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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McKEON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Eastern Santa Clara
3 Basin Water Quality Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EASTERN SANTA CLARA BASIN GROUNDWATER RES-**
5 **TORATION.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTORATION FUND.—
7 There shall be established in the Treasury of the United
8 States an interest bearing account to be known as the
9 Eastern Santa Clara Basin Restoration Fund (in this sec-
10 tion referred to as “Restoration Fund”).

11 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF RESTORATION FUND.—The
12 Restoration Fund shall be administered by the Secretary
13 of the Army (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”),
14 acting through the Chief of Engineers. The Secretary shall
15 administer the Restoration Fund in cooperation with the
16 city of Santa Clarita, California, the California Depart-
17 ment of Toxic Substances Control, and the Castaic Lake
18 Water Agency (or the successors of such city, department,
19 or agency).

20 (c) PURPOSES OF RESTORATION FUND.—The pro-
21 ceeds of the Restoration Fund shall be utilized by the Sec-
22 retary to design, construct, operate, and maintain water
23 quality projects that—

24 (1) are related to sites that are sources of per-
25 chlorates or any associated contaminants;

26 (2) are located in the city of Santa Clarita; and

1 (3) potentially affect the Eastern Santa Clara
2 groundwater basin.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
4 each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004, there is au-
5 thorized to be appropriated to the Restoration Fund
6 \$5,000,000.

7 (e) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATE OF CALI-
8 FORNIA.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief of En-
9 gineers, is authorized to accept and administer in coopera-
10 tion with the city of Santa Clarita, the California Depart-
11 ment of Toxic Substances Control, and the Castaic Lake
12 Water Agency (or the successors of such city, department,
13 or agency) any funds which the State of California, local
14 government agencies, or private entities may contribute to
15 the Restoration Fund.

16 (f) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.—In car-
17 rying out the activities described in subsection (e), the
18 Secretary shall comply with all applicable Federal and
19 State laws.

20 (g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ACTIVITIES.—

21 (1) AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT OTHER ACTIVI-
22 TIES.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
23 alter any other Federal or State authority being re-
24 lied upon to facilitate the cleanup and protection of
25 the Eastern Santa Clara groundwater basin.

1 (2) INTEGRATION WITH OTHER WATER
 2 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall to
 3 the extent practicable integrate the water projects
 4 described in subsection (c) with other Federal and
 5 State water projects in and around the Eastern
 6 Santa Clara groundwater basin.

7 (3) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—None of the
 8 funds made available for water projects described in
 9 subsection (c) shall be counted as a part of the Fed-
 10 eral share of any previously authorized Federal
 11 project or activity.

12 **SEC. 3. STUDIES AND PROJECTS RELATED TO PER-**
 13 **CHLORATES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
 15 Chief of Engineers and in cooperation with State and local
 16 government agencies, may participate in studies and other
 17 investigative activities and in the planning and design of
 18 projects that the Secretary considers to offer a long-term
 19 solution to the problem of groundwater contamination
 20 caused by perchlorates.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each of the fiscal years
 23 2000 through 2004, there is authorized to be appro-
 24 priated \$5,000,000 to carry out this section.

1 (2) SANTA CLARITA PROJECTS.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of law, of amounts ap-
3 propriated under paragraph (1), not less than
4 \$2,000,000 per fiscal year shall be for projects lo-
5 cated in the city of Santa Clarita conducted in co-
6 operation with the Castaic Lake Water Agency or
7 the successor of such agency.

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