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H. R. 2813

To amend the Water Supply Act of 1958 to establish a mechanism to permit State and local interests to release to the United States future water storage rights associated with Corps of Engineers reservoir projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. FUTURE WATER SUPPLY.**

4 Section 301 of the Water Supply Act of 1958 (43
5 U.S.C. 390b) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
7 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(c) RELEASE OF FUTURE WATER STORAGE.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF 10-YEAR PLANS FOR
5 THE UTILIZATION OF FUTURE STORAGE.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning 180 days
7 after the date of enactment of this subsection
8 and not later than January 1, 2016, an inter-
9 ested State or local interest may submit to the
10 Secretary a plan for the utilization of future
11 use water storage under this Act.

12 “(B) CONTENTS.—A plan submitted under
13 subparagraph (A) shall include—

14 “(i) a 10-year timetable for conversion
15 of future use storage to present use; and

16 “(ii) a schedule of actions that the
17 State or local interest agrees to carry out
18 over a 10-year period, in cooperation with
19 the Corps of Engineers, to seek new and
20 alternative users of future water storage
21 that is contracted to the State or local in-
22 terest on the date of enactment of this
23 subsection.

24 “(2) RELEASE OF FUTURE WATER STORAGE.—

25 For Corps of Engineers projects, for the period be-

1 ginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on Decem-
2 ber 31, 2028, a State or local interest that the Sec-
3 retary determines has carried out the obligations of
4 the State or local interest under an applicable plan
5 described in paragraph (1) may notify the Secretary
6 of the Army that the State or local interest seeks to
7 release to the United States any right of the State
8 or local interest to future water storage under this
9 Act that—

10 “(A) was allocated for future use water
11 supply prior to November 17, 1986; and

12 “(B) as of December 31, 2025, has not
13 been allocated or used.

14 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—On receipt of a notifi-
15 cation under paragraph (2) by the Secretary of the
16 Army—

17 “(A) the request of the applicable State or
18 local interest to release future water storage
19 rights shall be considered to be approved; and

20 “(B) the applicable State or local interest
21 shall not be responsible for the cost of any
22 water storage rights released under this sub-
23 section.”.

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