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H. R. 2116

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

APRIL 25, 2017

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Perchlorate Reclama-
5 tion and Water Replenishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED**
2 **BY PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION PLUMES.**

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

7 **“SEC. 163____. PERCHLORATE WATER REPLENISHMENT**
8 **PROJECTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
10 the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to provide finan-
11 cial assistance to local water authorities for projects asso-
12 ciated with perchlorate remediation efforts in eligible areas
13 to—

14 “(1) design and construct water replenishment
15 and reclamation projects that are owned and oper-
16 ated by the local water authority; or

17 “(2) to operate and maintain such projects.

18 “(b) ELIGIBLE AREA.—The term ‘eligible area’
19 means an area that has been identified by the Bureau of
20 Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, or a State
21 designating agency as having experienced an impact from
22 perchlorate contamination.

23 “(c) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term ‘eligible project’
24 means a project that enhances the resilience of domestic
25 water supplies through one or more of the following:

26 “(1) Onsite and offsite treatment facilities.

1 “(2) Onsite and offsite reclamation facilities.

2 “(3) Recycled water facilities and associated
3 distribution facilities.

4 “(4) Groundwater wells and associated distribu-
5 tion facilities.

6 “(d) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall give
7 priority to eligible projects that serve an eligible area—

8 “(1) that has received Federal authorization for
9 projects associated with perchlorate contamination
10 remediation programs under the Bureau of Reclama-
11 tion or the Army Corps of Engineers;

12 “(2) for which a feasibility study for perchlorate
13 remediation efforts that is acceptable to the Bureau
14 of Reclamation or the Army Corps of Engineers has
15 been completed; or

16 “(3) where the regional water agency that im-
17 ports out-of-basin water supplies has a wholesale
18 area that includes a population of not more than
19 350,000.

20 “(e) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—The Federal
21 share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a)
22 shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

23 “(f) COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.—Activi-
24 ties undertaken for projects funded under this section
25 shall comply with any applicable Federal and State laws.

1 “(g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Noth-
2 ing in this section shall be construed to affect other Fed-
3 eral and State authorities that are being used or may be
4 used to facilitate the cleanup and protection of ground
5 water basins. Activities undertaken for projects funded
6 under this section shall be integrated with ongoing Federal
7 and State projects to the extent practicable.”.

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

“163____. Perchlorate Water Replenishment Projects.”.

