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AN ACT

To provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, 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 “New Mexico Water
3 Planning Assistance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
8 reau of Reclamation and the United States Geologi-
9 cal Survey.

10 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
11 of New Mexico.

12 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN ASSISTANCE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the request of the Governor
14 of the State and subject to subsections (b) through (f),
15 the Secretary shall—

16 (1) provide to the State technical assistance
17 and grants for the development of comprehensive
18 State water plans;

19 (2) conduct water resources mapping in the
20 State; and

21 (3) conduct a comprehensive study of ground-
22 water resources (including potable, brackish, and sa-
23 line water resources) in the State to assess the
24 quantity, quality, and interaction of groundwater
25 and surface water resources.

1 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Technical assistance
2 provided under subsection (a) may include—

3 (1) acquisition of hydrologic data, groundwater
4 characterization, database development, and data
5 distribution;

6 (2) expansion of climate, surface water, and
7 groundwater monitoring networks;

8 (3) assessment of existing water resources, sur-
9 face water storage, and groundwater storage poten-
10 tial;

11 (4) numerical analysis and modeling necessary
12 to provide an integrated understanding of water re-
13 sources and water management options;

14 (5) participation in State planning forums and
15 planning groups;

16 (6) coordination of Federal water management
17 planning efforts;

18 (7) technical review of data, models, planning
19 scenarios, and water plans developed by the State;
20 and

21 (8) provision of scientific and technical special-
22 ists to support State and local activities.

23 (c) ALLOCATION.—In providing grants under sub-
24 section (a), the Secretary shall, subject to the availability
25 of appropriations, allocate—

1 (1) \$5,000,000 to develop hydrologic models
2 and acquire associated equipment for the New Mex-
3 ico Rio Grande main stem sections and Rios Pueblo
4 de Taos and Hondo, Rios Nambe, Pojoaque and
5 Teseque, Rio Chama, and Lower Rio Grande tribu-
6 taries;

7 (2) \$1,500,000 to complete the hydrographic
8 survey development of hydrologic models and acquire
9 associated equipment for the San Juan River and
10 tributaries;

11 (3) \$1,000,000 to complete the hydrographic
12 survey development of hydrologic models and acquire
13 associated equipment for Southwest New Mexico, in-
14 cluding the Animas Basin, the Gila River, and tribu-
15 taries;

16 (4) \$4,500,000 for statewide digital
17 orthophotography mapping; and

18 (5) such sums as are necessary to carry out ad-
19 ditional projects consistent with subsection (b).

20 (d) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share of
22 the total cost of any activity carried out using a
23 grant provided under subsection (a) shall be 50 per-
24 cent.

1 (2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-
2 Federal share under paragraph (1) may be in the
3 form of any in-kind services that the Secretary de-
4 termines would contribute substantially toward the
5 conduct and completion of the activity assisted.

6 (e) NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS.—Any assistance or
7 grants provided to the State under this Act shall be made
8 on a non-reimbursable basis.

9 (f) AUTHORIZED TRANSFERS.—On request of the
10 State, the Secretary shall directly transfer to 1 or more
11 Federal agencies any amounts made available to the State
12 to carry out this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
15 this Act \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through
16 2010.

17 **SEC. 5. SUNSET OF AUTHORITY.**

18 The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provi-
19 sions of this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 27,
2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.