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H. R. 771

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Southern California Desert Region Integrated Water and Economic Sustainability Plan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southern California
5 Desert Region Integrated Water and Economic Sustain-
6 ability Plan Act”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and
3 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–
4 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 16____. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESERT REGION IN-**
7 **TEGRATED WATER AND ECONOMIC SUSTAIN-**
8 **ABILITY PLAN.**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in coopera-
10 tion with the Mojave Water Agency is authorized to par-
11 ticipate in the design, planning, and construction of
12 projects to ‘Implement Mojave Water Agency’s Integrated
13 Regional Water Management Plan’.

14 “(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the costs
15 of the projects authorized by this section shall not exceed
16 25 percent of the total cost.

17 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 \$20,000,000.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
21 tions in section 2 of Public Law 102–575 is amended by
22 inserting after the last item relating to title XVI the fol-
23 lowing:

“16____. Southern California desert region integrated water and economic sus-
tainability plan.”.

1 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide
2 funds for the operation or maintenance of a project au-
3 thorized by this section.

4 (d) CREDITS TOWARD NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—For
5 purposes of subparagraph (b) the Secretary shall credit
6 the Mojave Water Agency with the value of all expendi-
7 tures made prior to the date of the enactment of this Act
8 that are used toward completion of projects that are com-
9 patible with this section.

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