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H. R. 4791

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a three-reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water supply reliability and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2004

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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 “San Diego Water Stor-
3 age and Efficiency Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. APPRAISAL INVESTIGATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in
6 consultation and cooperation with the Sweetwater Author-
7 ity, public water agency, shall undertake, an appraisal in-
8 vestigation to identify and study opportunities for con-
9 struction of a 3-reservoir intertie system to improve water
10 supply reliability and water yield of the existing non-Fed-
11 eral water storage system. The appraisal report shall in-
12 clude a determination of whether or not to recommend the
13 initiation of a feasibility study for the proposed intertie
14 system.

15 (b) COOPERATION.—The Secretary shall consult and
16 cooperate with appropriate State, regional, and local au-
17 thorities during the performance of the appraisal inves-
18 tigation conducted pursuant to this section.

19 (c) COSTS.—The Federal obligations for costs of the
20 appraisal investigation conducted pursuant to this section
21 shall conform with Reclamation policy (Reclamation Man-
22 ual number CMP–05–01).

23 **SEC. 3. FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT,**
24 **COST SHARE.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
26 and cooperation with the Sweetwater Authority, is author-

1 ized to undertake a study to determine the feasibility of
2 the reservoir and intertie system recommended for such
3 study pursuant to section 2. The feasibility report shall
4 document the Secretary's engineering, environmental, and
5 economic investigation of the proposed reservoir and
6 intertie project under section 2, taking into consideration
7 the range of potential solutions and the circumstances and
8 needs of the area to be served by the proposed reservoir
9 and intertie project, the potential benefits to the people
10 of that service area, and improved operations of the pro-
11 posed reservoir and intertie system. The Secretary shall
12 indicate in the feasibility report required under subsection
13 (c) whether the proposed reservoir and intertie project is
14 recommended for implementation.

15 (b) FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of
16 the costs of the feasibility study shall not exceed 50 per-
17 cent of the total study costs. The Secretary may accept
18 as part of the non-Federal cost share, any contribution
19 of such in-kind services by the Sweetwater Authority that
20 the Secretary determines will contribute toward the con-
21 duct and completion of the study.

22 (c) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—The Secretary shall sub-
23 mit to Congress a feasibility report for the project the Sec-
24 retary recommends, and to seek, as the Secretary deems

1 appropriate, specific authority to develop and construct
2 any recommended project. This report shall include—

3 (1) good faith letters of intent by Sweetwater
4 Authority and its non-Federal partners to indicate
5 that they have committed to share the allocated
6 costs as determined by the Secretary; and

7 (2) a schedule identifying the annual operation,
8 maintenance, and replacement costs that should be
9 allocated to the Sweetwater Authority, as well as the
10 current and expected financial capability to pay
11 OM&R costs.

12 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.**

13 Nothing in this Act shall supersede or amend the pro-
14 visions of Federal Reclamation laws or laws associated
15 with any project or any portion of any project constructed
16 under any authority of Federal Reclamation laws.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 The Federal costs for the appraisal and feasibility
19 study to be conducted and pursuant to this Act shall not
20 exceed \$3,000,000 of the total amount appropriated to
21 carry out this section.

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