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H. R. 4113

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to consider projects involving rural communities in the selection of alternative water source projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Mr. MCNERNEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Water En-
5 hancement Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROJECTS.**

2 (a) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—Section 220(d) of
3 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
4 1300(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) PARTICIPATION OF RURAL COMMU-
6 NITIES.—In making grants under this section, the
7 Administrator shall consider whether the project—

8 “(A) is located in an unincorporated rural
9 community;

10 “(B) is located in an area that is served by
11 a public water system with fewer than 3,000
12 connections or is located in an area with no
13 public water system;

14 “(C) is located in an agricultural area with
15 rural residences served by a public water sys-
16 tem or by private wells; or

17 “(D) is not only a benefit to the rural com-
18 munity served by the project, but also a benefit
19 to additional regional partners.”.

20 (b) DEFINITION OF ALTERNATIVE WATER
21 SOURCE.—Section 220(i)(1) of such Act (33 U.S.C.
22 1300(i)(1)) is amended—

23 (1) in the first sentence—

24 (A) by striking “wastewater or” and in-
25 serting “wastewater,”; and

1 (B) by inserting before the period at the
2 end the following: “, or through conjunctively
3 managing groundwater supplies by delivering
4 surface water instead of groundwater”; and

5 (2) in the second sentence by inserting before
6 the period at the end the following: “unless the
7 project requires such facilities to deliver the alter-
8 native water supply”.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
10 220(j) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1300(j)) is amended by
11 striking “2004” and inserting “2018”.

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