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To establish a Southwest Border Region Water Task Force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. REYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish a Southwest Border Region Water Task Force.

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. SOUTHWEST BORDER REGION WATER TASK**
4 **FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be a task force to
6 be known as the “Southwest Border Region Water Task
7 Force”.

8 (b) COMPOSITION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The task force shall be com-
10 posed of one representative of each of the following
11 entities, to be appointed by the head of the entity—

1 (A) the Southwest Border Regional Com-
2 mission;

3 (B) the Environmental Protection Agency;

4 (C) the Department of Agriculture;

5 (D) the Department of Housing and
6 Urban Development;

7 (E) the Army Corps of Engineers;

8 (F) the Economic Development Adminis-
9 tration;

10 (G) the Indian Health Service;

11 (H) the Bureau of Reclamation; and

12 (I) any relevant State agency (within the
13 meaning given in paragraph (2)).

14 (2) “RELEVANT STATE AGENCY”.—In para-
15 graph (1)(I), the term “relevant State agency”
16 means any State agency designated for the purpose
17 of this paragraph by the Governor of Arizona, Cali-
18 fornia, New Mexico, or Texas.

19 (c) ASSESSMENT FUNCTIONS.—The task force
20 shall—

21 (1) assess the water needs of communities in
22 the Southwest border region;

23 (2) assess whether those needs are being met;
24 and

1 (3) if those needs are not being met, make pro-
2 posals as to how those needs could be met.

3 (d) COORDINATION FUNCTIONS.—The task force
4 shall establish procedures—

5 (1) for determining the relative priority of
6 water projects in the Southwest border region;

7 (2) for coordinating the policies of the entities
8 specified in subsection (b)(1), so far as those policies
9 relate to meeting the water needs of communities in
10 the Southwest border region; and

11 (3) for coordinating the activities of the entities
12 specified in subsection (b)(1), so far as those activi-
13 ties are aimed at meeting the water needs of com-
14 munities in the Southwest border region.

15 (e) REPORTS.—The task force shall prepare a report
16 every 6 months on the carrying out of its functions under
17 subsections (c) and (d). The task force shall—

18 (1) submit a copy of each report to Congress,
19 and

20 (2) make a copy of each report available to the
21 public.

22 (f) SOUTHWEST BORDER REGION.—In this section,
23 the term “Southwest border region” means the region de-
24 scribed in section 15732 of title 40, United States Code.

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