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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAINES 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 “Authorized Rural
5 Water Projects Completion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

6 SEC. 3. RECLAMATION RURAL WATER CONSTRUCTION
7 FUND.

12 (1) such amounts as are deposited in the Fund
13 under subsection (b); and

16 (b) DEPOSITS TO FUND.—

(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts deposited in the Fund under paragraph (1) shall—

1 (A) be available in accordance with this
2 section, without further appropriation; and

3 (B) be in addition to amounts appropriated
4 for such purposes under any other provision of
5 law.

6 (3) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraphs
7 (1) and (2), no amounts may be deposited in, or
8 made available from, the Fund under those para-
9 graphs if the transfer or availability of the amounts
10 would increase the deficit.

11 (c) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—

13 (A) EXPENDITURES.—Subject to subpara-
14 graph (B), for each of fiscal years 2014
15 through 2035, the Secretary may expend from
16 the Fund not more than the sum of—

17 (i) \$80,000,000; and

18 (ii) the amount of interest accrued in
19 the Fund for the fiscal year in which the
20 expenditures are made.

21 (B) ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES.—Not-
22 withstanding subparagraph (A), the Secretary
23 may expend more than \$80,000,000 for any fis-
24 cal year listed in subparagraph (A) if such
25 amounts are available in the Fund due to ex-

penditures not reaching \$80,000,000 in 1 or more prior fiscal years.

(2) USE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may use amounts from the Fund to complete construction of rural water projects—

(i) authorized to be carried out by the Secretary on or before the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) for which—

(I) pursuant to section 106(e) of the Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 2405(e)), a feasibility study has been submitted to the Secretary by September 30, 2012; and

(II) an Act of Congress after the date of enactment of this Act has authorized the construction of the project.

(B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not use amounts from the Fund to pay for any operation and maintenance costs of an authorized rural water project.

1 (3) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall not ex-
2 pend any amounts from the Fund until the date on
3 which the Secretary develops—

4 (A) programmatic goals to carry out this
5 section that—

6 (i) would enable the completion of
7 construction of the authorized rural water
8 projects as expeditiously as possible; and

9 (ii) reflect—

10 (I) the goals and priorities identi-
11 fied in the laws authorizing the au-
12 thorized rural water projects; and

13 (II) the goals of the Reclamation
14 Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 (43
15 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.); and

16 (B) funding prioritization criteria to serve
17 as a formula for distributing funds under this
18 section that take into account—

19 (i) an evaluation of the urgent and
20 compelling need for potable water supplies
21 in the affected rural and tribal commu-
22 nities;

23 (ii) the status of the current stages of
24 completion of the authorized rural water
25 project;

1 (iii) the financial needs of the affected
2 rural and tribal communities;

3 (iv) the potential economic benefits of
4 the expenditures on job creation and gen-
5 eral economic development in the affected
6 rural and tribal communities;

7 (v) the ability of the authorized rural
8 water project to address regional and wa-
9 tershed level water supply needs;

10 (vi) the ability of the authorized rural
11 water project—

12 (I) to minimize water and energy
13 consumption; and

14 (II) to encourage the develop-
15 ment of renewable energy resources,
16 such as wind, solar, and hydropower
17 elements;

18 (vii) the need for the authorized rural
19 water project to address—

20 (I) the needs of Indian tribes and
21 members of Indian tribes; and

22 (II) other community needs or
23 interests; and

1 (viii) such other factors as the Sec-
2 retary determines to be appropriate to
3 prioritize the use of available funds.

4 (d) INVESTMENTS OF AMOUNTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall invest
6 such portion of the Fund as is not, in the judgment
7 of the Secretary, required to meet current with-
8 draws.

9 (2) CREDITS TO FUND.—The interest on, and
10 the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any ob-
11 ligations held in the Fund shall be credited to, and
12 form a part of, the Fund.

13 (e) TRANSFERS OF AMOUNTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts required to be
15 transferred to the Fund under this section shall be
16 transferred at least monthly from the general fund
17 of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of esti-
18 mates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

19 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—Proper adjustment shall
20 be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the
21 extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than
22 the amounts required to be transferred.

23 (f) TERMINATION.—On September 30, 2035—

24 (1) the Fund shall terminate; and

1 (2) the unexpended and unobligated balance of
2 the Fund shall be transferred to the reclamation
3 fund established by the first section of the Act of
4 June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093).

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