community;

11 “(B) is located in an area that—

12 “(i) is served by a public water system
13 with fewer than 3,000 connections; or

14 “(ii) does not have a public water sys-
15 tem;

16 “(C) is located in an agricultural area with
17 rural residences served by a public water sys-
18 tem or by private wells; or

19 “(D) is not only a benefit to the rural com-
20 munity served by the project, but also a benefit
21 to additional regional partners.”;

22 (2) in subsection (i)(1)—

23 (A) in the first sentence—

24 (i) by striking “wastewater or” and
25 inserting “wastewater,”; and

- 1 (ii) by inserting before the period at
2 the end the following: “, or through con-
3 junctively managing groundwater supplies
4 by delivering surface water instead of
5 groundwater”; and
- 6 (B) in the second sentence by inserting
7 “unless the project requires those facilities to
8 deliver the alternative water supply” before the
9 period; and
- 10 (3) in subsection (j), in the first sentence, by
11 striking “2004” and inserting “2018”.

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