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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Tule River Tribe
3 Water Development Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WATER SUPPLY FOR TRIBE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
8 Commissioner of Reclamation.

9 (2) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the Tule
10 River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in
11 the State of California.

12 (b) STUDY AND REPORT ON ALTERNATIVES.—

13 (1) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the
14 date on which funds are made available under para-
15 graph (3), the Secretary shall complete a feasibility
16 study to evaluate alternatives (including alternatives
17 for phase I reservoir storage of a quantity of water
18 of not more than 5,000 acre-feet) for the provision
19 of a domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial, and
20 irrigation water supply for the Tribe.

21 (2) REPORT.—On completion of the study
22 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
23 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
24 of Representatives and the Committees on Energy
25 and Natural Resources and Indian Affairs of the
26 Senate a report describing the results of the study.

1 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary \$3,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

4 (c) CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—No project constructed relat-
6 ing to the feasibility study under subsection (b) shall
7 provide any water supply for—

8 (A) the casino of the Tule River Tribe, as
9 in existence on the date of enactment of this
10 Act;

11 (B) any expansion of that casino;

12 (C) any other tribal casino; or

13 (D) any current or future lodging, dining,
14 entertainment, meeting space, parking, or other
15 similar facility in support of a gaming activity.

16 (2) AVAILABILITY OF WATER SUPPLIES.—A
17 water supply provided by a project constructed relat-
18 ing to the feasibility study under subsection (b) shall
19 be available to serve—

20 (A) the domestic, municipal, and govern-
21 mental (including firefighting) needs of the
22 Tribe and members of the Tribe; and

23 (B) other commercial, agricultural, and in-
24 dustrial needs not related to a gaming activity.

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