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H. R. 7872

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to modify certain requirements applicable to salinity control units, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Salinity
3 Control Fix Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SALINITY CONTROL UNITS.**

5 Section 205 of the Colorado River Basin Salinity
6 Control Act (43 U.S.C. 1595) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and all
8 that follows through “(a) The Secretary” and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 **“SEC. 205. SALINITY CONTROL UNITS; AUTHORITY AND**
11 **FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE IN-**
12 **TERIOR.**

13 “(a) ALLOCATION OF COSTS.—The Secretary”;

14 (2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(1) NONREIMBURSABLE COSTS; REIMBURS-
17 ABLE COSTS.—

18 “(A) NONREIMBURSABLE COSTS.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In recognition of
20 Federal responsibility for the Colorado
21 River as an interstate stream and for
22 international comity with Mexico, Federal
23 ownership of the land of the Colorado
24 River Basin from which most of the dis-
25 solved salts originate, and the policy estab-
26 lished in the Federal Water Pollution Con-

1 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and ex-
2 cept as provided in clause (ii), the fol-
3 lowing shall be nonreimbursable:

4 “(I) 75 percent of the total costs
5 of construction and replacement of
6 each unit or separable feature of a
7 unit authorized by section 202(a)(1),
8 including 90 percent of—

9 “(aa) the costs of operation
10 and maintenance of each unit or
11 separable feature of a unit au-
12 thorized by that section; and

13 “(bb) the total costs of con-
14 struction, operation, and mainte-
15 nance of the associated measures
16 to replace incidental fish and
17 wildlife values foregone.

18 “(II) 75 percent of the total costs
19 of construction and replacement of
20 each unit or separable feature of a
21 unit authorized by section 202(a)(2),
22 including 100 percent of—

23 “(aa) the costs of operation
24 and maintenance of each unit or

1 separable feature of a unit au-
2 thorized by that section; and

3 “(bb) the total costs of con-
4 struction, operation, and mainte-
5 nance of the associated measures
6 to replace incidental fish and
7 wildlife values foregone.

8 “(III) 75 percent of the total
9 costs of construction, operation, main-
10 tenance, and replacement of each unit
11 or separable feature of a unit author-
12 ized by section 202(a)(3), including
13 75 percent of the total costs of con-
14 struction, operation, and maintenance
15 of the associated measures to replace
16 incidental fish and wildlife values fore-
17 gone.

18 “(IV) 70 percent of the total
19 costs of construction, operation, main-
20 tenance, and replacement of each unit
21 or separable feature of a unit author-
22 ized by paragraphs (4) and (6) of sec-
23 tion 202(a), including 70 percent of
24 the total costs of construction, oper-
25 ation, and maintenance of the associ-

1 ated measures to replace incidental
2 fish and wildlife values foregone.

3 “(V) 70 percent of the total costs
4 of construction and replacement of
5 each unit or separable feature of a
6 unit authorized by section 202(a)(5),
7 including 100 percent of—

8 “(aa) the costs of operation
9 and maintenance of each unit or
10 separable feature of a unit au-
11 thorized by that section; and

12 “(bb) the total costs of con-
13 struction, operation, and mainte-
14 nance of the associated measures
15 to replace incidental fish and
16 wildlife values foregone.

17 “(VI) 85 percent of the total
18 costs of implementation of the on-
19 farm measures authorized by section
20 202(c), including 85 percent of the
21 total costs of the associated measures
22 to replace incidental fish and wildlife
23 values foregone.

24 “(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR NONREIM-
25 BURSABLE COSTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024

1 AND 2025.—Notwithstanding clause (i), for
 2 each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the
 3 following shall be nonreimbursable:

4 “(I) 75 percent of all costs de-
 5 scribed in clause (i)(I).

6 “(II) 75 percent of all costs de-
 7 scribed in clause (i)(II).

8 “(III) 70 percent of all costs de-
 9 scribed in clause (i)(V).

10 “(IV) The percentages of all
 11 costs described in subclauses (III),
 12 (IV), and (VI) of clause (i).

13 “(B) REIMBURSABLE COSTS.—The total
 14 costs remaining after the allocations under
 15 clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall be
 16 reimbursable as provided for in paragraphs (2),
 17 (3), (4), and (5).”;

18 (3) in subsection (b), by striking the subsection
 19 designation and all that follows through “Costs of
 20 construction” in paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(b) COSTS PAYABLE FROM LOWER COLORADO
 23 RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Costs of construction”;

Passed the House of Representatives December 3,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.