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To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in a series of water reclamation projects to provide a new water supply to communities previously impacted by perchlorate contamination plumes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNIGHT 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. WATER PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITIES IM-**
2 **PACTED BY PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION**
3 **PLUMES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and
5 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–
6 575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 163____. WATER PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITIES IM-**
9 **PACTED BY PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION**
10 **PLUMES.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
12 the Bureau of Reclamation, may participate in projects
13 to benefit eligible communities through projects to accom-
14 plish one or more of the following:

15 “(1) Capture and treat wastewater and dis-
16 tribution of recycled water from a new mixed-use de-
17 velopment that cannot otherwise be economically
18 provided recycled water from one or more existing
19 water reclamation plants and recycled water dis-
20 tribution systems.

21 “(2) Adjust or forego a portion of facility ca-
22 pacity or connection fees otherwise paid by the prop-
23 erty owner to a regional water agency that imports
24 out-of-basin water supplies, thus reducing the import
25 of out-of-basin supplies and providing incentives to

1 the property owner to construct one or more of the
2 following:

3 “(A) Onsite treatment facilities.

4 “(B) Onsite reclamation facilities.

5 “(C) Recycled water distribution facilities.

6 “(3) The extension of local recycled water dis-
7 tribution systems to properties adjacent to new
8 mixed-use development.

9 “(b) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.—For the purposes of
10 this section, the term ‘eligible communities’ means com-
11 munities that meet all of the following criteria:

12 “(1) In a State under a state of drought emer-
13 gency as declared by the Governor of that State.

14 “(2) In a community where water retailers have
15 been directed by the State Water Resources Control
16 Board or equivalent government agency of that
17 State to reduce consumption or use of potable water
18 usage between 24 to 32 percent.

19 “(3) In a community whose sanitation district
20 or equivalent government agency district where that
21 district has been directed by a regional water quality
22 control board or equivalent government agency to re-
23 duce the discharge of chloride in order to comply
24 with basin water quality standards.

1 “(c) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall give
2 priority to projects that meet one or more of the following
3 criteria:

4 “(1) Will serve a region that has received Fed-
5 eral authorization for projects associated with per-
6 chlorate contamination remediation programs under
7 the Bureau of Reclamation or the Army Corps of
8 Engineers.

9 “(2) Is located in or will serve a region that has
10 completed feasibility studies for perchlorate remedi-
11 ation efforts.

12 “(3) Will serve a region where the regional
13 water agency that imports out-of-basin water sup-
14 plies has a wholesale area that includes a population
15 of at least 200,000 and not more than 350,000.

16 “(d) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost
17 of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed
18 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

19 “(e) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary
20 shall not be used for operation and maintenance of a
21 project described in subsection (a).”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
23 tions in section 2 of Public Law 102–575 is amended by
24 inserting after the last item relating to title XVI the fol-
25 lowing:

“163____. Water projects for communities impacted by perchlorate contamination plumes.”.

