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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 “Alternative Water
5 Sources Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE**
7 **PROJECTS.**

8 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
9 (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

11 **“SEC. 220. GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE**
12 **PROJECTS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may make
14 grants to State, interstate, and intrastate water resource
15 development agencies (including water management dis-
16 tricts and water supply authorities), local government
17 agencies, private utilities, and nonprofit entities for alter-
18 native water source projects to meet critical water supply
19 needs.

20 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The Administrator may
21 make grants under this section to an entity only if the
22 entity has authority under State law to develop or provide
23 water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses in
24 an area of the State that is experiencing critical water
25 supply needs.

1 “(c) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—

2 “(1) LIMITATION.—A project that has received
3 funds under the reclamation and reuse program con-
4 ducted under the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-
5 tion and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h
6 et seq.) shall not be eligible for grant assistance
7 under this section.

8 “(2) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.—In making
9 grants under this section, the Administrator shall
10 consider whether the project is located within the
11 boundaries of a State or area referred to in section
12 1 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat.
13 385), and within the geographic scope of the rec-
14 lamation and reuse program conducted under the
15 Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment
16 Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.).

17 “(d) COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No appropriation shall be
19 made for any alternative water source project under
20 this section, the total Federal cost of which exceeds
21 \$3,000,000, if such project has not been approved
22 by a resolution adopted by the Committee on Trans-
23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives or the Committee on Environment and
25 Public Works of the Senate.

1 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURING CONSIDER-
2 ATION.—For purposes of securing consideration of
3 approval under paragraph (1), the Administrator
4 shall provide to a committee referred to in para-
5 graph (1) such information as the committee re-
6 quests and the non-Federal sponsor shall provide to
7 the committee information on the costs and relative
8 needs for the alternative water source project.

9 “(e) USES OF GRANTS.—Amounts from grants re-
10 ceived under this section may be used for engineering, de-
11 sign, construction, and final testing of alternative water
12 source projects designed to meet critical water supply
13 needs. Such amounts may not be used for planning, feasi-
14 bility studies or for operation, maintenance, replacement,
15 repair, or rehabilitation.

16 “(f) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the eligi-
17 ble costs of an alternative water source project carried out
18 using assistance made available under this section shall
19 not exceed 50 percent.

20 “(g) REPORTS.—

21 “(1) REPORTS TO ADMINISTRATOR.—Each re-
22 cipient of a grant under this section shall submit to
23 the Administrator, not later than 18 months after
24 the date of receipt of the grant and biennially there-
25 after until completion of the alternative water source

1 project funded by the grant, a report on eligible ac-
2 tivities carried out by the grant recipient using
3 amounts from the grant.

4 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On or before
5 September 30, 2005, the Administrator shall trans-
6 mit to Congress a report on the progress made to-
7 ward meeting the critical water supply needs of the
8 grant recipients under this section.

9 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
10 definitions apply:

11 “(1) ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROJECT.—
12 The term ‘alternative water source project’ means a
13 project designed to provide municipal, industrial,
14 and agricultural water supplies in an environ-
15 mentally sustainable manner by conserving, man-
16 aging, reclaiming, or reusing water or wastewater or
17 by treating wastewater.

18 “(2) CRITICAL WATER SUPPLY NEEDS.—The
19 term ‘critical water supply needs’ means existing or
20 reasonably anticipated future water supply needs
21 that cannot be met by existing water supplies, as
22 identified in a comprehensive statewide or regional
23 water supply plan or assessment projected over a
24 planning period of at least 20 years.

1 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2004.
4 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS; REQUIREMENT REGARD-**
6 **ING NOTICE.**

7 (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
8 AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or prod-
9 ucts that may be authorized to be purchased with financial
10 assistance provided under this Act (including any amend-
11 ment made by this Act), it is the sense of the Congress
12 that entities receiving such assistance should, in expending
13 the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment
14 and products.

15 (b) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—In
16 providing financial assistance under this Act (including
17 any amendment made by this Act), the head of each Fed-
18 eral agency shall provide to each recipient of the assist-
19 ance a notice describing the statement made in subsection
20 (a) by the Congress.

21 (c) NOTICE OF REPORT.—Any entity which receives
22 funds under this Act shall report any expenditures on for-

- 1 eign-made items to the Congress within 180 days of the
- 2 expenditure.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 2000.

Attest:

Clerk.