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# H. R. 2498

To provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. STUDY TO DEVELOP WATER PLAN; REPORT.**

4       (a) PLAN.—

5               (1) GRANT.—Not later than 120 days after the  
6       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
7       the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclama-  
8       tion, shall award a grant to the California Water In-  
9       stitute, located at California State University, Fres-  
10      no, California, to conduct a study coordinating and  
11      integrating sub-regional interated regional water  
12      management plans into a unified Integrated Re-  
13      gional Water Management Plan for the subject 8  
14      counties in the hydrologic basins that would address  
15      issues related to—

16                       (A) water quality;

17                       (B) water supply (both surface, ground-  
18      water banking and brackish water desalination);

19                       (C) water conveyance;

20                       (D) water reliability;

21                       (E) flood control;

22                       (F) water resource-related environmental  
23      enhancement; and

24                       (G) population growth.

1           (2) STUDY AREA.—The study area referred to  
2           in paragraph (1) is the proposed study area of the  
3           San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and Tulare  
4           Lake Hydrologic Region, as defined by California  
5           Department of Water Resources Bulletin 160-05,  
6           Volume 3, Chapters 7 and 8, including Kern,  
7           Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus,  
8           and San Joaquin counties in California.

9           (b) USE OF PLAN.—The Integrated Regional Water  
10          Management Plan developed for the 2 hydrologic basins  
11          under subsection (a) shall serve as a guide for the 8 coun-  
12          ties in the study area described in subsection (a)(2) to use  
13          as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water  
14          needs in a sustainable and equitable manner.

15          (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall ensure that a re-  
16          port containing the results of the Integrated Regional  
17          Water Management Plan for the 2 hydrologic regions is  
18          submitted to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
19          House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy  
20          and Natural Resources of the Senate not later than 24  
21          months after the grant is awarded under subsection  
22          (a)(1).

1       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-  
3 rior \$1,000,000 to carry out this section.

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