A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. Giffords. Madam Speaker, on November 30, 2010, I missed a vote on the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on this measure.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, a meeting at the Department of Commerce prevented my presence in the House for a vote earlier today. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on the motion to concur in the Senate Amendments to the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (H.R. 4783).

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on November 30, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 583. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 583: ''yes''—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated.

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Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1736, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated, with the Senate amendments thereto, and I have a motion at the desk.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the Senate amendments.

The text of the Senate amendments is as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ''Claims Resolution Act of 2010''.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

TITLE I—INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

SEC. 101. INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AGREEMENT ON ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS.—The term ''Agreement on Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Costs'' means the agreement dated December 7, 2009, between Class Counsel (as defined in the Settlement) and the Defendants (as defined in the Settlement) relating to attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred by Class Counsel in connection with the Litigation and implementation of the Settlement, as modified by the parties to the Litigation.

(2) AMENDED COMPLAINT.—The term ''Amended Complaint'' means the Amended Complaint attached to the Settlement.

(3) FINAL APPROVAL.—The term ''final approval'' has the meaning given the term in the Settlement.

(4) LAND CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM.—The term ''Land Consolidation Program'' means a program conducted in accordance with the Settlement, the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), and subsection (e)(2) under which the Secretary may purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land.

(5) LITIGATION.—The term ''Litigation'' means the case entitled Elouise Cobell et al. v. Ken Salazar et al., United States District Court, District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 96–1285 (TFH).

(6) PLAINTIFF.—The term ''Plaintiff'' means a member of any class certified in the Litigation.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(8) SETTLEMENT.—The term ''Settlement'' means the Class Action Settlement Agreement dated December 7, 2009, in the Litigation, as modified by the parties to the Litigation.

(9) TRUST ADMINISTRATION ADJUSTMENT FUND.—The term ''Trust Administration Adjustment Fund'' means the $100,000,000 deposited in the Settlement Account (as defined in the Settlement) pursuant to subsection (j)(1) for use in making the adjustments authorized by that subsection.

(10) TRUST ADMINISTRATION CLASS.—The term ''Trust Administration Class'' means the Trust Administration Class as defined in the Settlement.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize the Settlement.

(c) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Settlement is authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(2) AMENDMENTS.—Any amendment to the Settlement is authorized, ratified, and confirmed, to the extent that such amendment is executed to make the Settlement consistent with this section.

(d) JURISDICTIONAL PROVISIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the limitation on the jurisdiction of the district courts of the United States in section 1346(a)(2) of title 28, United States Code, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction of the claims asserted in the Amended Complaint for purposes of the Settlement.

(2) CERTIFICATION OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION CLASS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the court in the Litigation may certify the Trust Administration Class.

(B) TREATMENT.—On certification under subparagraph (A), the Trust Administration Class shall be treated as a class certified under rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for purposes of the Settlement.

(e) TRUST LAND CONSOLIDATION.—

(1) TRUST LAND CONSOLIDATION FUND.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—On final approval of the Settlement, there shall be established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ''Trust Land Consolidation Fund''.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the Trust Land Consolidation Fund shall be made available to the Secretary during the 10-year period beginning on the date of final approval of the Settlement—

(i) to conduct the Land Consolidation Program; and

(ii) for other costs specified in the Settlement.

(C) DEPOSITS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—On final approval of the Settlement, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Trust Land Consolidation Fund $1,900,000,000 out of the amounts appropriated to pay final judgments, awards, and compromise settlements under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code.

(ii) CONDITIONS MET.—The conditions described in section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, shall be deemed to be met for purposes of clause (i).

(D) TRANSFERS.—In a manner designed to encourage participation in the Land Consolidation Program, the Secretary may transfer, at the discretion of the Secretary, not more than $60,000,000 of amounts in the Trust Land Consolidation Fund to the Indian Education Scholarship Holding Fund established under paragraph (3).

(2) OPERATION.—The Secretary shall consult with Indian tribes to identify fractional interests within the respective jurisdictions of the Indian tribes for purchase in a manner that is consistent with the priorities of the Secretary.

(3) INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP HOLDING FUND.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—On final approval of the Settlement, there shall be established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ''Indian Education Scholarship Holding Fund''.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law governing competition, public notification, or Federal procurement or assistance, amounts in the Indian Education Scholarship Holding Fund shall be made available, without further appropriation, to the Secretary to contribute to an Indian Education Scholarship Fund, as described in the Settlement, to provide scholarships for Native Americans.

(4) ACQUISITION OF TRUST OR RESTRICTED LAND.—The Secretary may acquire, at the discretion of the Secretary and in accordance with the Land Consolidation Program, any fractional interest in trust or restricted land.

(5) TREATMENT OF UNLOCATABLE PLAINTIFFS.—A Plaintiff, the whereabouts of whom are unknown and who, after reasonable efforts by the Secretary, cannot be located during the 5-year period beginning on the date of final approval of the Settlement, shall be considered to have accepted an offer made pursuant to the Land Consolidation Program.

(f) TAXATION AND OTHER BENEFITS.—

(1) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, amounts received by an individual Indian as a lump sum or a periodic payment pursuant to the Settlement shall not be—

(A) included in gross income; or

(B) taken into consideration for purposes of applying any provision of the Internal Revenue Code that takes into account excludable income in computing adjusted gross income or modified adjusted gross income, including section 86 of that Code (relating to Social Security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits).

(2) OTHER BENEFITS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of determining initial eligibility, ongoing eligibility, or level of benefits under any Federal or federally assisted program, amounts received by an individual Indian as a lump sum or a periodic payment pursuant to the Settlement shall not be treated for any household member, during the 1-year period beginning on the date of receipt—

(A) as income for the month during which the amounts were received; or

(B) as a resource.

(g) INCENTIVE AWARDS AND AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS UNDER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), the court in the Litigation shall determine the amount to which the Plaintiffs in the Litigation may be entitled for incentive awards and for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs—

(A) in accordance with controlling law, including, with respect to attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs, any applicable rule of law requiring counsel to produce contemporaneous time, expense, and cost records in support of a motion for such fees, expenses, and costs; and

(B) giving due consideration to the special status of Class Members (as defined in the Settlement) as beneficiaries of a federally created and administered trust.

(2) NOTICE OF AGREEMENT ON ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS.—The description of the request of Class Counsel for an amount of attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs required under paragraph C.1.d. of the Settlement shall include a description of all material provisions of the Agreement on Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Costs.

(3) EFFECT ON AGREEMENT.—Nothing in this subsection limits or otherwise affects the enforceability of the Agreement on Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Costs.

(h) SELECTION OF QUALIFYING BANK.—The United States District Court for the District of Columbia, in exercising the discretion of the Court to approve the selection of any proposed Qualifying Bank (as defined in the Settlement) under paragraph A.1. of the Settlement, may consider any factors or circumstances regarding the proposed Qualifying Bank that the Court determines to be appropriate to protect the rights and interests of Class Members (as defined in the Settlement) in the amounts to be deposited in the Settlement Account (as defined in the Settlement).

(i) APPOINTEES TO SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The 2 members of the special board of trustees to be selected by the Secretary under paragraph G.3. of the Settlement shall be selected only after consultation with, and after considering the names of possible candidates timely offered by, federally recognized Indian tribes.

(j) TRUST ADMINISTRATION CLASS ADJUSTMENTS.—

(1) FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the amounts deposited pursuant to paragraph E.2. of the Settlement, on final approval, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Trust Administration Adjustment Fund of the Settlement Account (as defined in the Settlement) $100,000,000 out of the amounts appropriated to pay final judgments, awards, and compromise settlements under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, to be allocated and paid by the Claims Administrator (as defined in the Settlement and pursuant to paragraph E.1.e of the Settlement) in accordance with this subsection.

(B) CONDITIONS MET.—The conditions described in section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, shall be deemed to be met for purposes of subparagraph (A).

(2) ADJUSTMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—After the calculation of the pro rata share in Section E.4.b of the Settlement, the Trust Administration Adjustment Fund shall be used to increase the minimum payment to each Trust Administration Class Member whose pro rata share is—

(i) zero; or

(ii) greater than zero, but who would, after adjustment under this subparagraph, otherwise receive a smaller Stage 2 payment than those Trust Administration Class Members described in clause (i).

(B) RESULT.—The amounts in the Trust Administration Adjustment Fund shall be applied in such a manner as to ensure, to the extent practicable (as determined by the court in the Litigation), that each Trust Administration Class Member receiving amounts from the Trust Administration Adjustment Fund receives the same total payment under Stage 2 of the Settlement after making the adjustments required by this subsection.

(3) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The payments authorized by this subsection shall be included with the Stage 2 payments under paragraph E.4. of the Settlement.

(k) EFFECT OF ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS.—Notwithstanding any provision of this section, in the event that a court determines that the application of subsection (j) is unfair to the Trust Administration Class—

(1) subsection (j) shall not go into effect; and

(2) on final approval of the Settlement, in addition to the amounts deposited into the Trust Land Consolidation Fund pursuant to subsection (e), the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in that Fund $100,000,000 out of amounts appropriated to pay final judgments, awards, and compromise settlements under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code (the conditions of which section shall be deemed to be met for purposes of this paragraph) to be used by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (e).

TITLE II—FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FROM IN RE BLACK FARMERS DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION

SEC. 201. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FROM IN RE BLACK FARMERS DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term ''Settlement Agreement'' means the settlement agreement dated February 18, 2010 (including any modifications agreed to by the

parties and approved by the court under that agreement) between certain plaintiffs, by and through their counsel, and the Secretary of Agriculture to resolve, fully and forever, the claims raised or that could have been raised in the cases consolidated in *In re Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation,* Misc. No. 08–mc–0511 (PLF), including Pigford claims asserted under section 14012 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2209).

(2) PIGFORD CLAIM.—The term ''Pigford claim'' has the meaning given that term in section 14012(a)(3) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2210).

(b) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.—There is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture $1,150,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out the terms of the Settlement Agreement if the Settlement Agreement is approved by a court order that is or becomes final and nonappealable, and the court finds that the Settlement Agreement is modified to incorporate the additional terms contained in subsection (g). The funds appropriated by this subsection are in addition to the $100,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation made available by section 14012(i) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2212) and shall be available for obligation only after those Commodity Credit Corporation funds are fully obligated. If the Settlement Agreement is not approved as provided in this subsection, the $100,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation made available by section 14012(i) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 shall be the sole funding available for Pigford claims.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The use of the funds appropriated by subsection (b) shall be subject to the express terms of the Settlement Agreement.

(d) TREATMENT OF REMAINING FUNDS.—If any of the funds appropriated by subsection (b) are not obligated and expended to carry out the Settlement Agreement, the Secretary of Agriculture shall return the unused funds to the Treasury and may not make the unused funds available for any purpose related to section 14012 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, for any other settlement agreement executed in *In re Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation*, No. 08–511 (D.D.C.), or for any other purpose.

(e) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the United States, any of its officers or agencies, or any other party to enter into the Settlement Agreement or any other settlement agreement. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating the basis for a Pigford claim.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 14012 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2209) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) by striking ''subsection (h)'' and inserting ''subsection (g)''; and

(B) by striking ''subsection (i)'' and inserting ''subsection (h)'';

(2) by striking subsection (e);

(3) in subsection (g), by striking ''subsection (f)'' and inserting ''subsection (e)'';

(4) in subsection (i)—

(A) by striking ''(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds'' and inserting ''Of the funds'';

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by striking ''subsection (g)'' and inserting ''subsection (f)'';

(5) by striking subsection (j); and

(6) by redesignating subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), and (k) as subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

(g) ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT TERMS.—For the purposes of this section and funding for the Settlement Agreement, the following are additional terms:

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term ''Settlement Agreement'' means the settlement, including any modifications agreed to by the parties and approved by the court, between the Secretary of Agriculture and certain plaintiffs, by and through their counsel in litigation titled Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation, Misc. No. 08–mc–0511 (PLF).

(B) NEUTRAL ADJUDICATOR.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ''Neutral Adjudicator'' means a Track A Neutral or a Track B Neutral as those terms are defined in the Settlement Agreement, who have been hired by Lead Class Counsel as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreement.

(ii) REQUIREMENT.—The Track A and B Neutrals called for in the Settlement Agreement shall be approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Attorney General, and the court.

(2) OATH.—Every Neutral Adjudicator shall take an oath administered by the court prior to hearing claims.

(3) ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OR EVIDENCE.—Any Neutral Adjudicator may, during the course of hearing claims, require claimants to provide additional documentation and evidence if, in the Neutral Adjudicator's judgment, the additional documentation and evidence would be necessary or helpful in deciding the merits of the claim, or if the adjudicator suspects fraud regarding the claim.

(4) ATTORNEYS FEES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B) and the provisions of the Settlement Agreement regarding attorneys' fee caps and maximum and minimum percentages for awards of attorneys fees, the court shall make any determination as to the amount of attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs in accordance with controlling law, including, with respect to attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs, any applicable rule of law requiring counsel to produce contemporaneous time, expenses, and cost records in support of a motion for such fees, expenses, and costs.

(B) EFFECT ON AGREEMENT.—Nothing in this paragraph limits or otherwise affects the enforceability of provisions regarding attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs that may be contained in the Settlement Agreement.

(5) CERTIFICATION.—An attorney filing a claim on behalf of a claimant shall swear, under penalty of perjury, that: ''to the best of the attorney's knowledge, information, and belief formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the claim is supported by existing law and the factual contentions have evidentiary support''.

(6) DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMS DETERMINATIONS AND SETTLEMENT FUNDS.—In order to ensure full transparency of the administration of claims under the Settlement Agreement, the Claims Administrator as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreement, shall provide to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, the Attorney General, and Lead Class Counsel as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreement, all information regarding Distribution of Claims Determinations and Settlement Funds described in the Settlement Agreement.

(h) REPORTS.—

(1) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall evaluate the internal controls (including internal controls concerning fraud and abuse) created to carry out the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and report to the Congress at least 2 times throughout the duration of the claims adjudication process on the results of this evaluation.

(B) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—Solely for purposes of conducting the evaluation under subparagraph (A), the Comptroller General shall have access, upon request, to the claims administrator, the claims adjudicators, and related officials, appointed in connection with the aforementioned settlement, and to any information and records generated, used, or received by them, including names and addresses.

(2) USDA INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(A) PERFORMANCE AUDIT.—The Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall, within 180 days of the initial adjudication of claims, and subsequently as appropriate, perform a performance audit based on a statistical sampling of adjudicated claims.

(B) AUDIT RECIPIENTS.—The audits described in clause (i) shall be provided to Secretary of Agriculture and the Attorney General.

TITLE III—WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS QUANTIFICATION

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010''.

SEC. 302. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement;

(2) to authorize and direct the Secretary to execute the Agreement and take any other action necessary to carry out all obligations of the Secretary under the Agreement in accordance with this title;

(3) to authorize the amounts necessary for the United States to meet the obligations of the United States under the Agreement and this title; and

(4) to permanently resolve certain damage claims and all water rights claims among—

(A) the Tribe and its members;

(B) the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members;

(C) the parties to the Agreement; and

(D) all other claimants seeking to determine the nature and extent of the water rights of the Tribe, its members, the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, and other claimants in—

(i) the consolidated civil action in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona for the County of Maricopa styled In re the General Adjudication of All Rights To Use Water In The Gila River System and Source, W–1 (Salt), W–2 (Verde), W–3 (Upper Gila), W–4 (San Pedro); and

(ii) the civil action pending in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona for the County of Apache styled In re the General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Little Colorado River System and Source and numbered CIV–6417.

SEC. 303. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) AGREEMENT.—The term ''Agreement'' means—

(A) the WMAT Water Rights Quantification Agreement dated January 13, 2009; and

(B) any amendment or exhibit (including exhibit amendments) to that Agreement that are—

(i) made in accordance with this title; or

(ii) otherwise approved by the Secretary.

(2) BUREAU.—The term ''Bureau'' means the Bureau of Reclamation.

(3) CAP.—The term ''CAP'' means the reclamation project authorized and constructed by the United States in accordance with title III of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1521 et seq.).

(4) CAP CONTRACTOR.—The term ''CAP contractor'' means an individual or entity that has entered into a long-term contract (as

that term is used in the repayment stipulation) with the United States for delivery of water through the CAP system.

(5) CAP FIXED OM&R CHARGE.—The term ''CAP fixed OM&R charge'' has the meaning given the term in the repayment stipulation.

(6) CAP M&I PRIORITY WATER.—The term ''CAP M&I priority water'' means the CAP water having a municipal and industrial delivery priority under the repayment contract.

(7) CAP SUBCONTRACTOR.—The term ''CAP subcontractor'' means an individual or entity that has entered into a long-term subcontract (as that term is used in the repayment stipulation) with the United States and the District for the delivery of water through the CAP system.

(8) CAP SYSTEM.—The term ''CAP system'' means—

(A) the Mark Wilmer Pumping Plant;

(B) the Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct;

(C) the Fannin-McFarland Aqueduct;

(D) the Tucson Aqueduct;

(E) any pumping plant or appurtenant works of a feature described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (D); and

(F) any extension of, addition to, or replacement for a feature described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (E).

(9) CAP WATER.—The term ''CAP water'' means ''Project Water'' (as that term is defined in the repayment stipulation).

(10) CONTRACT.—The term ''Contract'' means—

(A) the proposed contract between the Tribe and the United States attached as exhibit 7.1 to the Agreement and numbered 08–XX–30–W0529; and

(B) any amendments to that contract.

(11) DISTRICT.—The term ''District'' means the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State that is the contractor under the repayment contract.

(12) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—The term ''enforceability date'' means the date described in section 309(d)(1).

(13) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ''Indian tribe'' has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(14) INJURY TO WATER RIGHTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''injury to water rights'' means an interference with, diminution of, or deprivation of, a water right under Federal, State, or other law.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ''injury to water rights'' includes—

(i) a change in the groundwater table; and

(ii) any effect of such a change.

(C) EXCLUSION.—The term ''injury to water rights'' does not include any injury to water quality.

(15) LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT FUND.—The term ''Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund'' means the fund established by section 403 of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1543).

(16) OFF-RESERVATION TRUST LAND.—The term ''off-reservation trust land'' means land—

(A) located outside the exterior boundaries of the reservation that is held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe as of the enforceability date; and

(B) depicted on the map attached to the Agreement as exhibit 2.57.

(17) OPERATING AGENCY.—The term ''Operating Agency'' means the 1 or more entities authorized to assume responsibility for the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the CAP system.

(18) REPAYMENT CONTRACT.—The term ''repayment contract'' means—

(A) the contract between the United States and the District for delivery of water and repayment of the costs of the CAP, numbered 14–06–W–245 (Amendment No. 1), and dated December 1, 1988; and

(B) any amendment to, or revision of, that contract.

(19) REPAYMENT STIPULATION.—The term ''repayment stipulation'' means the stipulated judgment and the stipulation for judgment (including any exhibits to those documents) entered on November 21, 2007, in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in the consolidated civil action styled Central Arizona Water Conservation District v. United States, et al., and numbered CIV 95–625–TUC–WDB (EHC) and CIV 95–1720–PHX–EHC.

(20) RESERVATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''reservation'' means the land within the exterior boundary of the White Mountain Indian Reservation established by the Executive order dated November 9, 1871, as modified by subsequent Executive orders and Acts of Congress—

(i) known on the date of enactment of this Act as the ''Fort Apache Reservation'' pursuant to chapter 3 of the Act of June 7, 1897 (30 Stat. 62); and

(ii) generally depicted on the map attached to the Agreement as exhibit 2.81.

(B) NO EFFECT ON DISPUTE OR AS ADMISSION.—The depiction of the reservation described in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not—

(i) be used to affect any dispute between the Tribe and the United States concerning the legal boundary of the reservation; or

(ii) constitute an admission by the Tribe with regard to any dispute between the Tribe and the United States concerning the legal boundary of the reservation.

(21) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(22) STATE.—The term ''State'' means the State of Arizona.

(23) TRIBAL CAP WATER.—The term ''tribal CAP water'' means the CAP water to which the Tribe is entitled pursuant to the Contract.

(24) TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.—The term ''tribal water rights'' means the water rights of the Tribe described in paragraph 4.0 of the Agreement.

(25) TRIBE.—The term ''Tribe'' means the White Mountain Apache Tribe organized under section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the ''Indian Reorganization Act'') (25 U.S.C. 476).

(26) WATER RIGHT.—The term ''water right'' means any right in or to groundwater, surface water, or effluent under Federal, State, or other law.

(27) WMAT RURAL WATER SYSTEM.—The term ''WMAT rural water system'' means the municipal, rural, and industrial water diversion, storage, and delivery system described in section 307.

(28) YEAR.—The term ''year'' means a calendar year.

SEC. 304. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.

(a) APPROVAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except to the extent that any provision of the Agreement conflicts with a provision of this title, the Agreement is authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(2) AMENDMENTS.—Any amendment to the Agreement is authorized, ratified, and confirmed, to the extent that such amendment is executed to make the Agreement consistent with this title.

(b) EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the Agreement does not conflict with this title, the Secretary shall promptly—

(A) execute the Agreement, including all exhibits to the Agreement requiring the signature of the Secretary; and

(B) in accordance with the Agreement, execute any amendment to the Agreement, including any amendment to any exhibit to the Agreement requiring the signature of the Secretary, that is not inconsistent with this title; and

(2) DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary may execute any other amendment to the Agreement, including any amendment to any exhibit to the Agreement requiring the signature of the Secretary, that is not inconsistent with this title if the amendment does not require congressional approval pursuant to the Trade and Intercourse Act (25 U.S.C. 177) or other applicable Federal law (including regulations).

(c) NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.—

(1) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.—In implementing the Agreement and carrying out this title, the Secretary shall promptly comply with all applicable requirements of—

(A) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

(C) all other applicable Federal environmental laws; and

(D) all regulations promulgated under the laws described in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(2) EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Execution of the Agreement by the Secretary under this section shall not constitute a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(B) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall carry out all necessary environmental compliance activities required by Federal law in implementing the Agreement.

(3) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau shall serve as the lead agency with respect to ensuring environmental compliance associated with the WMAT rural water system.

SEC. 305. WATER RIGHTS.

(a) TREATMENT OF TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.—The tribal water rights—

(1) shall be held in trust by the United States on behalf of the Tribe; and

(2) shall not be subject to forfeiture or abandonment.

(b) REALLOCATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this title and the Agreement, the Secretary shall reallocate to the Tribe, and offer to enter into a contract with the Tribe for the delivery in accordance with this section of—

(A) an entitlement to 23,782 acre-feet per year of CAP water that has a non-Indian agricultural delivery priority (as defined in the Contract) in accordance with section 104(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Arizona Water Settlements Act (Public Law 108–451; 118 Stat. 3488), of which—

(i) 3,750 acre-feet per year shall be firmed by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe for the 100-year period beginning on January 1, 2008, with priority equivalent to CAP M&I priority water, in accordance with section 105(b)(1)(B) of that Act (118 Stat. 3492); and

(ii) 3,750 acre-feet per year shall be firmed by the State for the benefit of the Tribe for the 100-year period beginning on January 1, 2008, with priority equivalent to CAP M&I priority water, in accordance with section 105(b)(2)(B) of that Act (118 Stat. 3492); and

(B) an entitlement to 1,218 acre-feet per year of the water—

(i) acquired by the Secretary through the permanent relinquishment of the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District CAP subcontract entitlement in accordance with the contract numbered 3–07–30–W0290 among the District, Harquahala Valley Irrigation District, and the United States; and

(ii) converted to CAP Indian Priority water (as defined in the Contract) pursuant to the

Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–628; 104 Stat. 4480).

(2) AUTHORITY OF TRIBE.—Subject to approval by the Secretary under section 306(a)(1), the Tribe shall have the sole authority to lease, distribute, exchange, or allocate the tribal CAP water described in paragraph (1).

(c) WATER SERVICE CAPITAL CHARGES.—The Tribe shall not be responsible for any water service capital charge for tribal CAP water.

(d) ALLOCATION AND REPAYMENT.—For the purpose of determining the allocation and repayment of costs of any stage of the CAP constructed after November 21, 2007, the costs associated with the delivery of water described in subsection (b), regardless of whether the water is delivered for use by the Tribe or in accordance with any assignment, exchange, lease, option to lease, or other agreement for the temporary disposition of water entered into by the Tribe, shall be—

(1) nonreimbursable; and

(2) excluded from the repayment obligation of the District.

(e) WATER CODE.—Not later than 18 months after the enforceability date, the Tribe shall enact a water code that—

(1) governs the tribal water rights; and

(2) includes, at a minimum—

(A) provisions requiring the measurement, calculation, and recording of all diversions and depletions of water on the reservation and on off-reservation trust land;

(B) terms of a water conservation plan, including objectives, conservation measures, and an implementation timeline;

(C) provisions requiring the approval of the Tribe for the severance and transfer of rights to the use of water from historically irrigated land identified in paragraph 11.3.2.1 of the Agreement to diversions and depletions on other non-historically irrigated land not located on the watershed of the same water source; and

(D) provisions requiring the authorization of the Tribe for all diversions of water on the reservation and on off-reservation trust land by any individual or entity other than the Tribe.

SEC. 306. CONTRACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into the Contract, in accordance with the Agreement, to provide, among other things, that—

(1) the Tribe, on approval of the Secretary, may—

(A) enter into contracts or options to lease, contracts to exchange, or options to exchange tribal CAP water in Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, and Yavapai Counties in the State providing for the temporary delivery to any individual or entity of any portion of the tribal CAP water, subject to the condition that—

(i) the term of the contract or option to lease shall not be longer than 100 years;

(ii) the contracts or options to exchange shall be for the term provided in the contract or option; and

(iii) a lease or option to lease providing for the temporary delivery of tribal CAP water shall require the lessee to pay to the Operating Agency all CAP fixed OM&R charges and all CAP pumping energy charges (as defined in the repayment stipulation) associated with the leased water; and

(B) renegotiate any lease at any time during the term of the lease, subject to the condition that the term of the renegotiated lease shall not exceed 100 years;

(2) no portion of the tribal CAP water may be permanently alienated;

(3)(A) the Tribe (and not the United States in any capacity) shall be entitled to all consideration due to the Tribe under any contract or option to lease or exchange tribal CAP water entered into by the Tribe; and

(B) the United States (in any capacity) has no trust or other obligation to monitor, administer, or account for, in any manner—

(i) any funds received by the Tribe as consideration under a contract or option to lease or exchange tribal CAP water; or

(ii) the expenditure of those funds;

(4)(A) all tribal CAP water shall be delivered through the CAP system; and

(B) if the delivery capacity of the CAP system is significantly reduced or anticipated to be significantly reduced for an extended period of time, the Tribe shall have the same CAP delivery rights as a CAP contractor or CAP subcontractor that is allowed to take delivery of water other than through the CAP system;

(5) the Tribe may use tribal CAP water on or off the reservation for any purpose;

(6) as authorized by subsection (f)(2)(A) of section 403 of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1543) and to the extent that funds are available in the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund established by subsection (a) of that section, the United States shall pay to the Operating Agency the CAP fixed OM&R charges associated with the delivery of tribal CAP water (except in the case of tribal CAP water leased by any individual or entity);

(7) the Secretary shall waive the right of the Secretary to capture all return flow from project exchange water flowing from the exterior boundary of the reservation; and

(8) no CAP water service capital charge shall be due or payable for the tribal CAP water, regardless of whether the water is delivered for use by the Tribe or pursuant to a contract or option to lease or exchange tribal CAP water entered into by the Tribe.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Contract shall be—

(1) for permanent service (within the meaning of section 5 of the Boulder Canyon Project Act (43 U.S.C. 617d)); and

(2) without limit as to term.

(c) RATIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except to the extent that any provision of the Contract conflicts with a provision of this title, the Contract is authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(2) AMENDMENTS.—Any amendment to the Contract is authorized, ratified, and confirmed, to the extent that such amendment is executed to make the Contract consistent with this title.

(d) EXECUTION OF CONTRACT.—To the extent that the Contract does not conflict with this title, the Secretary shall execute the Contract.

(e) PAYMENT OF CHARGES.—The Tribe, and any recipient of tribal CAP water through a contract or option to lease or exchange, shall not be obligated to pay a water service capital charge or any other charge, payment, or fee for CAP water, except as provided in an applicable lease or exchange agreement.

(f) PROHIBITIONS.—

(1) USE OUTSIDE STATE.—No tribal CAP water may be leased, exchanged, forborne, or otherwise transferred by the Tribe in any way for use directly or indirectly outside the State.

(2) USE OFF RESERVATION.—Except as authorized by this section and paragraph 4.7 of the Agreement, no tribal water rights under this title may be sold, leased, transferred, or used outside the boundaries of the reservation or off-reservation trust land other than pursuant to an exchange.

(3) AGREEMENTS WITH ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this title or the Agreement limits the right of the Tribe to enter into an agreement with the Arizona Water Banking Authority (or any successor entity) established by section 45–2421 of the Arizona Revised Statutes in accordance with State law.

(g) LEASES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the leases of tribal CAP Water by the Tribe to the District and to any of the cities in the State, attached as exhibits to the Agreement, are not in conflict with the provisions of this title—

(A) those leases are authorized, ratified, and confirmed; and

(B) the Secretary shall execute the leases.

(2) AMENDMENTS.—To the extent that amendments are executed to make the leases described in paragraph (1) consistent with this title, those amendments are authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION OF WMAT RURAL WATER SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with subsections (a) and (e) of section 312 and subsection (h) of this section, the Secretary, acting through the Bureau, shall plan, design, and construct the WMAT rural water system to divert, store, and distribute water from the North Fork of the White River to the Tribe that shall consist of—

(1) a dam and storage reservoir, pumping plant, and treatment facilities located along the North Fork of the White River near the community of Whiteriver;

(2) a distribution system consisting of pipelines extending from the treatment facilities to existing water distribution systems serving the communities of Whiteriver, Fort Apache, Canyon Day, Cedar Creek, Carrizo, and Cibecue;

(3) connections to existing distribution facilities for the communities described in paragraph (2), but not including any upgrades of, or improvements to, existing or future public water systems for the communities described in paragraph (2) that may be necessary to accommodate increased demand and flow rates (and any associated changes in water quality);

(4) connections to additional communities along the pipeline, provided that the additional connections may be added to the distribution system described in paragraph (2) at the expense of the Tribe;

(5) appurtenant buildings and access roads;

(6) electrical power transmission and distribution facilities necessary for operation of the project; and

(7) any other project components that the Secretary, in consultation with the Tribe, determines to be necessary.

(b) MODIFICATIONS.—The Secretary and the Tribe—

(1) may modify the components of the WMAT rural water system described in subsection (a) by mutual agreement; and

(2) shall make all modifications required under subsection (c)(2).

(c) FINAL PROJECT DESIGN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue a final project design of the WMAT rural water system, including the dam, pumping plants, pipeline, and treatment plant, that is generally consistent with the project extension report dated February 2007 after the completion of—

(A) any appropriate environmental compliance activity; and

(B) the review process described in paragraph (2).

(2) REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review the proposed design of the WMAT rural water system and perform value engineering analyses.

(B) RESULTS.—Taking into consideration the review under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in consultation with the Tribe, shall require appropriate changes to the design, so that the final design—

(i) meets Bureau of Reclamation design standards;

(ii) to the maximum extent practicable, incorporates any changes that would improve the cost-effectiveness of the delivery of water through the WMAT rural water system; and

(iii) may be constructed for the amounts made available under section 312.

(d) CONVEYANCE OF TITLE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Title to the WMAT rural water system shall be held by the United States until title to the WMAT rural water system is conveyed by the Secretary to the Tribe pursuant to paragraph (2).

(2) CONVEYANCE TO TRIBE.—The Secretary shall convey to the Tribe title to the WMAT rural water system not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a statement of findings that—

(A) the operating criteria, standing operating procedures, emergency action plan, and first filling and monitoring criteria of the designers have been established and are in place;

(B) the WMAT rural water system has operated under the standing operating procedures of the designers, with the participation of the Tribe, for a period of 3 years;

(C) the Secretary has provided the Tribe with technical assistance on the manner by which to operate and maintain the WMAT rural water system;

(D) the funds made available under section 312(b)(3)(B) have been deposited in the WMAT Maintenance Fund; and

(E) the WMAT rural water system—

(i) is substantially complete, as determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) satisfies the requirement that—

(I) the infrastructure constructed is capable of storing, diverting, treating, transmitting, and distributing a supply of water as set forth in the final project design described in subsection (c); and

(II) the Secretary has consulted with the Tribe regarding the proposed finding that the WMAT rural water system is substantially complete.

(e) ALIENATION AND TAXATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Conveyance of title to the Tribe pursuant to subsection (d) does not waive or alter any applicable Federal law (including regulations) prohibiting alienation or taxation of the WMAT rural water system or the underlying reservation land.

(2) ALIENATION OF WMAT RURAL WATER SYSTEM.—The WMAT rural water system, including the components of the WMAT rural water system, shall not be alienated, encumbered, or conveyed in any manner by the Tribe, unless a reconveyance is authorized by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with subsections (d) and (e) of section 312, the Secretary, acting through the Bureau and in cooperation with the Tribe, shall operate, maintain, and replace the WMAT rural water system until the date on which title to the WMAT rural water system is transferred to the Tribe pursuant to subsection (d)(2).

(2) LIMITATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date on which title to the WMAT rural water system is transferred to the Tribe pursuant to subsection (d)(2), the United States shall have no obligation to pay for the operation, maintenance, or replacement costs of the WMAT rural water system.

(B) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Effective on the date on which the Secretary publishes a statement of findings in the Federal Register pursuant to subsection (d)(2), the United States shall not be held liable by any court for damages arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the land or facilities conveyed, other than damages caused by any intentional act or act of negligence committed by the United States, or by employees or agents of the United States, prior to the date on which the Secretary publishes a statement of findings in the Federal Register pursuant to subsection (d)(2).

(g) RIGHT TO REVIEW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The statement of findings published by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (d)(2) shall be considered to be a final agency action subject to judicial review under sections 701 through 706 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title gives the Tribe or any other party the right to judicial review of the determination by the Secretary under subsection (d) except under subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the ''Administrative Procedure Act'').

(h) APPLICABILITY OF ISDEAA.—

(1) AGREEMENT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.—On receipt of a request of the Tribe, and in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), the Secretary shall enter into 1 or more agreements with the Tribe to carry out the activities authorized by this section.

(2) CONTRACTS.—Any contract entered into pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) for the purpose of carrying out any provision of this title shall incorporate such provisions regarding periodic payment of funds, timing for use of funds, transparency, oversight, reporting, and accountability as the Secretary determines to be necessary (at the sole discretion of the Secretary) to ensure appropriate stewardship of Federal funds.

(i) FINAL DESIGNS; PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) FINAL DESIGNS.—All designs for the WMAT rural water system shall—

(A) conform to Bureau design standards; and

(B) be subject to review and approval by the Secretary.

(2) PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.—Each project component of the WMAT rural water system shall be constructed pursuant to designs and specifications approved by the Secretary, and all construction work shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Secretary.

(j) CONDITION.—As a condition of construction of the facilities authorized by this section, the Tribe shall provide, at no cost to the Secretary, all land or interests in land that the Secretary identifies as necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of those facilities.

SEC. 308. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as set forth in the Agreement, the benefits realized by the Tribe and its members under this title shall be in full satisfaction of all claims of the Tribe, its members, and the United States, acting as trustee for the benefit of the Tribe and its members, for water rights and injury to water rights under Federal, State, or other law with respect to the reservation and off-reservation trust land.

(b) USES OF WATER.—All uses of water on land outside of the reservation, if and when that land is subsequently and finally determined to be part of the reservation through resolution of any dispute between the Tribe and the United States over the location of the reservation boundary, and any fee land within the reservation placed into trust and made part of the reservation, shall be subject to the maximum annual diversion amounts and the maximum annual depletion amounts specified in the Agreement.

(c) NO RECOGNITION OF WATER RIGHTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), nothing in this title recognizes or establishes any right of a member of the Tribe to water on the reservation.

SEC. 309. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE AND OTHERS.—Except for the specifically retained claims described in subsection (b)(1), the Tribe, on behalf of itself and its members, and the United States, acting in its capacity as trustee for the Tribe and its members, as part of the performance of the respective obligations of the United States and the Tribe under the Agreement, are authorized to execute a waiver and release of any claims against the State (or any agency or political subdivision of the State), or any other person, entity, corporation, or municipal corporation under Federal, State, or other law for all—

(A)(i) past, present, and future claims for water rights for the reservation and off-reservation trust land arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever; and

(ii) past, present, and future claims for water rights arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever, that are based on aboriginal occupancy of land by the Tribe, its members, or their predecessors;

(B)(i) past and present claims for injury to water rights for the reservation and off-reservation trust land arising from time immemorial through the enforceability date;

(ii) past, present, and future claims for injury to water rights arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever, that are based on aboriginal occupancy of land by the Tribe, its members, or their predecessors; and

(iii) claims for injury to water rights arising after the enforceability date for the reservation and off-reservation trust land resulting from off-reservation diversion or use of water in a manner that is not in violation of the Agreement or State law; and

(C) past, present, and future claims arising out of, or relating in any manner to, the negotiation, execution, or adoption of the Agreement, an applicable settlement judgement or decree, or this title.

(2) CLAIMS AGAINST TRIBE.—Except for the specifically retained claims described in subsection (b)(3), the United States, in all capacities (except as trustee for an Indian tribe other than the Tribe), as part of the performance of its obligations under the Agreement, is authorized to execute a waiver and release of any and all claims against the Tribe, its members, or any agency, official, or employee of the Tribe, under Federal, State, or any other law for all—

(A) past and present claims for injury to water rights resulting from the diversion or use of water on the reservation and on off-reservation trust land arising from time immemorial through the enforceability date;

(B) claims for injury to water rights arising after the enforceability date resulting from the diversion or use of water on the reservation and on off-reservation trust land in a manner that is not in violation of the Agreement; and

(C) past, present, and future claims arising out of or related in any manner to the negotiation, execution, or adoption of the Agreement, an applicable settlement judgement or decree, or this title.

(3) CLAIMS AGAINST UNITED STATES.—Except for the specifically retained claims described in subsection (b)(2), the Tribe, on behalf of itself and its members, as part of the performance of the obligations of the Tribe under the Agreement, is authorized to execute a waiver and release of any claim against the United States, including agencies, officials, or employees of the United

States (except in the capacity of the United States as trustee for other Indian tribes), under Federal, State, or other law for any and all—

(A)(i) past, present, and future claims for water rights for the reservation and off-reservation trust land arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever; and

(ii) past, present, and future claims for water rights arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever that are based on aboriginal occupancy of land by the Tribe, its members, or their predecessors;

(B)(i) past and present claims relating in any manner to damages, losses, or injuries to water, water rights, land, or other resources due to loss of water or water rights (including damages, losses, or injuries to hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights due to loss of water or water rights, claims relating to interference with, diversion, or taking of water, or claims relating to failure to protect, acquire, or develop water, water rights, or water infrastructure) within the reservation and off-reservation trust land that first accrued at any time prior to the enforceability date;

(ii) past, present, and future claims for injury to water rights arising from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever that are based on aboriginal occupancy of land by the Tribe, its members, or their predecessors; and

(iii) claims for injury to water rights arising after the enforceability date for the reservation and off-reservation trust land resulting from the off-reservation diversion or use of water in a manner that is not in violation of the Agreement or applicable law;

(C) past, present, and future claims arising out of, or relating in any manner to, the negotiation, execution, or adoption of the Agreement, an applicable settlement judgment or decree, or this title;

(D) past and present claims relating in any manner to pending litigation of claims relating to the water rights of the Tribe for the reservation and off-reservation trust land;

(E) past and present claims relating to the operation, maintenance, and replacement of existing irrigation systems on the reservation constructed prior to the enforceability date that first accrued at any time prior to the enforceability date, which waiver shall only become effective on the full appropriation and payment to the Tribe of $4,950,000 of the amounts made available under section 312(b)(2)(B);

(F) any claims relating to operation, maintenance, and replacement of the WMAT rural water system, which waiver shall only become effective on the date on which funds are made available under section 312(b)(3)(B) and deposited in the WMAT Maintenance Fund;

(G) past and present breach of trust and negligence claims for damage to the land and natural resources of the Tribe caused by riparian and other vegetative manipulation by the United States for the purpose of increasing water runoff from the reservation that first accrued at any time prior to the enforceability date; and

(H) past and present claims for trespass, use, and occupancy of the reservation in, on, and along the Black River that first accrued at any time prior to the enforceability date.

(4) EFFECT ON BOUNDARY CLAIMS.—Nothing in this title expands, diminishes, or impacts any claims the Tribe may assert, or any defense the United States may assert, concerning title to land outside the most current survey, as of the date of enactment of this Act, of the northern boundary of the reservation.

(b) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS.—

(1) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS BY TRIBE AND UNITED STATES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the waiver and release of claims authorized under subsection (a)(1), the Tribe, on behalf of itself and its members, and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, shall retain any right—

(i) subject to subparagraph 16.9 of the Agreement, to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe and its members under the Agreement or this title in any Federal or State court of competent jurisdiction;

(ii) to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe under the judgment and decree entered by the court in the Gila River adjudication proceedings;

(iii) to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe under the judgment and decree entered by the court in the Little Colorado River adjudication proceedings;

(iv) to object to any claims by or for any other Indian tribe, Indian community or nation, or dependent Indian community, or the United States on behalf of such a tribe, community, or nation;

(v) to participate in the Gila River adjudication proceedings and the Little Colorado River adjudication proceedings to the extent provided in subparagraph 14.1 of the Agreement;

(vi) to assert any claims arising after the enforceability date for injury to water rights not specifically waived under this section;

(vii) to assert any past, present, or future claim for injury to water rights against any other Indian tribe, Indian community or nation, dependent Indian community, allottee, or the United States on behalf of such a tribe, community, nation, or allottee;

(viii) to assert any past, present, or future claim for trespass, use, and occupancy of the reservation in, on, or along the Black River against Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., Phelps Dodge Corporation, or Phelps Dodge Morenci, Inc. (or a predecessor or successor of those entities), including all subsidiaries and affiliates of those entities; and

(ix) to assert claims arising after the enforceability date for injury to water rights resulting from the pumping of water from land located within national forest land as of the date of the Agreement in the south ½ of T. 9 N., R. 24 E., the south ½ of T. 9 N., R. 25 E., the north ½ of T. 8 N., R. 24 E., or the north ½ of T. 8 N., R. 25 E., if water from the land is used on the land or is transported off the land for municipal, commercial, or industrial use.

(B) AGREEMENT.—On terms acceptable to the Tribe and the United States, the Tribe and the United States are authorized to enter into an agreement with Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., Phelps Dodge Corporation, or Phelps Dodge Morenci, Inc. (or a predecessor or successor of those entities), including all subsidiaries and affiliates of those entities, to resolve the claims of the Tribe relating to the trespass, use, and occupancy of the reservation in, on, and along the Black River.

(2) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS BY TRIBE AGAINST UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding the waiver and release of claims authorized under subsection (a)(3), the Tribe, on behalf of itself and its members, shall retain any right—

(A) subject to subparagraph 16.9 of the Agreement, to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe and its members under the Agreement or this title, in any Federal or State court of competent jurisdiction;

(B) to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe and members under the judgment and decree entered by the court in the Gila River adjudication proceedings;

(C) to assert claims for injuries to, and seek enforcement of, the rights of the Tribe and members under the judgment and decree entered by the court in the Little Colorado River adjudication proceedings;

(D) to object to any claims by or for any other Indian tribe, Indian community or nation, or dependent Indian community, or the United States on behalf of such a tribe, community, or nation;

(E) to assert past, present, or future claims for injury to water rights or any other claims other than a claim to water rights, against any other Indian tribe, Indian community or nation, or dependent Indian community, or the United States on behalf of such a tribe, community, or nation;

(F) to assert claims arising after the enforceability date for injury to water rights resulting from the pumping of water from land located within national forest land as of the date of the Agreement in the south ½ of T. 9 N., R. 24 E., the south ½ of T. 9 N., R. 25 E., the north ½ of T. 8 N., R. 24 E., or the north ½ of T. 8 N., R. 25 E., if water from that land is used on the land or is transported off the land for municipal, commercial, or industrial use;

(G) to assert any claims arising after the enforceability date for injury to water rights not specifically waived under this section;

(H) to seek remedies and to assert any other claims not specifically waived under this section; and

(I) to assert any claim arising after the enforceability date for a future taking by the United States of reservation land, off-reservation trust land, or any property rights appurtenant to that land, including any water rights set forth in paragraph 4.0 of the Agreement.

(3) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS BY UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding the waiver and release of claims authorized under subsection (a)(2), the United States shall retain any right to assert any claim not specifically waived in that subsection.

(c) EFFECTIVENESS OF WAIVER AND RELEASES.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in subparagraphs (E) and (F) of subsection (a)(3), the waivers and releases under subsection (a) shall become effective on the enforceability date.

(d) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—This section takes effect on the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a statement of findings that—

(A)(i) to the extent that the Agreement conflicts with this title, the Agreement has been revised through an amendment to eliminate the conflict; and

(ii) the Agreement, as so revised, has been executed by the Secretary, the Tribe, and the Governor of the State;

(B) the Secretary has fulfilled the requirements of sections 305 and 306;

(C) the amount made available under section 312(a) has been deposited in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount;

(D) the State funds described in subparagraph 13.3 of the Agreement have been deposited in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount;

(E) the Secretary has issued a record of decision approving the construction of the WMAT rural water system in a configuration substantially similar to that described in section 307;

(F) the judgments and decrees substantially in the form of those attached to the Agreement as exhibits 12.9.6.1 and 12.9.6.2

have been approved by the respective trial courts; and

(G) the waivers and releases authorized and set forth in subsection (a) have been executed by the Tribe and the Secretary.

(2) FAILURE OF ENFORCEABILITY DATE TO OCCUR.—If the Secretary does not publish a statement of findings under paragraph (1) by April 30, 2021—

(A) this title is repealed effective May 1, 2021, and any activity by the Secretary to carry out this title shall cease;

(B) any amounts made available under section 312 shall immediately revert to the general fund of the Treasury;

(C) any other amounts deposited in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount (including any amounts paid by the State in accordance with the Agreement), together with any interest accrued on those amounts, shall immediately be returned to the respective sources of those funds; and

(D) the Tribe and its members, and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, shall retain the right to assert past, present, and future water rights claims and claims for injury to water rights for the reservation and off-reservation trust land.

(3) NO ADDITIONAL RIGHTS TO WATER.—Beginning on the enforceability date, all land held by the United States in trust for the Tribe and its members shall have no rights to water other than those specifically quantified for the Tribe and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, for the reservation and off-reservation trust land pursuant to paragraph 4.0 of the Agreement.

(e) UNITED STATES ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this title or the Agreement affects any right of the United States to take any action, including environmental actions, under any laws (including regulations and the common law) relating to human health, safety, or the environment.

(f) NO EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1)(A)(ii), (1)(B)(ii), (3)(A)(ii), and (3)(B)(ii) of subsection (a), nothing in this title affects any rights to water of the Tribe, its members, or the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, for land outside the boundaries of the reservation or the off-reservation trust land.

(g) ENTITLEMENTS.—Any entitlement to water of the Tribe, its members, or the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and its members, relating to the reservation or off-reservation trust land shall be satisfied from the water resources granted, quantified, confirmed, or recognized with respect to the Tribe, its members, and the United States by the Agreement and this title.

(h) OBJECTION PROHIBITED.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1)(A)(ix) and (2)(F) of subsection (b), the Tribe and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe shall not—

(1) object to the use of any well located outside the boundaries of the reservation or the off-reservation trust land in existence on the enforceability date; or

(2) object to, dispute, or challenge after the enforceability date the drilling of any well or the withdrawal and use of water from any well in the Little Colorado River adjudication proceedings, the Gila River adjudication proceedings, or any other judicial or administrative proceeding.

SEC. 310. WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT SUBACCOUNT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund a subaccount to be known as the ''White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount'', consisting of—

(1) the amounts deposited in the subaccount pursuant to section 312(a); and

(2) such other amounts as are available, including the amounts provided in subparagraph 13.3 of the Agreement.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use amounts from the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount for the planning, design, and construction of the WMAT rural water system, in accordance with section 307(a).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the activities described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use such sums as are necessary from the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount—

(A) to provide the Bureau with amounts sufficient to carry out oversight of the planning, design, and construction of the WMAT rural water system;

(B) to repay to the Treasury (or the United States) any outstanding balance on the loan authorized by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act (Public Law 110–390; 122 Stat. 4191), after which repayment, the Tribe shall have no further liability for the balance on that loan; and

(C) to carry out all required environmental compliance activities associated with the planning, design, and construction of the WMAT rural water system.

(c) ISDEAA CONTRACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Tribe so requests, the planning, design, and construction of the WMAT rural water system shall be carried out pursuant to the terms of an agreement or agreements entered into under section 307(h).

(2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may pursue any judicial remedies and carry out any administrative actions that are necessary to enforce an agreement described in paragraph (1) to ensure that amounts in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount are used in accordance with this section.

(d) PROHIBITION ON PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS.—No amount of the principal, or the interest or income accruing on the principal, of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount shall be distributed to any member of the Tribe on a per capita basis.

(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount shall not be available for expenditure by the Secretary until the enforceability date.

(2) INVESTMENT.—The Secretary shall invest the amounts in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Settlement Subaccount in accordance with section 403(f)(4) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1543(f)(4)).

(3) USE OF INTEREST.—The interest accrued on amounts invested under paragraph (2) shall not be available for expenditure or withdrawal until the enforceability date.

SEC. 311. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a civil action described in paragraph (2)—

(A) the United States or the Tribe, or both, may be joined in the civil action; and

(B) any claim by the United States or the Tribe to sovereign immunity from the civil action is waived for the sole purpose of resolving any issue regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this title or the Agreement.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF CIVIL ACTION.—A civil action referred to in paragraph (1) is a civil action filed—

(A) by any party to the Agreement or signatory to an exhibit to the Agreement in a United States or State court that—

(i) relates solely and directly to the interpretation or enforcement of this title or the Agreement; and

(ii) names as a party the United States or the Tribe; or

(B) by a landowner or water user in the Gila River basin or Little Colorado River basin in the State that—

(i) relates solely and directly to the interpretation or enforcement of section 309 of this title and paragraph 12.0 of the Agreement; and

(ii) names as a party the United States or the Tribe.

(b) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title quantifies or otherwise affects any water right or claim or entitlement to water of any Indian tribe, band, or community other than the Tribe.

(c) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States shall have no trust or other obligation—

(A) to monitor, administer, or account for, in any manner, any amount paid to the Tribe by any party to the Agreement other than the United States; or

(B) to review or approve the expenditure of those funds.

(2) INDEMNIFICATION.—The Tribe shall indemnify the United States, and hold the United States harmless, with respect to any claim (including claims for takings or breach of trust) arising out of the receipt or expenditure of funds described in paragraph (1)(A).

(d) APPLICABILITY OF RECLAMATION REFORM ACT.—The Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.) and any other acreage limitation or full-cost pricing provision under Federal law shall not apply to any individual, entity, or land solely on the basis of—

(1) receipt of any benefit under this title;

(2) the execution or performance of the Agreement; or

(3) the use, storage, delivery, lease, or exchange of CAP water.

(e) SECRETARIAL POWER SITES.—The portions of the following named secretarial power site reserves that are located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation or the San Carlos Apache Reservation, as applicable, shall be transferred and restored into the name of the Tribe or the San Carlos Apache Tribe, respectively:

(1) Lower Black River (T. 3 N., R. 26 E.; T. 3 N., R. 27 E.).

(2) Black River Pumps (T. 2 N., R. 25 E.; T. 2 N., R. 26 E.; T. 3 N., R. 26 E.).

(3) Carrizo (T. 4 N., R. 20 E.; T. 4 N., R. 21 E.; T. 4½ N., R. 19 E.; T. 4½ N., R. 20 E.; T. 4½ N., R. 21 E.; T. 5 N., R. 19 E.).

(4) Knob (T. 5 N., R. 18 E.; T. 5 N., R. 19 E.).

(5) Walnut Canyon (T. 5 N., R. 17 E.; T. 5 N., R. 18 E.).

(6) Gleason Flat (T. 4½ N., R. 16 E.; T. 5 N., R. 16 E.).

(f) NO EFFECT ON FUTURE ALLOCATIONS.—Water received under a lease or exchange of tribal CAP water under this title shall not affect any future allocation or reallocation of CAP water by the Secretary.

(g) AFTER-ACQUIRED TRUST LAND.—

(1) REQUIREMENT OF ACT OF CONGRESS.—

(A) LEGAL TITLE.—Subject to subparagraph (B), after the enforceability date, if the Tribe seeks to have legal title to additional land in the State located outside the exterior boundaries of the reservation taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe, the Tribe may do so only pursuant to an Act of Congress specifically authorizing the transfer for the benefit of the Tribe.

(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to—

(i) the restoration of land to the reservation subsequently and finally determined to be part of the reservation through resolution of any dispute between the Tribe and the United States over the location of the reservation boundary, unless required by Federal law; or

(ii) off-reservation trust land acquired prior to January 1, 2008.

(2) WATER RIGHTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—After-acquired trust land that is located outside the reservation shall not include federally reserved rights to surface water or groundwater.

(B) RESTORED LAND.—Land that is restored to the reservation as the result of the resolution of any reservation boundary dispute between the Tribe and the United States, or any fee simple land within the reservation that is placed into trust, shall have water rights pursuant to section 308(b).

(3) ACCEPTANCE OF LAND IN TRUST STATUS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Tribe acquires legal fee title to land that is located within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, the Secretary shall accept the land in trust status for the benefit of the Tribe in accordance with applicable Federal law (including regulations) for such real estate acquisitions.

(B) RESERVATION STATUS.—Land held in trust by the Secretary under subparagraph (A), or restored to the reservation as a result of resolution of a boundary dispute between the Tribe and the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the reservation.

(h) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(b)(2) of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act (Public Law 110–390; 122 Stat. 4191) is amended by striking ''January 1, 2013'' and inserting ''May 1, 2021''.

SEC. 312. FUNDING.

(a) RURAL WATER SYSTEM.—

(1) MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS.—Subject to paragraph (2), out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out the planning, engineering, design, environmental compliance, and construction of the WMAT rural water system $126,193,000.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—The amount made available under paragraph (1) shall include such sums as are necessary, but not to exceed 4 percent of the construction contract costs, for the Bureau to carry out oversight of activities for planning, design, environmental compliance, and construction of the rural water system.

(b) WMAT SETTLEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF FUNDS.—In this subsection, the term ''Funds'' means—

(A) the WMAT Settlement Fund established by paragraph (2)(A); and

(B) the WMAT Maintenance Fund established by paragraph (3)(A).

(2) WMAT SETTLEMENT FUND.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the ''WMAT Settlement Fund'', to be administered by the Secretary, consisting of the amounts deposited in the fund under subparagraph (B), together with any interest accrued on those amounts, for use by the Tribe in accordance with subparagraph (C).

(B) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit in the WMAT Settlement Fund—

(I) $78,500,000; and

(II) any additional amounts described in clause (ii), if applicable.

(ii) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—In accordance with subsection (e)(4)(B), if the WMAT rural water system is conveyed to the Tribe before the date on which the $35,000,000 described in subsection (e)(2) is completely made available, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for deposit in the WMAT Settlement Fund, any remaining amounts that would otherwise have been made available for expenditure from the Cost Overrun Subaccount.

(C) USE OF FUNDS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall use amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund for any of the following purposes:

(I) Fish production, including hatcheries.

(II) Rehabilitation of recreational lakes and existing irrigation systems.

(III) Water-related economic development projects.

(IV) Protection, restoration, and economic development of forest and watershed health.

(ii) EXISTING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.—Of the amounts deposited in the Fund under subparagraph (B), not less than $4,950,000 shall be used for the rehabilitation of existing irrigation systems.

(3) WMAT MAINTENANCE FUND.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the ''WMAT Maintenance Fund'', to be administered by the Secretary, consisting of the amounts deposited in the fund under subparagraph (B), together with any interest accrued on those amounts, for use by the Tribe in accordance with subparagraph (C).

(B) MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $50,000,000 for deposit in the WMAT Maintenance Fund.

(C) USE OF FUNDS.—The Tribe shall use amounts in the WMAT Maintenance Fund only for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs associated with the delivery of water through the WMAT rural water system.

(4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall manage the Funds in accordance with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), including by investing amounts in the Funds in accordance with—

(A) the Act of April 1, 1880 (25 U.S.C. 161); and

(B) the first section of the Act of June 24, 1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a).

(5) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS FROM FUNDS.—Amounts in the Funds shall be available for expenditure or withdrawal only after the enforceability date and in accordance with subsection (f).

(6) EXPENDITURE AND WITHDRAWAL.—

(A) TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe may withdraw all or part of the amounts in the Funds on approval by the Secretary of a tribal management plan, as described in the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the requirements under the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), a tribal management plan under this subparagraph shall require the Tribe to use any amounts withdrawn from the Funds in accordance with paragraph (2)(C) or (3)(C), as applicable.

(iii) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may take judicial or administrative action to enforce the provisions of a tribal management plan described in clause (i) to ensure that any amounts withdrawn from the Funds under the tribal management plan are used in accordance with this title and the Agreement.

(iv) LIABILITY.—If the Tribe exercises the right to withdraw amounts from the Funds, neither the Secretary nor the Secretary of the Treasury shall retain any liability for the expenditure or investment of the amounts.

(B) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall submit to the Secretary for approval an expenditure plan for any portion of the amounts in the Funds that the Tribe does not withdraw under the tribal management plan.

(ii) DESCRIPTION.—The expenditure plan shall describe the manner in which, and the purposes for which, amounts remaining in the Funds will be used.

(iii) APPROVAL.—On receipt of an expenditure plan under clause (i), the Secretary shall approve the plan, if the Secretary determines that the plan is reasonable and consistent with this title and the Agreement.

(iv) ANNUAL REPORT.—For each of the Funds, the Tribe shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that describes all expenditures from the Fund during the year covered by the report.

(C) CERTAIN PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED.—No amount in the Funds shall be distributed to any member of the Tribe on a per capita basis.

(c) COST INDEXING.—All amounts made available under subsections (a), (b), and (e) shall be adjusted as necessary to reflect the changes since October 1, 2007, in the construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the construction of the WMAT rural water supply system, the maintenance of the rural water supply system, and the construction or rehabilitation of the other development projects described in subsection (b)(2)(C).

(d) OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $2,500,000 for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs of the WMAT rural water system, to remain available until the conditions described in section 307(f) have been met.

(e) COST OVERRUN SUBACCOUNT.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund a subaccount to be known as the ''WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount'', to be administered by the Secretary, consisting of the amounts deposited in the subaccount under paragraph (2), together with any interest accrued on those amounts, for use by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (4).

(2) MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $24,000,000 for deposit in the WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount.

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount $11,000,000.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount shall not be available for expenditure by the Secretary until the enforceability date.

(B) INVESTMENT.—The Secretary shall invest the amounts in the WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount in accordance with section 403(f)(4) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1543(f)(4)).

(C) USE OF INTEREST.—The interest accrued on the amounts invested under subparagraph (B) shall not be available for expenditure or withdrawal until the enforceability date.

(4) USE OF COST OVERRUN SUBACCOUNT.—

(A) INITIAL USE.—The Secretary shall use the amounts in the WMAT Cost Overrun Subaccount to complete the WMAT rural

water system or to carry out activities relating to the operation, maintenance, or replacement of facilities of the WMAT rural water system, as applicable, if the Secretary determines that the amounts made available under subsections (a) and (d) will be insufficient in the period before title to the WMAT rural water system is conveyed to the Tribe—

(i) to complete the WMAT rural water system; or

(ii) to operate and maintain the WMAT rural water system.

(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—All unobligated amounts remaining in the Cost Overrun Subaccount on the date on which title to the WMAT rural water system is conveyed to the Tribe shall be—

(i) returned to the general fund of the Treasury; and

(ii) on an appropriation pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii), deposited in the WMAT Settlement Fund and made available to the Tribe for use in accordance with subsection (b)(2)(C).

(f) CONDITIONS.—The amounts made available to the Secretary for deposit in the WMAT Maintenance Fund, together with any interest accrued on those amounts under subsection (b)(3) and any interest accruing on the WMAT Settlement Fund under subsection (b)(2), shall not be available for expenditure or withdrawal until the WMAT rural water system is transferred to the Tribe under section 307(d)(2).

(g) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this title the funds transferred under subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 313. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

The United States shall not be liable for failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized to be carried out under this title (including any such obligation or activity under the Agreement) if adequate appropriations are not provided by Congress expressly to carry out the purposes of this title.

SEC. 314. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

In implementing the Agreement and carrying out this title, the Secretary shall promptly comply with all applicable requirements of—

(1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

(2) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

(3) all other applicable Federal environmental laws; and

(4) all regulations promulgated under the laws described in paragraphs (1) through (3).

TITLE IV—CROW TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010''.

SEC. 402. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settlement of claims to water rights in the State of Montana for—

(A) the Crow Tribe; and

(B) the United States for the benefit of the Tribe and allottees;

(2) to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Crow Tribe-Montana Water Rights Compact entered into by the Tribe and the State of Montana on June 22, 1999;

(3) to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior—

(A) to execute the Crow Tribe-Montana Water Rights Compact; and

(B) to take any other action necessary to carry out the Compact in accordance with this title; and

(4) to ensure the availability of funds necessary for the implementation of the Compact and this title.

SEC. 403. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ALLOTTEE.—The term ''allottee'' means any individual who holds a beneficial real property interest in an allotment of Indian land that is—

(A) located within the Reservation or the ceded strip; and

(B) held in trust by the United States.

(2) CEDED STRIP.—The term ''ceded strip'' means the area identified as the ceded strip on the map included in appendix 5 of the Compact.

(3) CIP OM&R.—The term ''CIP OM&R'' means—

(A) any recurring or ongoing activity associated with the day-to-day operation of the Crow Irrigation Project;

(B) any activity relating to scheduled or unscheduled maintenance of the Crow Irrigation Project; and

(C) any activity relating to replacement of a feature of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(4) COMPACT.—The term ''Compact'' means the water rights compact between the Tribe and the State of Montana contained in section 85–20–901 of the Montana Code Annotated (2009) (including any exhibit, part, or amendment to the Compact).

(5) CROW IRRIGATION PROJECT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''Crow Irrigation Project'' means the irrigation project—

(i) authorized by section 31 of the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1040);

(ii) managed by the Secretary (acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs); and

(iii) consisting of the project units of—

(I) Agency;

(II) Bighorn;

(III) Forty Mile;

(IV) Lodge Grass #1;

(V) Lodge Grass #2;

(VI) Pryor;

(VII) Reno;

(VIII) Soap Creek; and

(IX) Upper Little Horn.

(B) INCLUSION.—The term ''Crow Irrigation Project'' includes land held in trust by the United States for the Tribe and the allottees in the Bozeman Trail and Two Leggins irrigation districts.

(6) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—The term ''enforceability date'' means the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register the statement of findings described in section 410(e).

(7) FINAL.—The term ''final'' with reference to approval of the decree described in section 410(e)(1)(A), means—

(A) completion of any direct appeal to the Montana Supreme Court of a decree by the Montana Water Court pursuant to section 85–2–235 of the Montana Code Annotated (2009), including the expiration of time for filing of any such appeal; or

(B) completion of any appeal to the appropriate United States Court of Appeals, including the expiration of time in which a petition for certiorari may be filed in the United States Supreme Court, denial of such petition, or issuance of a final judgment of the United States Supreme Court, whichever occurs last.

(8) FUND.—The term ''Fund'' means the Crow Settlement Fund established by section 411.

(9) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ''Indian tribe'' has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(10) JOINT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT.—The term ''joint stipulation of settlement'' means the joint stipulation of settlement relating to the civil action styled Crow Tribe of Indians v. Norton, No. 02–284 (D.D.C. 2006).

(11) MR&I SYSTEM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''MR&I System'' means the municipal, rural, and industrial water system of the Reservation, generally described in the document entitled ''Crow Indian Reservation Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water System Engineering Report'' prepared by DOWL HKM, and dated July 2008 and updated in a status report prepared by DOWL HKM dated December 2009.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ''MR&I System'' includes—

(i) the raw water intake, water treatment plant, pipelines, storage tanks, pumping stations, pressure-reducing valves, electrical transmission facilities, and other items (including real property and easements necessary to deliver potable water to the Reservation) appurtenant to the system described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) in descending order of construction priority—

(I) the Bighorn River Valley Subsystem;

(II) the Little Bighorn River Valley Subsystem; and

(III) Pryor Extension.

(12) MR&I SYSTEM OM&R.—The term ''MR&I System OM&R'' means—

(A) any recurring or ongoing activity associated with the day-to-day operation of the MR&I System;

(B) any activity relating to scheduled or unscheduled maintenance of the MR&I System; and

(C) any activity relating to replacement of project features of the MR&I System.

(13) RESERVATION.—The term ''Reservation'' means the area identified as the Reservation on the map in appendix 4 of the Compact.

(14) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(15) TRIBAL COMPACT ADMINISTRATION.—The term ''Tribal Compact Administration'' means any activity relating to—

(A) the development or enactment by the Tribe of the tribal water code;

(B) establishment by the Tribe of a water resources department; and

(C) the operation by the Tribe of that water resources department (or a successor agency) during the 10-year period beginning on the date of establishment of the department.

(16) TRIBAL WATER CODE.—The term ''tribal water code'' means a water code adopted by the Tribe in accordance with section 407(f).

(17) TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.—The term ''tribal water rights'' means—

(A) the water rights of the Tribe described in article III of the Compact; and

(B) the water rights provided to the Tribe under section 408.

(18) TRIBE.—The term ''Tribe'' means the Crow Tribe of Indians of the State of Montana on behalf of itself and its members (but not its members in their capacities as allottees).

SEC. 404. RATIFICATION OF COMPACT.

(a) RATIFICATION OF COMPACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as modified by this title, and to the extent the Compact does not conflict with this title, the Compact is authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(2) AMENDMENTS TO COMPACT.—If amendments are executed to make the Compact consistent with this title, those amendments are also authorized, ratified, and confirmed to the extent such amendments are consistent with this title.

(b) EXECUTION OF COMPACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the Compact does not conflict with this title, the Secretary is directed to and shall promptly execute the Compact, including all exhibits to or parts of the Compact requiring the signature of the Secretary.

(2) MODIFICATIONS.—Nothing in this title precludes the Secretary from approving modifications to appendices or exhibits to the Compact not inconsistent with this title, to the extent such modifications do not otherwise require Congressional approval pursuant to section 2116 of the Revised Statutes (25 U.S.C. 177) or other applicable Federal law.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In implementing the Compact, the Secretary shall promptly comply with all applicable aspects of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and all other applicable environmental Acts and regulations.

(2) EXECUTION OF THE COMPACT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Execution of the Compact by the Secretary under this section shall not constitute a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(B) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall carry out all Federal compliance activities necessary to implement the Compact.

SEC. 405. REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CROW IRRIGATION PROJECT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and without altering applicable law (including regulations) under which the Bureau of Indian Affairs collects assessments and carries out CIP OM&R, other than the rehabilitation and improvement carried out under this section, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall carry out such activities as are necessary to rehabilitate and improve the water diversion and delivery features of the Crow Irrigation Project, in accordance with an agreement to be negotiated between the Secretary and the Tribe.

(b) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Reclamation shall serve as the lead agency with respect to any activity to rehabilitate or improve the water diversion or delivery features of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(c) SCOPE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The scope of the rehabilitation and improvement under this section shall be as generally described in the document entitled ''Engineering Evaluation of Existing Conditions, Crow Agency Rehabilitation Study'' prepared by DOWL HKM, and dated August 2007 and updated in a status report dated December 2009 by DOWL HKM, on the condition that prior to beginning construction activities, the Secretary shall review the design of the proposed rehabilitation or improvement and perform value engineering analyses.

(2) NEGOTIATION WITH TRIBE.—On the basis of the review described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall negotiate with the Tribe appropriate changes to the final design so that the final design meets applicable industry standards, as well as changes, if any, that would improve the cost-effectiveness of the delivery of irrigation water and take into consideration the equitable distribution of water to allottees.

(d) NONREIMBURSABILITY OF COSTS.—All costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall be nonreimbursable.

(e) FUNDING.—The total amount of obligations incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall not exceed $131,843,000, except that the total amount of $131,843,000 shall be increased or decreased, as appropriate, based on ordinary fluctuations from May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the rehabilitation and improvement.

(f) TRIBAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the Tribe, in accordance with applicable Federal law, the Secretary shall enter into 1 or more agreements with the Tribe to implement the provisions of this section by which the Tribe shall plan, design, and construct any or all of the rehabilitation and improvement required by this section.

(2) OVERSIGHT COSTS.—The Bureau of Reclamation and the Tribe shall negotiate the cost of any oversight activities carried out by the Bureau of Reclamation for each agreement under this section, provided that the total cost for that oversight shall not exceed 4 percent of the total project costs.

(g) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

(1) TRIBAL EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request, and in partial consideration for the funding provided under section 414(a), the Tribe shall consent to the grant of such easements and rights-of-way over tribal land as may be necessary for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project authorized by this section at no cost to the United States.

(B) JURISDICTION.—The Tribe shall retain criminal and civil jurisdiction over any lands that were subject to tribal jurisdiction prior to the granting of an easement or right-of-way in connection with the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(2) USER EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—In partial consideration of the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project authorized by this section and as a condition of continued service from the Crow Irrigation Project after the enforceability date, any water user of the Crow Irrigation Project shall consent to the grant of such easements and rights-of-way as may be necessary for the rehabilitation and improvements authorized under this section at no cost to the Secretary.

(3) LAND ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES.—Land acquired by the United States in connection with rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project authorized by this section shall be held in trust by the United States on behalf of the Tribe as part of the Reservation of the Tribe.

(h) PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall facilitate the formation of a project management committee composed of representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Tribe—

(1) to review cost factors and budgets for construction, operation, and maintenance activities relating to the Crow Irrigation Project;

(2) to improve management of inherently governmental activities through enhanced communication; and

(3) to seek additional ways to reduce overall costs for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project.

SEC. 406. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MR&I SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall plan, design, and construct the water diversion and delivery features of the MR&I System, in accordance with 1 or more agreements between the Secretary and the Tribe.

(b) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Reclamation shall serve as the lead agency with respect to any activity to design and construct the water diversion and delivery features of the MR&I System.

(c) SCOPE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The scope of the design and construction under this section shall be as generally described in the document entitled ''Crow Indian Reservation Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water System Engineering Report'' prepared by DOWL HKM, and dated July 2008 and updated in a status report dated December 2009 by DOWL HKM, on the condition that prior to beginning construction activities, the Secretary shall review the design of the proposed MR&I System and perform value engineering analyses.

(2) NEGOTIATION WITH TRIBE.—On the basis of the review described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall negotiate with the Tribe appropriate changes to the final design so that the final design meets applicable industry standards, as well as changes, if any, that would improve the cost-effectiveness of the delivery of MR&I System water and take into consideration the equitable distribution of water to allottees.

(d) NONREIMBURSABILITY OF COSTS.—All costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall be nonreimbursable.

(e) FUNDING.—The total amount of obligations incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall not exceed $246,381,000, except that the total amount of $246,381,000 shall be increased or decreased, as appropriate, based on ordinary fluctuations from May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the design and construction of the MR&I System.

(f) TRIBAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the Tribe, in accordance with applicable Federal law, the Secretary shall enter into 1 or more agreements with the Tribe to implement the provisions of this section by which the Tribe shall plan, design, and construct any or all of the rehabilitation and improvement required by this section.

(2) OVERSIGHT COSTS.—The Bureau of Reclamation and the Tribe shall negotiate the cost of any oversight activities carried out by the Bureau of Reclamation for each agreement under this section, provided that the total cost for that oversight shall not exceed 4 percent of the total project costs.

(g) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

(1) TRIBAL EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request, and in partial consideration for the funding provided under section 414(b), the Tribe shall consent to the grant of such easements and rights-of-way over tribal land as may be necessary for the construction of the MR&I System authorized by this section at no cost to the United States.

(B) JURISDICTION.—The Tribe shall retain criminal and civil jurisdiction over any lands that were subject to tribal jurisdiction prior to the granting of an easement or right-of-way in connection with the construction of the MR&I System.

(2) LAND ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES.—Land acquired by the United States in connection with the construction of the MR&I System authorized by this section shall be held in trust by the United States on behalf of the Tribe as part of the Reservation of the Tribe.

(h) CONVEYANCE OF TITLE TO MR&I SYSTEM FACILITIES.——

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey title to each MR&I System facility or section of a MR&I System facility authorized under subsection (a) to the Tribe after completion of construction of a MR&I System facility or a section of a MR&I System facility that is operating and delivering water.

(2) LIABILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of the conveyance authorized by this subsection, the United States shall not be held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the land, buildings, or facilities conveyed under this subsection, other than damages caused by acts of negligence committed by the United States, or by employees or agents of the United States, prior to the date of conveyance.

(B) TORT CLAIMS.—Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United States beyond the liability provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the ''Federal Tort Claims Act'').

(3) NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 45 days before the date of a proposed conveyance of title to any MR&I System facility, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate notice of the conveyance of each such MR&I System facility or section of a MR&I System facility.

(4) MR&I SYSTEM OM&R OBLIGATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER CONVEYANCE.—The Federal Government shall have no obligation to pay for the operation, maintenance, or replacement costs of the MR&I System beginning on the date on which—

(A) title to any MR&I System facility or section of a MR&I System facility under this subsection is conveyed to the Tribe; and

(B) the amounts required to be deposited in the MR&I System OM&R Account pursuant to section 411 have been deposited in that account.

(i) AUTHORITY OF TRIBE.—Upon transfer of title to the MR&I System or any section of a MR&I System facility to the Tribe in accordance with subsection (h), the Tribe is authorized to collect water use charges from customers of the MR&I System to cover—

(1) MR&I System OM&R costs; and

(2) any other costs relating to the construction and operation of the MR&I System.

(j) ALIENATION AND TAXATION.—Conveyance of title to the Tribe pursuant to subsection (h) does not waive or alter any applicable Federal law prohibiting alienation or taxation of the MR&I System or the underlying Reservation land.

(k) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to prepare the Tribe for operation of the MR&I System, including operation and management training.

(l) PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall facilitate the formation of a project management committee composed of representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Tribe—

(1) to review cost factors and budgets for construction, operation and maintenance activities for the MR&I System;

(2) to improve management of inherently governmental activities through enhanced communication; and

(3) to seek additional ways to reduce overall costs for the MR&I System.

(m) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to completion of the final design of the MR&I System required by subsection (c), the Secretary shall consult with the Tribe, the State of Montana, and other affected non-Federal parties to discuss the possibility of receiving non-Federal contributions to the cost of the MR&I System.

(2) NEGOTIATIONS.—If, based on the extent to which non-Federal parties are expected to use the MR&I System, a non-Federal contribution to the MR&I System is determined by the parties described in paragraph (1) to be appropriate, the Secretary shall initiate negotiations for an agreement on the means by which such contributions may be provided.

SEC. 407. TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.

(a) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the intent of Congress to provide to each allottee benefits that are equivalent to or exceed the benefits allottees possess as of the date of enactment of this Act, taking into consideration—

(1) the potential risks, cost, and time delay associated with litigation that would be resolved by the Compact and this title;

(2) the availability of funding under this title and from other sources;

(3) the availability of water from the tribal water rights; and

(4) the applicability of section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381) and this title to protect the interests of allottees.

(b) CONFIRMATION OF TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The tribal water rights are ratified, confirmed, and declared to be valid.

(2) USE.—Use of the tribal water rights shall be subject to the terms and conditions established by the Compact.

(c) HOLDING IN TRUST.—The tribal water rights—

(1) shall be held in trust by the United States for the use and benefit of the Tribe and the allottees in accordance with this section; and

(2) shall not be subject to forfeiture or abandonment.

(d) ALLOTTEES.—

(1) APPLICABILITY OF ACT OF FEBRUARY 8, 1887.—The provisions of section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), relating to the use of water for irrigation purposes shall apply to the tribal water rights.

(2) ENTITLEMENT TO WATER.—Any entitlement to water of an allottee under Federal law shall be satisfied from the tribal water rights.

(3) ALLOCATIONS.—Allottees shall be entitled to a just and equitable allocation of water for irrigation purposes.

(4) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—Before asserting any claim against the United States under section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), or any other applicable law, an allottee shall exhaust remedies available under the tribal water code or other applicable tribal law.

(5) CLAIMS.—Following exhaustion of remedies available under the tribal water code or other applicable tribal law, an allottee may seek relief under section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), or other applicable law.

(6) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall have the authority to protect the rights of allottees as specified in this section.

(e) AUTHORITY OF TRIBE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Tribe shall have authority to allocate, distribute, and lease the tribal water rights—

(A) in accordance with the Compact; and

(B) subject to approval of the Secretary of the tribal water code under subsection (f)(3)(B).

(2) LEASES BY ALLOTTEES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an allottee may lease any interest in land held by the allottee, together with any water right determined to be appurtenant to the interest in land.

(f) TRIBAL WATER CODE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period set forth in article IV(A)(2)(b) of the Compact, not later than 3 years after the date on which the Tribe ratifies the Compact as set forth in section 410(e)(1)(E), the Tribe shall enact a tribal water code, that provides for—

(A) the management, regulation, and governance of all uses of the tribal water rights in accordance with the Compact; and

(B) establishment by the Tribe of conditions, permit requirements, and other limitations relating to the storage, recovery, and use of the tribal water rights in accordance with the Compact.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—Subject to the approval of the Secretary, the tribal water code shall provide that—

(A) tribal allocations of water to allottees shall be satisfied with water from the tribal water rights;

(B) charges for delivery of water for irrigation purposes for allottees shall be assessed on a just and equitable basis;

(C) there is a process by which an allottee may request that the Tribe provide water for irrigation use in accordance with this title;

(D) there is a due process system for the consideration and determination by the Tribe of any request by an allottee, or any successor in interest to an allottee, for an allocation of such water for irrigation purposes on allotted land, including a process for—

(i) appeal and adjudication of any denied or disputed distribution of water; and

(ii) resolution of any contested administrative decision; and

(E) there is a requirement that any allottee with a claim relating to the enforcement of rights of the allottee under the tribal water code or relating to the amount of water allocated to land of the allottee must first exhaust remedies available to the allottee under tribal law and the tribal water code before initiating an action against the United States or petitioning the Secretary pursuant to subsection (d)(6).

(3) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer the tribal water rights until the tribal water code is enacted in accordance with paragraph (1) and those provisions requiring approval pursuant to paragraph (2).

(B) APPROVAL.—The tribal water code shall not be valid unless—

(i) the provisions of the tribal water code required by paragraph (2) are approved by the Secretary; and

(ii) each amendment to the tribal water code that affects a right of an allottee is approved by the Secretary.

(C) APPROVAL PERIOD.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the tribal water code within a reasonable period of time after the date on which the Tribe submits it to the Secretary.

(g) EFFECT.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, nothing in this title—

(1) authorizes any action by an allottee against any individual or entity, or against the Tribe, under Federal, State, tribal, or local law; or

(2) alters or affects the status of any action pursuant to section 1491(a) of title 28, United States Code.

SEC. 408. STORAGE ALLOCATION FROM BIGHORN LAKE.

(a) STORAGE ALLOCATION TO TRIBE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As described in and subject to article III(A)(1)(b) of the Compact, the Secretary shall allocate to the Tribe 300,000 acre-feet per year of water stored in Bighorn Lake, Yellowtail Unit, Lower Bighorn Division, Pick Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Montana, under a water right held by the United States and managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, as measured at the outlet works of Yellowtail Dam, including—

(A) not more than 150,000 acre-feet per year of the allocation, which may be used in addition to the natural flow right described in article III(A)(1)(a) of the Compact; and

(B) 150,000 acre-feet per year of the allocation, which may be used only as supplemental water for the natural flow right described in article III(A)(1)(a) of the Compact for use in times of natural flow shortage.

(2) TREATMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The allocation under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be part of the tribal water rights.

(B) PRIORITY DATE.—The priority date of the allocation under paragraph (1) shall be the priority date of the water right held by the Bureau of Reclamation.

(C) ADMINISTRATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall administer the water allocated under paragraph (1) in accordance with the Compact.

(ii) TEMPORARY TRANSFER.—In accordance with subsection (c), the Tribe may temporarily transfer by service contract, lease, exchange, or other agreement, not more than 50,000 acre-feet of water allocated under paragraph (1)(A) off the Reservation, subject to the approval of the Secretary and the requirements of the Compact.

(b) ALLOCATION AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving an allocation under this section, the Tribe shall enter into an allocation agreement with the Secretary to establish the terms and conditions of the allocation, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Compact and this title.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—The allocation agreement under paragraph (1) shall include, among other things, a provision that—

(A) the agreement is without limit as to term;

(B) the Tribe, and not the United States, shall be entitled to all consideration due to the Tribe under any lease, contract, or agreement the Tribe may enter into pursuant to the authority in subsection (c);

(C) the United States shall have no trust obligation or other obligation to monitor, administer, or account for—

(i) any funds received by the Tribe as consideration under any lease, contract, or agreement the Tribe may enter into pursuant to the authority in subsection (c); or

(ii) the expenditure of such funds;

(D) if the facilities at Yellowtail Dam are significantly reduced or are anticipated to be significantly reduced for an extended period of time, the Tribe shall have the same storage rights as other storage contractors with respect to the allocation under this section;

(E) the costs associated with the construction of the storage facilities at Yellowtail Dam allocable to the Tribe—

(i) shall be nonreimbursable; and

(ii) shall be excluded from any repayment obligation of the Tribe;

(F) no water service capital charges shall be due or payable for any water allocated to the Tribe pursuant to this title and the allocation agreement, regardless of whether that water is delivered for use by the Tribe or is delivered under any leases, contracts, or agreements the Tribe may enter into pursuant to the authority in subsection (c);

(G) the Tribe shall not be required to make payments to the United States for any water allocated to the Tribe pursuant to this title and the allocation agreement except for each acre-foot of stored water leased or sold for industrial purposes; and

(H) for each acre-foot of stored water leased or sold by the Tribe for industrial purposes—

(i) the Tribe shall pay annually to the United States an amount to cover the proportionate share of the annual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs for the Yellowtail Unit allocable to the amount of water for industrial purposes leased or sold by the Tribe; and

(ii) the annual payments of the Tribe shall be reviewed and adjusted, as appropriate, to reflect the actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs for the Yellowtail Unit.

(c) TEMPORARY TRANSFER FOR USE OFF RESERVATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of statutory or common law and subject to paragraph (2), on approval of the Secretary and subject to the terms and conditions of the Compact, the Tribe may enter into a service contract, lease, exchange, or other agreement providing for the temporary delivery, use, or transfer of not more than 50,000 acre-feet per year of water allocated under subsection (a)(1)(A) for use off the Reservation.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—An agreement under paragraph (1) shall not permanently alienate any portion of the water allocated under subsection (a)(1)(A).

(d) REMAINING STORAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As of the date of enactment of this Act, water in Bighorn Lake shall be considered to be fully allocated and no further storage allocations shall be made by the Secretary.

(2) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this subsection prevents the Secretary from—

(A) renewing the storage contract with Pennsylvania Power and Light Company consistent with the allocation to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) entering into future agreements with either the Northern Cheyenne Tribe or the Crow Tribe facilitating either tribe's use of its respective allocation of water from Bighorn Lake.

SEC. 409. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) SATISFACTION OF TRIBAL CLAIMS.—The benefits realized by the Tribe under this title shall be in complete replacement of and substitution for, and full satisfaction of, all claims of the Tribe against the United States under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 410(a).

(2) SATISFACTION OF ALLOTTEE CLAIMS.—The benefits realized by the allottees under this title shall be in complete replacement of and substitution for, and full satisfaction of—

(A) all claims waived and released under section 410(a)(2); and

(B) any claims of the allottees against the United States that the allottees have or could have asserted that are similar in nature to those described in section 410(a)(3).

(b) SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS RELATING TO CROW IRRIGATION PROJECT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), the funds made available under subsections (a) and (f) of section 414 shall be used to satisfy any claim of the Tribe or the allottees with respect to the appropriation of funds for the rehabilitation, expansion, improvement, repair, operation, or maintenance of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(2) SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.—Upon complete transfer of the funds described in subsections (a) and (f) of section 414 any claim of the Tribe or the allottees with respect to the transfer of funds for the rehabilitation, expansion, improvement, repair, operation, or maintenance of the Crow Irrigation Project shall be deemed to have been satisfied.

(3) EFFECT.—Except as provided in section 405, nothing in this title affects any applicable law (including regulations) under which the United States collects irrigation assessments from—

(A) non-Indian users of the Crow Irrigation Project; and

(B) the Tribe, tribal entities and instrumentalities, tribal members, allottees, and entities owned by the Tribe, tribal members, or allottees, to the extent that annual irrigation assessments on such tribal water users exceed the amount of funds available under section 411(e)(3)(D) for costs relating to CIP OM&R.

(c) NO RECOGNITION OF WATER RIGHTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a) and except as provided in section 407, nothing in this title recognizes or establishes any right of a member of the Tribe or an allottee to water within the Reservation or the ceded strip.

SEC. 410. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS BY THE TRIBE AND THE UNITED STATES ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE TRIBE.—Subject to the retention of rights set forth in subsection (c), in return for recognition of the tribal water rights and other benefits as set forth in the Compact and this title, the Tribe, on behalf of itself and the members of the Tribe (but not tribal members in their capacities as allottees), and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and the members of the Tribe (but not tribal members in their capacities as allottees), are authorized and directed to execute a waiver and release of all claims for water rights within the State of Montana that the Tribe, or the United States acting as trustee for the Tribe, asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including the State of Montana stream adjudication, prior to and including the enforceability date, except to the extent that such rights are recognized in the Compact or this title.

(2) WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS BY THE UNITED STATES ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR ALLOTTEES.—Subject to the retention of rights set forth in subsection (c), in return for recognition of the water rights of the Tribe and other benefits as set forth in the Compact and this title, the United States, acting as trustee for allottees, is authorized and directed to execute a waiver and release of all claims for water rights within the Reservation and the ceded strip that the United States, acting as trustee for the allottees, asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including the State of Montana stream adjudication, prior to and including the enforceability date, except to the extent that such rights are recognized in the Compact or this title.

(3) WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS BY THE TRIBE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—Subject to the retention of rights set forth in subsection (c), the Tribe, on behalf of itself and the members of the Tribe (but not Tribal members in their capacities as allottees), is authorized to execute a waiver and release of—

(A) all claims against the United States, including the agencies and employees of the United States, relating to claims for water rights within the State of Montana that the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe, asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including the State of Montana stream adjudication, except to the extent that such rights are recognized as tribal water rights in this title, including all claims relating in any manner to the claims reserved against the United States or agencies or employees of the United States in section 4(e) of the joint stipulation of settlement;

(B) all claims against the United States, including the agencies and employees of the United States, relating to damages, losses, or injuries to water, water rights, land, or natural resources due to loss of water or water rights (including damages, losses, or injuries to hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights due to loss of water or water rights, claims relating to interference with, diversion or taking of water, or claims relating to failure to protect, acquire, replace, or develop water, water rights, or water infrastructure) within the State of Montana that first accrued at any time prior to and including the enforceability date, including all claims relating to the failure to establish or provide a municipal rural or industrial water delivery system on the Reservation and all claims relating to the failure to provide for, operate, or maintain the Crow Irrigation Project, or any other irrigation system or irrigation project on the Reservation;

(C) all claims against the United States, including the agencies and employees of the United States, relating to the pending litigation of claims relating to the water rights of the Tribe in the State of Montana;

(D) all claims against the United States, including the agencies and employees of the United States, relating to the negotiation, execution, or the adoption of the Compact (including exhibits) or this title;

(E) subject to the retention of rights set forth in subsection (c), all claims for monetary damages against the United States that first accrued at any time prior to and including the enforceability date with respect to—

(i) the failure to recognize or enforce the claim of the Tribe of title to land created by the movement of the Bighorn River; and

(ii) the failure to make productive use of that land created by the movement of the Bighorn River to which the Tribe has claimed title;

(F) all claims against the United States that first accrued at any time prior to and including the enforceability date arising from the taking or acquisition of the land of the Tribe or resources for the construction of the Yellowtail Dam;

(G) all claims against the United States that first accrued at any time prior to and including the enforceability date relating to the construction and operation of Yellowtail Dam and the management of Bighorn Lake; and

(H) all claims that first accrued at any time prior to and including the enforceability date relating to the generation, or the lack thereof, of power from Yellowtail Dam.

(b) EFFECTIVENESS OF WAIVERS AND RELEASES.—The waivers under subsection (a) shall take effect on the enforceability date.

(c) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases authorized in this title, the Tribe on behalf of itself and the members of the Tribe and the United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe and allottees, retain—

(1) all claims for enforcement of the Compact, any final decree, or this title;

(2) all rights to use and protect water rights acquired after the date of enactment of this Act;

(3) all claims relating to activities affecting the quality of water, including any claims the Tribe may have under—

(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), including for damages to natural resources;

(B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);

(C) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and

(D) any regulations implementing the Acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (C);

(4) all claims relating to damages, losses, or injuries to land or natural resources not due to loss of water or water rights (including hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights);

(5) all rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, and powers not specifically waived and released pursuant to this title or article VII(E) of the Compact;

(6) all claims against any person or entity other than the United States, including claims for monetary damages, with respect to—

(A) the claim of the Tribe of title to land created by the movement of the Bighorn River; and

(B) the productive use of that land created by the movement of the Bighorn River to which the Tribe has claimed title; and

(7) all claims that first accrued after the enforceability date with respect to claims otherwise waived in accordance with subparagraphs (B) and (E) through (H) of subsection (a)(3).

(d) EFFECT OF COMPACT AND TITLE.—Nothing in the Compact or this title—

(1) affects the ability of the United States, acting as sovereign, to take actions authorized by law, including any laws relating to health, safety, or the environment, including—

(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

(B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);

(C) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and

(D) any regulations implementing the Acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (C);

(2) affects the ability of the United States to take actions acting as trustee for any other Indian tribe or allottee of any other Indian tribe;

(3) confers jurisdiction on any State court—

(A) to interpret Federal law regarding health, safety, or the environment;

(B) to determine the duties of the United States or other parties pursuant to Federal law regarding health, safety, or the environment; or

(C) to conduct judicial review of Federal agency action;

(4) waives any claim of a member of the Tribe in an individual capacity that does not derive from a right of the Tribe; or

(5) revives any claims waived by the Tribe in the joint stipulation of settlement.

(e) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The enforceability date shall be the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a statement of findings that—

(A)(i) the Montana Water Court has issued a final judgment and decree approving the Compact; or

(ii) if the Montana Water Court is found to lack jurisdiction, the district court of jurisdiction has approved the Compact as a consent decree and such approval is final;

(B) all of the funds made available under subsections (c) through (f) of section 414 have been deposited in the Fund;

(C) the Secretary has executed the agreements with the Tribe required by sections 405(a) and 406(a);

(D) the State of Montana has appropriated and paid into an interest-bearing escrow account any payments due as of the date of enactment of this Act to the Tribe under the Compact;

(E)(i) the Tribe has ratified the Compact by submitting this title and the Compact to a vote by the tribal membership for approval or disapproval; and

(ii) the tribal membership has voted to approve this title and the Compact by a majority of votes cast on the day of the vote, as certified by the Secretary and the Tribe;

(F) the Secretary has fulfilled the requirements of section 408(a); and

(G) the waivers and releases authorized and set forth in subsection (a) have been executed by the Tribe and the Secretary.

(f) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicable period of limitation and time-based equitable defense relating to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date on which the amounts made available to carry out this title are transferred to the Secretary.

(2) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of limitation or time-based equitable defense that expired before the date of enactment of this Act.

(g) EXPIRATION AND TOLLING.—In the event that all appropriations authorized by this Act have not been made available to the Secretary by June 30, 2030—

(1) the waivers authorized in this section shall expire and be of no further force or effect; and

(2) all statutes of limitations applicable to any claim otherwise waived shall be tolled until June 30, 2030.

(h) VOIDING OF WAIVERS.—If the waivers pursuant to this section are void under subsection (g)—

(1) the United States' approval of the Compact under section 404 shall no longer be effective;

(2) any unexpended Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized in this Act, together with any interest earned on those funds, and any water rights or contracts to use water and title to other property acquired or constructed with Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized in this Act shall be returned to the Federal Government, unless otherwise agreed to by the Tribe and the United States and approved by Congress; and

(3) except for Federal funds used to acquire or develop property that is returned to the Federal Government under paragraph (2), the United States shall be entitled to set off any Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized in this Act that were expended or withdrawn, together with any interest accrued, against any claims against the United States relating to water rights in the State of Montana asserted by the Tribe or in any future settlement of the water rights of the Crow Tribe.

SEC. 411. CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as ''the Crow Settlement Fund'', to be administered by the Secretary for the purpose of carrying out this title.

(b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—The Fund shall consist of such amounts as are deposited in the Fund under subsections (c) through (h) of section 414.

(c) ACCOUNTS OF CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.—The Secretary shall establish in the Fund the following accounts:

(1) The Tribal Compact Administration account, consisting of amounts made available pursuant to section 414(c).

(2) The Energy Development Projects account, consisting of amounts made available pursuant to section 414(d).

(3) The MR&I System OM&R Account, consisting of amounts made available pursuant to section 414(e).

(4) The CIP OM&R Account, consisting of amounts made available pursuant to section 414(f).

(d) DEPOSITS TO CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall promptly deposit in the Fund any amounts appropriated for that purpose.

(2) PRIORITY OF DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNTS.—Of the amounts appropriated for deposit in the Fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit amounts in the accounts listed in subsection (c)—

(A) in full; and

(B) in the order listed in subsection (c).

(e) MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the Fund, make investments from the Fund, and make amounts available from the Fund for distribution to the Tribe consistent with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(2) INVESTMENT OF CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.—Beginning on the enforceability date, the Secretary shall invest amounts in the Fund in accordance with—

(A) the Act of April 1, 1880 (25 U.S.C. 161);

(B) the first section of the Act of June 24, 1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a); and

(C) the obligations of Federal corporations and Federal Government-sponsored entities, the charter documents of which provide that the obligations of the entities are lawful investments for federally managed funds, including—

(i) the obligations of the United States Postal Service described in section 2005 of title 39, United States Code;

(ii) bonds and other obligations of the Tennessee Valley Authority described in section 15d of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831n–4);

(iii) mortgages, obligations, and other securities of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation described in section 303 of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1452); and

(iv) bonds, notes, and debentures of the Commodity Credit Corporation described in section 4 of the Act of March 8, 1938 (15 U.S.C. 713a–4).

(3) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts from the Fund shall be used for each purpose described in subparagraphs (B) through (E).

(B) TRIBAL COMPACT ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT.—The Tribal Compact Administration account shall be used for expenditures by the Tribe for Tribal Compact Administration.

(C) ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ACCOUNT.—The Energy Development Projects account shall be used for expenditures by the Tribe for the following types of energy development on the Reservation, the ceded strip, and land owned by the Tribe:

(i) Development and marketing of power generation on the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam authorized in section 412(b).

(ii) Development of clean coal conversion projects.

(iii) Renewable energy projects other than the project described in clause (i).

(D) CIP OM&R ACCOUNT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the CIP OM&R Account shall be used for CIP OM&R costs.

(ii) REDUCTION OF COSTS TO TRIBAL WATER USERS.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), the funds described in clause (i) shall be used to reduce the CIP OM&R costs to all tribal water users on a proportional basis for a given year.

(II) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Funds in the CIP OM&R Account shall be used to pay irrigation assessments only for the Tribe, tribal entities and instrumentalities, tribal members, allottees, and entities owned by the Tribe, tribal members, or allottees.

(E) MR&I SYSTEM OM&R ACCOUNT.—Funds from the MR&I System OM&R Account shall be used to assist the Tribe in paying MR&I System OM&R costs.

(4) WITHDRAWALS BY TRIBE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe may withdraw any portion of amounts in the Fund on approval by the Secretary of a tribal management plan in accordance with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the requirements under the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the tribal management plan of the Tribe under subparagraph (A) shall require that the Tribe spend any amounts withdrawn from the Fund in accordance with this title.

(ii) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may carry out such judicial or administrative actions as the Secretary determines to be necessary to enforce a tribal management plan to ensure that amounts withdrawn by the Tribe from the Fund under this paragraph are used in accordance with this title.

(C) LIABILITY.—The Secretary and the Secretary of the Treasury shall not be liable for the expenditure or investment of amounts withdrawn from the Fund by the Tribe under this paragraph.

(D) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, the Tribe shall submit to the Secretary for approval an expenditure plan for any portion of the amounts described in subparagraph (A) that the Tribe elects not to withdraw under this paragraph during the fiscal year.

(ii) INCLUSION.—An expenditure plan under clause (i) shall include a description of the manner in which, and the purposes for which, amounts of the Tribe remaining in the Fund will be used during subsequent fiscal years.

(iii) APPROVAL.—On receipt of an expenditure plan under clause (i), the Secretary shall approve the plan if the Secretary determines that the plan is—

(I) reasonable; and

(II) consistent with this title.

(5) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Tribe shall submit to the Secretary annual reports describing each expenditure by the Tribe of amounts in the Fund during the preceding calendar year.

(6) CERTAIN PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED.—No amount in the Fund shall be distributed to any member of the Tribe on a per capita basis.

(f) AVAILABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amounts in the Fund shall be available for use by the Secretary and withdrawal by the Tribe beginning on the enforceability date.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The amounts made available under section 414(c) shall be available for use by the Secretary and withdrawal by the Tribe beginning on the date on which the Tribe ratifies the Compact as provided in section 410(e)(1)(E).

(g) STATE CONTRIBUTION.—The State of Montana contribution to the Fund shall be provided in accordance with article VI(A) of the Compact.

(h) SEPARATE APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT.—Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (35) and (36) as paragraphs (36) and (37), respectively;

(2) by redesignating the second paragraph (33) (relating to obligational authority and outlays requested for homeland security) as paragraph (35); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(38) a separate statement for the Crow Settlement Fund established under section 411 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010, which shall include the estimated amount of deposits into the Fund, obligations, and outlays from the Fund.''.

SEC. 412. YELLOWTAIL DAM, MONTANA.

(a) STREAMFLOW AND LAKE LEVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title, the Compact, or the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan referred to in article III(A)(7) of the Compact—

(A) limits the discretion of the Secretary under the section 4F of that plan; or

(B) requires the Secretary to give priority to any factor described in section 4F of that plan over any other factor described in that section.

(2) BIGHORN LAKE MANAGEMENT.—Bighorn Lake water management, including the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan, is a Federal activity, and the review and enforcement of any water management decisions relating to Bighorn Lake shall be as provided by Federal law.

(3) APPLICABILITY OF PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2).—The Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan referred to in and part of the Compact shall be interpreted to clearly reflect paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4) APPLICABILITY OF INSTREAM FLOW REQUIREMENTS IN PLAN.—Notwithstanding any term (including any defined term) or provision in the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan, for purposes of this title, the Compact, and the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan, any requirement in the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan that the Tribe dedicate a specified percentage, portion, or number of acre-feet of water per year of the tribal water rights to instream flow means (and is limited in meaning and effect to) an obligation on the part of the Tribe to withhold from development or otherwise refrain from diverting or removing from the Bighorn River the specified quantity of water for the duration, at the locations, and under the conditions set forth in the applicable requirement.

(b) POWER GENERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Tribe shall have the exclusive right to develop and market power generation on the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam, provided that this exclusive right shall expire 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act if construction has not been substantially completed on the power generation project of the Tribe.

(2) BUREAU OF RECLAMATION COOPERATION.—The Bureau of Reclamation shall cooperate with the Tribe on the development of any power generation project under this subsection.

(3) AGREEMENT.—Before construction of a power generation project under this subsection, the Tribe shall enter into an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation that contains provisions that—

(A) allocate the responsibilities for the design, construction, and operations of the project;

(B) assure the compatibility of the power generation project with the operations of the Yellowtail Unit and the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam, which shall include entering into agreements—

(i) regarding operating criteria and emergency procedures, as they relate to dam safety; and

(ii) under which, should the Tribe propose any modifications to facilities owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, the proposed modifications shall be subject to review and approval by the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation;

(C) beginning 10 years after the date on which the Tribe begins marketing power generated from the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam, the Tribe shall make annual payments for operation, maintenance, and replacement costs in amounts determined in accordance with the guidelines and methods of the Bureau of Reclamation for assessing operation, maintenance, and replacement charges, provided that such annual payments shall not exceed 3 percent of gross annual revenue produced by the sale of electricity generated by such project; and

(D) the Secretary—

(i) shall review the charges established in the agreement on the date that is 5 years after the date on which the Tribe makes the first payment described in subparagraph (C) to the Secretary under the agreement and at 5 year intervals thereafter; and

(ii) may increase or decrease the charges in proportion to the amount of any increase or decrease in the costs of operation, maintenance, and replacement for the Yellowtail Afterbay Dam, provided that any increase in operation, maintenance, and replacement costs assessed to the Tribe may not exceed—

(I) 5 percent in any 5 year period; and

(II) 3 percent of the gross annual revenue produced by the sale of electricity generated by such project.

(4) USE OF POWER BY TRIBE.—Any hydroelectric power generated in accordance with this subsection shall be used or marketed by the Tribe.

(5) REVENUES.—The Tribe shall retain any revenues from the sale of hydroelectric power generated by a project under this subsection.

(6) LIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.—The United States shall have no trust obligation to monitor, administer, or account for—

(A) the revenues received by the Tribe under this subsection; or

(B) the expenditure of the revenues received by the Tribe under this subsection.

(c) CONSULTATION WITH TRIBE.—The Bureau of Reclamation shall consult with the Tribe on at least a quarterly basis on all issues relating to the management of Yellowtail Dam by the Bureau of Reclamation.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO COMPACT AND PLAN.—The provisions of subsection (a) apply to any amendment to—

(1) the Compact; or

(2) the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan.

SEC. 413. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE UNITED STATES.—Except as provided in subsections (a) through (c) of section 208 of the Department of Justice Appropriation Act, 1953 (43 U.S.C. 666), nothing in this title waives the sovereign immunity of the United States.

(b) OTHER TRIBES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED.—Nothing in this title quantifies or diminishes any land or water right, or any claim or entitlement to land or water, of an Indian tribe, band, or community other than the Tribe.

(c) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—With respect to Indian land within the Reservation or the ceded strip—

(1) the United States shall not submit against any Indian-owned land located within the Reservation or the ceded strip any claim for reimbursement of the cost to the United States of carrying out this title and the Compact; and

(2) no assessment of any Indian-owned land located within the Reservation or the ceded strip shall be made regarding that cost.

(d) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States has no trust or other obligation—

(A) to monitor, administer, or account for, in any manner, any funds provided to the Tribe by any party to the Compact other than the United States; or

(B) to review or approve any expenditure of those funds.

(2) INDEMNIFICATION.—The Tribe shall indemnify the United States, and hold the United States harmless, with respect to all claims (including claims for takings or breach of trust) arising from the receipt or expenditure of amounts described in paragraph (1)(A).

(e) EFFECT ON CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in this section affects any provision of law (including regulations) in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act with respect to preenforcement review of any Federal environmental enforcement action.

(f) LIMITATIONS ON EFFECT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title, the Compact, or the Streamflow and Lake Level Management Plan referred to in article III(A)(7) of the Compact—

(A) limits, expands, alters, or otherwise affects—

(i) the meaning, interpretation, implementation, application, or effect of any article, provision, or term of the Yellowstone River Compact;

(ii) any right, requirement, or obligation under the Yellowstone River Compact;

(iii) any allocation (or manner of determining any allocation) of water under the Yellowstone River Compact; or

(iv) any present or future claim, defense, or other position asserted in any legal, administrative, or other proceeding arising under or relating to the Yellowstone River Compact (including the original proceeding between the State of Montana and the State of Wyoming pending as of the date of enactment of this Act before the United States Supreme Court);

(B) makes an allocation or apportionment of water between or among States;

(C) addresses or implies whether, how, or to what extent (if any)—

(i) the tribal water rights, or any portion of the tribal water rights, should be accounted for as part of or otherwise charged against any allocation of water made to a State under the provisions of the Yellowstone River Compact; or

(ii) the Yellowstone River Compact includes the tribal water rights or the water right of any Indian tribe as part of any allocation or other disposition of water under that compact; or

(D) waives the sovereign immunity from suit of any State under the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, except as expressly authorized in Article IV(F)(8) of the Compact.

(2) EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN COMPACT.—The provisions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of article III (A)(6)(a), paragraphs (1) and (2) of article III(B)(6)(a), paragraphs (1) and (2) of article III(E)(6)(a), and paragraphs (1) and (2) of article III (F)(6)(a) of the Compact that provide protections to certain water rights recognized under the laws of the State of Montana do not affect in any way, either directly or indirectly, existing or future water rights (including the exercise of any such rights) outside of the State of Montana.

(g) EFFECT ON RECLAMATION LAW.—The activities carried out by the Bureau of Reclamation under this title shall not establish a precedent or impact the authority provided under any other provision of Federal reclamation law, including—

(1) the Rural Supply Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–451; 120 Stat. 3345); and

(2) the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 991).

SEC. 414. FUNDING.

(a) REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CROW IRRIGATION PROJECT.—

(1) MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $73,843,000, adjusted to reflect changes since May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project, for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amount made available under paragraph (1), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project $58,000,000, adjusted to reflect changes since May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the rehabilitation and improvement of the Crow Irrigation Project.

(b) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MR&I SYSTEM.—

(1) MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $146,000,000, adjusted to reflect changes since May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the design and construction of the MR&I System, for the design and construction of the MR&I System.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amount made available under paragraph (1), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the design and construction of the MR&I System $100,381,000, adjusted to reflect changes since May 1, 2008, in construction cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved in the design and construction of the MR&I System.

(c) TRIBAL COMPACT ADMINISTRATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $4,776,000, adjusted to reflect changes in appropriate cost indices during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of the transfer, for Tribal Compact Administration.

(d) ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $20,000,000, adjusted to reflect changes in appropriate cost indices during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of the transfer, for Energy Development Projects as set forth in section 411(e)(3)(C).

(e) MR&I SYSTEM OM&R.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $47,000,000, adjusted to reflect changes in appropriate cost indices during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of the transfer, for MR&I System OM&R.

(f) CIP OM&R.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary $10,000,000, adjusted to reflect changes in appropriate cost indices during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of the transfer, for CIP OM&R.

(g) USE.—In addition to the uses authorized under subsections (a) and (b), such amounts as may be necessary of the amounts made available under those subsections may be used to carry out related activities necessary to comply with Federal environmental and cultural resource laws.

(h) ACCOUNT TRANSFERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may transfer from the amounts made available under subsection (a) such amounts as the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Tribe, determines to be necessary to supplement the amounts made available under subsection (b), on a determination of the Secretary, in consultation with the Tribe, that such a transfer is in the best interest of the Tribe.

(2) OTHER APPROVED TRANSFERS.—The Secretary may transfer from the amounts made available under subsection (b) such amounts as the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Tribe, determines to be necessary to supplement the amounts made available under subsection (a), on a determination of the Secretary, in consultation with the Tribe, that such a transfer is in the best interest of the Tribe.

(i) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this section the funds transferred under subsections (a) through (f), without further appropriation.

SEC. 415. REPEAL ON FAILURE TO MEET ENFORCEABILITY DATE.

If the Secretary does not publish a statement of findings under section 410(e) not

later than March 31, 2016, or the extended date agreed to by the Tribe and the Secretary, after reasonable notice to the State of Montana, as applicable—

(1) this title is repealed effective April 1, 2016, or the day after the extended date agreed to by the Tribe and the Secretary after reasonable notice to the State of Montana, whichever is later;

(2) any action taken by the Secretary and any contract or agreement pursuant to the authority provided under any provision of this title shall be void;

(3) any amounts made available under section 414, together with any interest on those amounts, shall immediately revert to the general fund of the Treasury;

(4) any amounts made available under section 414 that remain unexpended shall immediately revert to the general fund of the Treasury; and

(5) the United States shall be entitled to set off against any claims asserted by the Tribe against the United States relating to water rights—

(A) any funds expended or withdrawn from the amounts made available pursuant to this title; and

(B) any funds made available to carry out the activities authorized in this title from other authorized sources.

SEC. 416. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

The United States shall not be liable for any failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized by this title (including any such obligation or activity under the Settlement Agreement) if adequate appropriations are not provided expressly by Congress to carry out the purposes of this title in the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established under section 10501 of Public Law 111–11 or the ''Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health'' established by section 601(a) of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 443c(a)).

TITLE V—TAOS PUEBLO INDIAN WATER RIGHTS

SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act''.

SEC. 502. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

(1) to approve, ratify, and confirm the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement;

(2) to authorize and direct the Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement and to perform all obligations of the Secretary under the Settlement Agreement and this title; and

(3) to authorize all actions and appropriations necessary for the United States to meet its obligations under the Settlement Agreement and this title.

SEC. 503. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ELIGIBLE NON-PUEBLO ENTITIES.—The term ''Eligible Non-Pueblo Entities'' means the Town of Taos, the El Prado Water and Sanitation District, and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division on behalf of the Acequia Madre del Rio Lucero y del Arroyo Seco, the Acequia Madre del Prado, the Acequia del Monte, the Acequia Madre del Rio Chiquito, the Upper Ranchitos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, the Upper Arroyo Hondo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, and the Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association.

(2) ENFORCEMENT DATE.—The term ''Enforcement Date'' means the date upon which the Secretary publishes the notice required by section 509(f)(1).

(3) MUTUAL-BENEFIT PROJECTS.—The term ''Mutual-Benefit Projects'' means the projects described and identified in articles 6 and 10.1 of the Settlement Agreement.

(4) PARTIAL FINAL DECREE.—The term ''Partial Final Decree'' means the Decree entered in New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated), for the resolution of the Pueblo's water right claims and which is substantially in the form agreed to by the Parties and attached to the Settlement Agreement as Attachment 5.

(5) PARTIES.—The term ''Parties'' means the Parties to the Settlement Agreement, as identified in article 1 of the Settlement Agreement.

(6) PUEBLO.—The term ''Pueblo'' means the Taos Pueblo, a sovereign Indian tribe duly recognized by the United States of America.

(7) PUEBLO LANDS.—The term ''Pueblo lands'' means those lands located within the Taos Valley to which the Pueblo, or the United States in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo, holds title subject to Federal law limitations on alienation. Such lands include Tracts A, B, and C, the Pueblo's land grant, the Blue Lake Wilderness Area, and the Tenorio and Karavas Tracts and are generally depicted in Attachment 2 to the Settlement Agreement.

(8) SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT.—The term ''San Juan-Chama Project'' means the Project authorized by section 8 of the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96 and 97), and the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105).

(9) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(10) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term ''Settlement Agreement'' means the contract dated March 31, 2006, between and among—

(A) the United States, acting solely in its capacity as trustee for Taos Pueblo;

(B) the Taos Pueblo, on its own behalf;

(C) the State of New Mexico;

(D) the Taos Valley Acequia Association and its 55 member ditches;

(E) the Town of Taos;

(F) the El Prado Water and Sanitation District; and

(G) the 12 Taos area Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Associations, as amended to conform with this title.

(11) STATE ENGINEER.—The term ''State Engineer'' means the New Mexico State Engineer.

(12) TAOS VALLEY.—The term ''Taos Valley'' means the geographic area depicted in Attachment 4 of the Settlement Agreement.

SEC. 504. PUEBLO RIGHTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Those rights to which the Pueblo is entitled under the Partial Final Decree shall be held in trust by the United States on behalf of the Pueblo and shall not be subject to forfeiture, abandonment, or permanent alienation.

(b) SUBSEQUENT ACT OF CONGRESS.—The Pueblo shall not be denied all or any part of its rights held in trust absent its consent unless such rights are explicitly abrogated by an Act of Congress hereafter enacted.

SEC. 505. TAOS PUEBLO WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the ''Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund'' (referred to in this section as the ''Fund'') to be used to pay or reimburse costs incurred by the Pueblo for—

(1) acquiring water rights;

(2) planning, permitting, designing, engineering, constructing, reconstructing, replacing, rehabilitating, operating, or repairing water production, treatment or delivery infrastructure, on-farm improvements, or wastewater infrastructure;

(3) restoring, preserving and protecting the Buffalo Pasture, including planning, permitting, designing, engineering, constructing, operating, managing and replacing the Buffalo Pasture Recharge Project;

(4) administering the Pueblo's water rights acquisition program and water management and administration system; and

(5) watershed protection and enhancement, support of agriculture, water-related Pueblo community welfare and economic development, and costs related to the negotiation, authorization, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement.

(b) MANAGEMENT OF FUND.—The Secretary shall manage the Fund, invest amounts in the Fund, and make monies available from the Fund for distribution to the Pueblo consistent with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.) (hereinafter, ''Trust Fund Reform Act''), this title, and the Settlement Agreement.

(c) INVESTMENT OF FUND.—Upon the Enforcement Date, the Secretary shall invest amounts in the Fund in accordance with—

(1) the Act of April 1, 1880 (21 Stat. 70, ch. 41, 25 U.S.C. 161);

(2) the first section of the Act of June 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 1037, ch. 648, 25 U.S.C. 162a); and

(3) the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(d) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS FROM FUND.—Upon the Enforcement Date, all monies deposited in the Fund pursuant to section 509(c)(1) or made available from other authorized sources shall be available to the Pueblo for expenditure or withdrawal after the requirements of subsection (e) have been met.

(e) EXPENDITURES AND WITHDRAWAL.—

(1) TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Pueblo may withdraw all or part of the Fund on approval by the Secretary of a tribal management plan as described in the Trust Fund Reform Act.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the requirements under the Trust Fund Reform Act, the tribal management plan shall require that the Pueblo spend any funds in accordance with the purposes described in subsection (a).

(2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may take judicial or administrative action to enforce the requirement that monies withdrawn from the Fund are used for the purposes specified in subsection (a).

(3) LIABILITY.—If the Pueblo exercises the right to withdraw monies from the Fund, neither the Secretary nor the Secretary of the Treasury shall retain any liability for the expenditure or investment of the monies withdrawn.

(4) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Pueblo shall submit to the Secretary for approval an expenditure plan for any portions of the funds made available under this title that the Pueblo does not withdraw under paragraph (1)(A).

(B) DESCRIPTION.—The expenditure plan shall describe the manner in which, and the purposes for which, amounts remaining in the Fund will be used.

(C) APPROVAL.—On receipt of an expenditure plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall approve the plan if the Secretary determines that the plan is reasonable and consistent with this title.

(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Pueblo shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that describes all expenditures from the Fund during the year covered by the report.

(f) AMOUNTS AVAILABLE ON APPROPRIATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (d), $15,000,000 of the monies deposited in the Fund—

(1) shall be available upon appropriation or availability of the funds from other authorized sources for the Pueblo's acquisition of water rights pursuant to Article 5.1.1.2.3 of the Settlement Agreement, the Buffalo Pasture Recharge Project, implementation of the Pueblo's water rights acquisition program and water management and administration system, the design, planning, engineering, permitting or construction of water or wastewater infrastructure eligible for funding under subsection (a), or costs related to the negotiation, authorization, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement, provided that such funds may be expended prior to the Enforcement Date only for activities which are determined by the Secretary to be more cost effective when implemented as early as possible; and

(2) shall be distributed by the Secretary to the Pueblo on receipt by the Secretary from the Pueblo of a written notice and a Tribal Council resolution that describes the purposes under paragraph (1) for which the monies will be used after a cost-effectiveness determination by the Secretary has been made as described in paragraph (1). The Secretary shall make the determination described in paragraph (1) within a reasonable period of time after receipt of the notice and resolution.

(g) NO PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS.—No portion of the Fund shall be distributed on a per capita basis to members of the Pueblo.

SEC. 506. MARKETING.

(a) PUEBLO WATER RIGHTS.—Subject to the approval of the Secretary in accordance with subsection (e), the Pueblo may market water rights secured to it under the Settlement Agreement and Partial Final Decree, provided that such marketing is in accordance with this section.

(b) PUEBLO CONTRACT RIGHTS TO SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT WATER.—Subject to the approval of the Secretary in accordance with subsection (e), the Pueblo may subcontract water made available to the Pueblo under the contract authorized under section 508(b)(1)(A) to third parties to supply water for use within or without the Taos Valley, provided that the delivery obligations under such subcontract are not inconsistent with the Secretary's existing San Juan-Chama Project obligations and such subcontract is in accordance with this section.

(c) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Diversion or use of water off Pueblo lands pursuant to Pueblo water rights or Pueblo contract rights to San Juan-Chama Project water shall be subject to and not inconsistent with the same requirements and conditions of State law, any applicable Federal law, and any applicable interstate compact as apply to the exercise of water rights or contract rights to San Juan-Chama Project water held by non-Federal, non-Indian entities, including all applicable State Engineer permitting and reporting requirements.

(2) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Such diversion or use off Pueblo lands under paragraph (1) shall not impair water rights or increase surface water depletions within the Taos Valley.

(d) MAXIMUM TERM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The maximum term of any water use lease or subcontract, including all renewals, shall not exceed 99 years in duration.

(2) ALIENATION OF RIGHTS.—The Pueblo shall not permanently alienate any rights it has under the Settlement Agreement, the Partial Final Decree, and this title.

(e) APPROVAL OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove any lease or subcontract submitted by the Pueblo for approval within a reasonable period of time after submission, provided that no Secretarial approval shall be required for any water use lease for less than 10 acre-feet per year with a term of less than 7 years, including all renewals.

(f) NO FORFEITURE OR ABANDONMENT.—The nonuse by a lessee or subcontractor of the Pueblo of any right to which the Pueblo is entitled under the Partial Final Decree shall in no event result in a forfeiture, abandonment, relinquishment, or other loss of all or any part of those rights.

(g) NO PREEMPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The approval authority of the Secretary provided under subsection (e) shall not amend, construe, supersede, or preempt any State or Federal law, interstate compact, or international treaty that pertains to the Colorado River, the Rio Grande, or any of their tributaries, including the appropriation, use, development, storage, regulation, allocation, conservation, exportation, or quantity of those waters.

(2) APPLICABLE LAW.—The provisions of section 2116 of the Revised Statutes (25 U.S.C. 177) shall not apply to any water made available under the Settlement Agreement.

(h) NO PREJUDICE.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to establish, address, prejudice, or prevent any party from litigating whether or to what extent any applicable State law, Federal law, or interstate compact does or does not permit, govern, or apply to the use of the Pueblo's water outside of New Mexico.

SEC. 507. MUTUAL-BENEFIT PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the Enforcement Date, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall provide financial assistance in the form of grants on a nonreimbursable basis to Eligible Non-Pueblo Entities to plan, permit, design, engineer, and construct the Mutual-Benefit Projects in accordance with the Settlement Agreement—

(1) to minimize adverse impacts on the Pueblo's water resources by moving future non-Indian ground water pumping away from the Pueblo's Buffalo Pasture; and

(2) to implement the resolution of a dispute over the allocation of certain surface water flows between the Pueblo and non-Indian irrigation water right owners in the community of Arroyo Seco Arriba.

(b) COST-SHARING.—

(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the total cost of planning, designing, and constructing the Mutual-Benefit Projects authorized in subsection (a) shall be 75 percent and shall be nonreimbursable.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the total cost of planning, designing, and constructing the Mutual-Benefit Projects shall be 25 percent and may be in the form of in-kind contributions, including the contribution of any valuable asset or service that the Secretary determines would substantially contribute to completing the Mutual-Benefit Projects.

(3) ADDITIONAL STATE CONTRIBUTION.—As a condition of expenditure by the Secretary of the funds made available under section 509(c)(2), the State shall—

(A) appropriate and make available the non-Federal share described in paragraph (2); and

(B) agree to provide additional funding associated with the Mutual-Benefit Projects as described in paragraph 10 of the Settlement Agreement.

SEC. 508. SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT CONTRACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Contracts issued under this section shall be in accordance with this title and the Settlement Agreement.

(b) CONTRACTS FOR SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT WATER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into 3 repayment contracts within a reasonable period after the date of enactment of this Act, for the delivery of San Juan-Chama Project water in the following amounts:

(A) 2,215 acre-feet/annum to the Pueblo.

(B) 366 acre-feet/annum to the Town of Taos.

(C) 40 acre-feet/annum to the El Prado Water and Sanitation District.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each such contract shall provide that if the conditions precedent set forth in section 509(f)(2) have not been fulfilled by March 31, 2017, the contract shall expire on that date.

(3) APPLICABLE LAW.—Public Law 87–483 (76 Stat. 97) applies to the contracts entered into under paragraph (1) and no preference shall be applied as a result of section 504(a) with regard to the delivery or distribution of San Juan-Chama Project water or the management or operation of the San Juan-Chama Project.

(c) WAIVER.—With respect to the contract authorized and required by subsection (b)(1)(A) and notwithstanding the provisions of Public Law 87–483 (76 Stat. 96) or any other provision of law—

(1) the Secretary shall waive the entirety of the Pueblo's share of the construction costs, both principal and the interest, for the San Juan-Chama Project and pursuant to that waiver, the Pueblo's share of all construction costs for the San Juan-Chama Project, inclusive of both principal and interest shall be nonreimbursable; and

(2) the Secretary's waiver of the Pueblo's share of the construction costs for the San Juan-Chama Project will not result in an increase in the pro rata shares of other San Juan-Chama Project water contractors, but such costs shall be absorbed by the United States Treasury or otherwise appropriated to the Department of the Interior.

SEC. 509. AUTHORIZATIONS, RATIFICATIONS, CONFIRMATIONS, AND CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.

(a) RATIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except to the extent that any provision of the Settlement Agreement conflicts with any provision of this title, the Settlement Agreement is authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(2) AMENDMENTS.—To the extent amendments are executed to make the Settlement Agreement consistent with this title, such amendments are also authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(b) EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—To the extent that the Settlement Agreement does not conflict with this title, the Secretary shall execute the Settlement Agreement, including all exhibits to the Settlement Agreement requiring the signature of the Secretary and any amendments necessary to make the Settlement Agreement consistent with this title, after the Pueblo has executed the Settlement Agreement and any such amendments.

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) TAOS PUEBLO WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

(A) MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary for deposit in the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund established by section 505(a), for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2016, $50,000,000, as adjusted by such amounts as may be required due to increases since April 1, 2007, in construction costs, as indicated by engineering cost indices applicable to the types of construction or rehabilitation involved.

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amount made available under subparagraph (A), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit in

the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund established by section 505(a) $38,000,000, as adjusted by such amounts as may be required due to increases since April 1, 2007, in construction costs, as indicated by engineering cost indices applicable to the types of construction or rehabilitation involved, for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.

(2) MUTUAL-BENEFIT PROJECTS FUNDING.—

(A) FUNDING.—

(i) MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to provide grants pursuant to section 507 $16,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.

(ii) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amount made available under clause (i), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to provide grants pursuant to section 507 $20,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2016.

(B) DEPOSIT IN FUND.—The Secretary shall deposit the funds made available pursuant to subparagraph (A) into a noninterest-bearing fund, to be known as the ''Taos Settlement Fund'', to be established in the Treasury of the United States so that such funds may be made available on the Enforcement Date as set forth in section 507(a).

(3) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this title the funds transferred under paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A)(i), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended.

(d) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary is authorized to enter into such agreements and to take such measures as the Secretary may deem necessary or appropriate to fulfill the intent of the Settlement Agreement and this title.

(e) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.—

(1) EFFECT OF EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The Secretary's execution of the Settlement Agreement shall not constitute a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(2) COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—In carrying out this title, the Secretary shall comply with each law of the Federal Government relating to the protection of the environment, including—

(A) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(f) CONDITIONS PRECEDENT AND SECRETARIAL FINDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the fulfillment of the conditions precedent described in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a statement of finding that the conditions have been fulfilled.

(2) CONDITIONS.—The conditions precedent referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) The President has signed into law the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act.

(B) To the extent that the Settlement Agreement conflicts with this title, the Settlement Agreement has been revised to conform with this title.

(C) The Settlement Agreement, so revised, including waivers and releases pursuant to section 510, has been executed by the Parties and the Secretary prior to the Parties' motion for entry of the Partial Final Decree.

(D) Congress has fully appropriated or the Secretary has provided from other authorized sources all funds made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c).

(E) The Legislature of the State of New Mexico has fully appropriated the funds for the State contributions as specified in the Settlement Agreement, and those funds have been deposited in appropriate accounts.

(F) The State of New Mexico has enacted legislation that amends NMSA 1978, section 72–6–3 to state that a water use due under a water right secured to the Pueblo under the Settlement Agreement or the Partial Final Decree may be leased for a term, including all renewals, not to exceed 99 years, provided that this condition shall not be construed to require that said amendment state that any State law based water rights acquired by the Pueblo or by the United States on behalf of the Pueblo may be leased for said term.

(G) A Partial Final Decree that sets forth the water rights and contract rights to water to which the Pueblo is entitled under the Settlement Agreement and this title and that substantially conforms to the Settlement Agreement and Attachment 5 thereto has been approved by the Court and has become final and nonappealable.

(g) ENFORCEMENT DATE.—The Settlement Agreement shall become enforceable, and the waivers and releases executed pursuant to section 510 and the limited waiver of sovereign immunity set forth in section 511(a) shall become effective, as of the date that the Secretary publishes the notice required by subsection (f)(1).

(h) EXPIRATION DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If all of the conditions precedent described in section (f)(2) have not been fulfilled by March 31, 2017, the Settlement Agreement shall be null and void, the waivers and releases executed pursuant to section 510 and the sovereign immunity waivers in section 511(a) shall not become effective, and any unexpended Federal funds, together with any income earned thereon, and title to any property acquired or constructed with expended Federal funds, shall be returned to the Federal Government, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing and approved by Congress.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(1) or any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection (i), title to any property acquired or constructed with expended Federal funds made available under section 505(f) shall be retained by the Pueblo.

(i) RIGHT TO SET-OFF.—If the conditions precedent described in subsection (f)(2) have not been fulfilled by March 31, 2017, and the Settlement Agreement is null and void under subsection (h)(1)—

(1) the United States shall be entitled to set off any Federal funds made available under section 505(f) that were used for purposes other than the purchase of water rights against any claim of the Pueblo against the United States described in section 510(b) (but excluding any claim retained under section 510(c)); and

(2) the Pueblo shall have the option either—

(A) to accept an equitable credit for any water rights acquired with funds made available under section 505(f) against any water rights secured for the Pueblo by the Pueblo, or by the United States on behalf of the Pueblo, in any litigation or future settlement of the case styled New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated); or

(B) to convey to the United States any water rights acquired with funds made available under section 505(f).

(j) EXTENSION.—The dates in subsections (h) and (i) and section 510(e) may be extended if the Parties agree that an extension is reasonably necessary.

SEC. 510. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

(a) CLAIMS BY THE PUEBLO AND THE UNITED STATES.—In return for recognition of the Pueblo's water rights and other benefits, including but not limited to the commitments by non-Pueblo parties, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and this title, the Pueblo, on behalf of itself and its members, and the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo are authorized to execute a waiver and release of claims against the parties to New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated) from—

(1) all claims for water rights in the Taos Valley that the Pueblo, or the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo, asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including but not limited to in New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated), up to and including the Enforcement Date, except to the extent that such rights are recognized in the Settlement Agreement or this title;

(2) all claims for water rights, whether for consumptive or nonconsumptive use, in the Rio Grande mainstream or its tributaries that the Pueblo, or the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo, asserted or could assert in any water rights adjudication proceedings except those claims based on Pueblo or United States ownership of lands or water rights acquired after the Enforcement Date, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Pueblo or the United States from fully participating in the inter se phase of any such water rights adjudication proceedings;

(3) all claims for damages, losses or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water (including but not limited to claims for injury to lands resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking) in the Rio Grande mainstream or its tributaries or for lands within the Taos Valley that accrued at any time up to and including the Enforcement Date; and

(4) all claims against the State of New Mexico, its agencies, or employees relating to the negotiation or the adoption of the Settlement Agreement.

(b) CLAIMS BY THE PUEBLO AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—The Pueblo, on behalf of itself and its members, is authorized to execute a waiver and release of—

(1) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to claims for water rights in or water of the Taos Valley that the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including but not limited to in New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated);

(2) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to damages, losses, or injuries to water, water rights, land, or natural resources due to loss of water or water rights (including but not limited to damages, losses or injuries to hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights due to loss of water or water rights, claims relating to interference with, diversion or taking of water or water rights, or claims relating to failure to protect, acquire, replace, or develop water, water rights or water infrastructure) in the Rio Grande mainstream or its tributaries or within the Taos Valley that first accrued at any time up to and including the Enforcement Date;

(3) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees for an accounting of funds appropriated by the Act of March 4, 1929 (45 Stat. 1562), the Act of March 4, 1931 (46 Stat. 1552), the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1757), the Act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 564), and the Act of May 9, 1938 (52 Stat. 291), as authorized by the Pueblo Lands Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 636), and the Pueblo

Lands Act of May 31, 1933 (48 Stat. 108), and for breach of trust relating to funds for water replacement appropriated by said Acts that first accrued before the date of enactment of this Act;

(4) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to the pending litigation of claims relating to the Pueblo's water rights in New Mexico v. Abeyta and New Mexico v. Arellano, Civil Nos. 7896–BB (U.S.6 D.N.M.) and 7939–BB (U.S. D.N.M.) (consolidated); and

(5) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to the negotiation, Execution or the adoption of the Settlement Agreement, exhibits thereto, the Final Decree, or this title.

(c) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases authorized in this title, the Pueblo on behalf of itself and its members and the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblo retain—

(1) all claims for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Decree, including the Partial Final Decree, the San Juan-Chama Project contract between the Pueblo and the United States, or this title;

(2) all claims against persons other than the Parties to the Settlement Agreement for damages, losses or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water rights (including but not limited to claims for injury to lands resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking of water rights) within the Taos Valley arising out of activities occurring outside the Taos Valley or the Taos Valley Stream System;

(3) all rights to use and protect water rights acquired after the date of enactment of this Act;

(4) all rights to use and protect water rights acquired pursuant to State law, to the extent not inconsistent with the Partial Final Decree and the Settlement Agreement (including water rights for the land the Pueblo owns in Questa, New Mexico);

(5) all claims relating to activities affecting the quality of water including but not limited to any claims the Pueblo might have under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) (including but not limited to claims for damages to natural resources), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), and the regulations implementing those Acts;

(6) all claims relating to damages, losses, or injuries to land or natural resources not due to loss of water or water rights (including but not limited to hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights); and

(7) all rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and claims not specifically waived and released pursuant to this title and the Settlement Agreement.

(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in the Settlement Agreement or this title—

(1) affects the ability of the United States acting in its sovereign capacity to take actions authorized by law, including but not limited to any laws relating to health, safety, or the environment, including but not limited to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), and the regulations implementing such Acts;

(2) affects the ability of the United States to take actions acting in its capacity as trustee for any other Indian tribe or allottee;

(3) confers jurisdiction on any State court to—

(A) interpret Federal law regarding health, safety, or the environment or determine the duties of the United States or other parties pursuant to such Federal law; or

(B) conduct judicial review of Federal agency action; or

(4) waives any claim of a member of the Pueblo in an individual capacity that does not derive from a right of the Pueblo.

(e) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicable period of limitation and time-based equitable defense relating to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the earlier of—

(A) March 31, 2017; or

(B) the Enforcement Date.

(2) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of limitation or time-based equitable defense that expired before the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection precludes the tolling of any period of limitations or any time-based equitable defense under any other applicable law.

SEC. 511. INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.—Upon and after the Enforcement Date, if any Party to the Settlement Agreement brings an action in any court of competent jurisdiction over the subject matter relating only and directly to the interpretation or enforcement of the Settlement Agreement or this title, and names the United States or the Pueblo as a party, then the United States, the Pueblo, or both may be added as a party to any such action, and any claim by the United States or the Pueblo to sovereign immunity from the action is waived, but only for the limited and sole purpose of such interpretation or enforcement, and no waiver of sovereign immunity is made for any action against the United States or the Pueblo that seeks money damages.

(b) SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this title shall be deemed as conferring, restricting, enlarging, or determining the subject matter jurisdiction of any court, including the jurisdiction of the court that enters the Partial Final Decree adjudicating the Pueblo's water rights.

(c) REGULATORY AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this title shall be deemed to determine or limit any authority of the State or the Pueblo to regulate or administer waters or water rights now or in the future.

SEC. 512. DISCLAIMER.

Nothing in the Settlement Agreement or this title shall be construed in any way to quantify or otherwise adversely affect the land and water rights, claims, or entitlements to water of any other Indian tribe.

SEC. 513. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

The United States shall not be liable for failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized to be carried out under this title (including any such obligation or activity under the Agreement) if adequate appropriations are not provided expressly to carry out the purposes of this title by Congress or there are not enough monies available to carry out the purposes of this title in the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established under section 10501 of Public Law 111–11 or the ''Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health'' established by section 601(a) of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 443c(a)).

TITLE VI—AAMODT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act''.

SEC. 602. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) AAMODT CASE.—The term ''Aamodt Case'' means the civil action entitled State of New Mexico, ex rel. State Engineer and United States of America, Pueblo de Nambe, Pueblo de Pojoaque, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, and Pueblo de Tesuque v. R. Lee Aamodt, et al., No. 66 CV 6639 MV/LCS (D.N.M.).

(2) ACRE-FEET.—The term ''acre-feet'' means acre-feet of water per year.

(3) AUTHORITY.—The term ''Authority'' means the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water Authority described in section 9.5 of the Settlement Agreement or an alternate entity acceptable to the Pueblos and the County to operate and maintain the diversion and treatment facilities, certain transmission pipelines, and other facilities of the Regional Water System.

(4) CITY.—The term ''City'' means the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

(5) COST-SHARING AND SYSTEM INTEGRATION AGREEMENT.—The term ''Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement'' means the agreement, dated August 27, 2009, to be executed by the United States, the State, the Pueblos, the County, and the City that—

(A) describes the location, capacity, and management (including the distribution of water to customers) of the Regional Water System; and

(B) allocates the costs of the Regional Water System with respect to—

(i) the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Regional Water System;

(ii) rights-of-way for the Regional Water System; and

(iii) the acquisition of water rights.

(6) COUNTY.—The term ''County'' means Santa Fe County, New Mexico.

(7) COUNTY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.—The term ''County Distribution System'' means the portion of the Regional Water System that serves water customers on non-Pueblo land in the Pojoaque Basin.

(8) COUNTY WATER UTILITY.—The term ''County Water Utility'' means the water utility organized by the County to—

(A) receive water distributed by the Authority; and

(B) provide the water received under subparagraph (A) to customers on non-Pueblo land in the Pojoaque Basin.

(9) ENGINEERING REPORT.—The term ''Engineering Report'' means the report entitled ''Pojoaque Regional Water System Engineering Report'' dated September 2008 and any amendments thereto, including any modifications which may be required by section 611(d)(2).

(10) FUND.—The term ''Fund'' means the Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund established by section 615(a).

(11) OPERATING AGREEMENT.—The term ''Operating Agreement'' means the agreement between the Pueblos and the County executed under section 612(a).

(12) OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT COSTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''operations, maintenance, and replacement costs'' means all costs for the operation of the Regional Water System that are necessary for the safe, efficient, and continued functioning of the Regional Water System to produce the benefits described in the Settlement Agreement.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ''operations, maintenance, and replacement costs'' does not include construction costs or costs related to construction design and planning.

(13) POJOAQUE BASIN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''Pojoaque Basin'' means the geographic area limited by a surface water divide (which can be drawn on a topographic map), within which area

rainfall and runoff flow into arroyos, drainages, and named tributaries that eventually drain to—

(i) the Rio Pojoaque; or

(ii) the 2 unnamed arroyos immediately south; and

(iii) 2 arroyos (including the Arroyo Alamo) that are north of the confluence of the Rio Pojoaque and the Rio Grande.

(B) INCLUSION.—The term ''Pojoaque Basin'' includes the San Ildefonso Eastern Reservation recognized by section 8 of Public Law 87–231 (75 Stat. 505).

(14) PUEBLO.—The term ''Pueblo'' means each of the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, or Tesuque.

(15) PUEBLOS.—The term ''Pueblos'' means collectively the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque.

(16) PUEBLO LAND.—The term ''Pueblo land'' means any real property that is—

(A) held by the United States in trust for a Pueblo within the Pojoaque Basin;

(B)(i) owned by a Pueblo within the Pojoaque Basin before the date on which a court approves the Settlement Agreement; or

(ii) acquired by a Pueblo on or after the date on which a court approves the Settlement Agreement, if the real property is located—

(I) within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo, as recognized and conformed by a patent issued under the Act of December 22, 1858 (11 Stat. 374, chapter V); or

(II) within the exterior boundaries of any territory set aside for the Pueblo by law, executive order, or court decree;

(C) owned by a Pueblo or held by the United States in trust for the benefit of a Pueblo outside the Pojoaque Basin that is located within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo as recognized and confirmed by a patent issued under the Act of December 22, 1858 (11 Stat. 374, chapter V); or

(D) within the exterior boundaries of any real property located outside the Pojoaque Basin set aside for a Pueblo by law, executive order, or court decree, if the land is within or contiguous to land held by the United States in trust for the Pueblo as of January 1, 2005.

(17) PUEBLO WATER FACILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''Pueblo Water Facility'' means—

(i) a portion of the Regional Water System that serves only water customers on Pueblo land; and

(ii) portions of a Pueblo water system in existence on the date of enactment of this Act that serve water customers on non-Pueblo land, also in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, or their successors, that are—

(I) depicted in the final project design, as modified by the drawings reflecting the completed Regional Water System; and

(II) described in the Operating Agreement.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ''Pueblo Water Facility'' includes—

(i) the barrier dam and infiltration project on the Rio Pojoaque described in the Engineering Report; and

(ii) the Tesuque Pueblo infiltration pond described in the Engineering Report.

(18) REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''Regional Water System'' means the Regional Water System described in section 611(a).

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ''Regional Water System'' does not include the County or Pueblo water supply delivered through the Regional Water System.

(19) SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT.—The term ''San Juan-Chama Project'' means the Project authorized by section 8 of the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96, 97), and the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105).

(20) SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT ACT.—The term ''San Juan-Chama Project Act'' means sections 8 through 18 of the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96, 97).

(21) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(22) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term ''Settlement Agreement'' means the agreement among the State, the Pueblos, the United States, the County, and the City dated January 19, 2006, and signed by all of the government parties to the Settlement Agreement (other than the United States) on May 3, 2006, as amended in conformity with this title.

(23) STATE.—The term ''State'' means the State of New Mexico.

Subtitle A—Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System

SEC. 611. AUTHORIZATION OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall plan, design, and construct a regional water system in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, to be known as the ''Regional Water System''—

(1) to divert and distribute water to the Pueblos and to the County Water Utility, in accordance with the Engineering Report; and

(2) that consists of—

(A) surface water diversion facilities at San Ildefonso Pueblo on the Rio Grande; and

(B) any treatment, transmission, storage and distribution facilities and wellfields for the County Distribution System and Pueblo Water Facilities that are necessary to supply 4,000 acre-feet of water within the Pojoaque Basin, unless modified in accordance with subsection (d)(2).

(b) FINAL PROJECT DESIGN.—The Secretary shall issue a final project design within 90 days of completion of the environmental compliance described in section 616 for the Regional Water System that—

(1) is consistent with the Engineering Report; and

(2) includes a description of any Pueblo Water Facilities.

(c) ACQUISITION OF LAND; WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Upon request, and in exchange for the funding which shall be provided in section 617(c), the Pueblos shall consent to the grant of such easements and rights-of-way as may be necessary for the construction of the Regional Water System at no cost to the Secretary. To the extent that the State or County own easements or rights-of-way that may be used for construction of the Regional Water System, the State or County shall provide that land or interest in land as necessary for construction at no cost to the Secretary. The Secretary shall acquire any other land or interest in land that is necessary for the construction of the Regional Water System.

(2) WATER RIGHTS.—The Secretary shall not condemn water rights for purposes of the Regional Water System.

(d) CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not begin construction of the Regional Water System facilities until the date on which—

(A) the Secretary executes—

(i) the Settlement Agreement; and

(ii) the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement; and

(B) the State and the County have entered into an agreement with the Secretary to contribute the non-Federal share of the costs of the construction in accordance with the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(2) MODIFICATIONS TO REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The State and the County, in agreement with the Pueblos, the City, and other signatories to the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement, may modify the extent, size, and capacity of the County Distribution System as set forth in the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(B) EFFECT.—A modification under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall not affect implementation of the Settlement Agreement so long as the provisions in section 623 are satisfied; and

(ii) may result in an adjustment of the State and County cost-share allocation as set forth in the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) shall not apply to the design and construction of the Regional Water System.

(f) CONSTRUCTION COSTS.—

(1) PUEBLO WATER FACILITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the expenditures of the Secretary to construct the Pueblo Water Facilities under this section shall not exceed $106,400,000.

(B) EXCEPTION.—The amount described in subparagraph (A) shall be increased or decreased, as appropriate, based on ordinary fluctuations in construction costs since October 1, 2006, as determined using applicable engineering cost indices.

(2) COSTS TO PUEBLO.—The costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out activities to construct the Pueblo Water Facilities under this section shall not be reimbursable to the United States.

(3) COUNTY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.—As a condition of the Secretary using the funds made available pursuant to section 617(a)(1), the costs of constructing the County Distribution System shall be a State and local expense pursuant to the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(g) INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that the cost of constructing the Regional Water System exceed the amounts described in the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement for construction of the Regional Water System and would necessitate funds in excess of the amount made available pursuant to section 617(a)(1), the Secretary shall initiate negotiations with the parties to the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement for an agreement regarding non-Federal contributions to ensure that the Regional Water System can be completed as required by section 623(e).

(2) JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The United States shall not bear the entire amount of any cost overrun, nor shall the State be responsible to pay any amounts in addition to the amounts specified in the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(h) CONVEYANCE OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), on completion of the construction of the Regional Water System as defined in section 623(e), the Secretary, in accordance with the Operating Agreement, shall convey to—

(A) each Pueblo the portion of any Pueblo Water Facility that is located within the boundaries of the Pueblo, including any land or interest in land located within the boundaries of the Pueblo that is acquired by the United States for the construction of the Pueblo Water Facility;

(B) the County the County Distribution System, including any land or interest in land acquired by the United States for the construction of the County Distribution System; and

(C) the Authority any portions of the Regional Water System that remain after making the conveyances under subparagraphs (A)

and (B), including any land or interest in land acquired by the United States for the construction of the portions of the Regional Water System.

(2) CONDITIONS FOR CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall not convey any portion of the Regional Water System facilities under paragraph (1) until the date on which—

(A) construction of the Regional Water System is substantially complete, as defined in section 623(e); and

(B) the Operating Agreement is executed in accordance with section 612.

(3) SUBSEQUENT CONVEYANCE.—On conveyance by the Secretary under paragraph (1), the Pueblos, the County, and the Authority shall not reconvey any portion of the Regional Water System conveyed to the Pueblos, the County, and the Authority, respectively, unless the reconveyance is authorized by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES.—On conveyance of a portion of the Regional Water System under paragraph (1), the United States shall have no further right, title, or interest in and to the portion of the Regional Water System conveyed.

(5) ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION.—On conveyance of a portion of the Regional Water System under paragraph (1), the Pueblos, County, or the Authority, as applicable, may, at the expense of the Pueblos, County, or the Authority, construct any additional infrastructure that is necessary to fully use the water delivered by the Regional Water System.

(6) TAXATION.—Conveyance of title to any portion of the Regional Water System, the Pueblo Water Facilities, or the County Distribution System under paragraph (1) does not waive or alter any applicable Federal law prohibiting taxation of such facilities or the underlying land.

(7) LIABILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of conveyance of any land or facility under this section, the United States shall not be held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the land and facilities conveyed, other than damages caused by acts of negligence by the United States, or by employees or agents of the United States, prior to the date of conveyance.

(B) TORT CLAIMS.—Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United States beyond the liability provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the ''Federal Tort Claims Act'').

(8) EFFECT.—Nothing in any transfer of ownership provided or any conveyance thereto as provided in this section shall extinguish the right of any Pueblo, the County, or the Regional Water Authority to the continuous use and benefit of each easement or right of way for the use, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of Pueblo Water Facilities, the County Distribution System or the Regional Water System or for wastewater purposes as provided in the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

SEC. 612. OPERATING AGREEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Pueblos and the County shall submit to the Secretary an executed Operating Agreement for the Regional Water System that is consistent with this title, the Settlement Agreement, and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement not later than 180 days after the later of—

(1) the date of completion of environmental compliance and permitting; or

(2) the date of issuance of a final project design for the Regional Water System under section 611(b).

(b) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove the Operating Agreement within a reasonable period of time after the Pueblos and the County submit the Operating Agreement described in subsection (a) and upon making a determination that the Operating Agreement is consistent with this title, the Settlement Agreement, and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(c) CONTENTS.—The Operating Agreement shall include—

(1) provisions consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement and necessary to implement the intended benefits of the Regional Water System described in those documents;

(2) provisions for—

(A) the distribution of water conveyed through the Regional Water System, including a delineation of—

(i) distribution lines for the County Distribution System;

(ii) distribution lines for the Pueblo Water Facilities; and

(iii) distribution lines that serve both—

(I) the County Distribution System; and

(II) the Pueblo Water Facilities;

(B) the allocation of the Regional Water System capacity;

(C) the terms of use of unused water capacity in the Regional Water System;

(D) terms of interim use of County unused capacity, in accordance with section 614(d);

(E) the construction of additional infrastructure and the acquisition of associated rights-of-way or easements necessary to enable any of the Pueblos or the County to fully use water allocated to the Pueblos or the County from the Regional Water System, including provisions addressing when the construction of such additional infrastructure requires approval by the Authority;

(F) the allocation and payment of annual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs for the Regional Water System, including the portions of the Regional Water System that are used to treat, transmit, and distribute water to both the Pueblo Water Facilities and the County Water Utility;

(G) the operation of wellfields located on Pueblo land;

(H) the transfer of any water rights necessary to provide the Pueblo water supply described in section 613(a);

(I) the operation of the Regional Water System with respect to the water supply, including the allocation of the water supply in accordance with section 3.1.8.4.2 of the Settlement Agreement so that, in the event of a shortage of supply to the Regional Water System, the supply to each of the Pueblos' and to the County's distribution system shall be reduced on a pro rata basis, in proportion to each distribution system's most current annual use; and

(J) dispute resolution; and

(3) provisions for operating and maintaining the Regional Water System facilities before and after conveyance under section 611(h), including provisions to—

(A) ensure that—

(i) the operation of, and the diversion and conveyance of water by, the Regional Water System is in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;

(ii) the wells in the Regional Water System are used in conjunction with the surface water supply of the Regional Water System to ensure a reliable firm supply of water to all users of the Regional Water System, consistent with the intent of the Settlement Agreement that surface supplies will be used to the maximum extent feasible;

(iii) the respective obligations regarding delivery, payment, operation, and management are enforceable; and

(iv) the County has the right to serve any new water users located on non-Pueblo land in the Pojoaque Basin; and

(B) allow for any aquifer storage and recovery projects that are approved by the Office of the New Mexico State Engineer.

(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this title precludes the Operating Agreement from authorizing phased or interim operations if the Regional Water System is constructed in phases.

SEC. 613. ACQUISITION OF PUEBLO WATER SUPPLY FOR REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of providing a reliable firm supply of water from the Regional Water System for the Pueblos in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Secretary, on behalf of the Pueblos, shall—

(1) acquire water rights to—

(A) 302 acre-feet of Nambe reserved water described in section 2.6.2 of the Settlement Agreement; and

(B) 1141 acre-feet from water acquired by the County for water rights commonly referred to as ''Top of the World'' rights in the Aamodt Case;

(2) enter into a contract with the Pueblos for 1,079 acre-feet in accordance with section 11 of the San Juan-Chama Project Act; and

(3) by application to the State Engineer, seek approval to divert the water acquired and made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) at the points of diversion for the Regional Water System, consistent with the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(b) FORFEITURE.—The nonuse of the water supply secured by the Secretary for the Pueblos under subsection (a) shall in no event result in forfeiture, abandonment, relinquishment, or other loss thereof.

(c) TRUST.—The Pueblo water rights secured under subsection (a) shall be held by the United States in trust for the Pueblos.

(d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The water supply made available pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall be subject to the San Juan-Chama Project Act, and no preference shall be provided to the Pueblos as a result of subsection (c) with regard to the delivery or distribution of San Juan-Chama Project water or the management or operation of the San Juan-Chama Project.

(e) CONTRACT FOR SAN JUAN-CHAMA PROJECT WATER SUPPLY.—With respect to the contract for the water supply required by subsection (a)(2), such San Juan-Chama Project contract shall be pursuant to the following terms:

(1) WAIVERS.—Notwithstanding the provisions of the San Juan-Chama Project Act, or any other provision of law—

(A) the Secretary shall waive the entirety of the Pueblos' share of the construction costs for the San Juan-Chama Project, and pursuant to that waiver, the Pueblos' share of all construction costs for the San Juan-Chama Project, inclusive of both principal and interest, due from 1972 to the execution of the contract required by subsection (a)(2), shall be nonreimbursable;

(B) the Secretary's waiver of each Pueblo's share of the construction costs for the San Juan-Chama Project will not result in an increase in the pro rata shares of other San Juan-Chama Project water contractors, but such costs shall be absorbed by the United States Treasury or otherwise appropriated to the Department of the Interior; and

(C) the construction costs associated with any water made available from the San Juan-Chama Project which were determined nonreimbursable and nonreturnable pursuant to Public Law No. 88–293, 78 Stat. 171 (March 26, 1964), shall remain nonreimbursable and nonreturnable.

(2) TERMINATION.—The contract shall provide that it shall terminate only on—

(A) failure of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico to enter a final decree for the Aamodt Case by the expiration date described in section 623(b), or within the time period of any extension of that deadline granted by the court; or

(B) entry of an order by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico voiding the final decree and Settlement Agreement for the Aamodt Case pursuant to section 10.3 of the Settlement Agreement.

(f) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall use the water supply secured under subsection (a) only for the purposes described in the Settlement Agreement.

(g) FULFILLMENT OF WATER SUPPLY ACQUISITION OBLIGATIONS.—Compliance with subsections (a) through (f) shall satisfy any and all obligations of the Secretary to acquire or secure a water supply for the Pueblos pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.

(h) RIGHTS OF PUEBLOS IN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UNAFFECTED.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) through (g), the Pueblos, the County or the Regional Water Authority may acquire any additional water rights to ensure all parties to the Settlement Agreement receive the full allocation of water provided by the Settlement Agreement and nothing in this title amends or modifies the quantities of water allocated to the Pueblos thereunder.

SEC. 614. DELIVERY AND ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY AND WATER.

(a) ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Regional Water System shall have the capacity to divert from the Rio Grande a quantity of water sufficient to provide—

(A) up to 4,000 acre-feet of consumptive use of water; and

(B) the requisite peaking capacity described in—

(i) the Engineering Report; and

(ii) the final project design.

(2) ALLOCATION TO THE PUEBLOS AND COUNTY WATER UTILITY.—Of the capacity described in paragraph (1)—

(A) there shall be allocated to the Pueblos—

(i) sufficient capacity for the conveyance of 2,500 acre-feet consumptive use; and

(ii) the requisite peaking capacity for the quantity of water described in clause (i); and

(B) there shall be allocated to the County Water Utility—

(i) sufficient capacity for the conveyance of up to 1,500 acre-feet consumptive use; and

(ii) the requisite peaking capacity for the quantity of water described in clause (i).

(3) APPLICABLE LAW.—Water shall be allocated to the Pueblos and the County Water Utility under this subsection in accordance with—

(A) this subtitle;

(B) the Settlement Agreement; and

(C) the Operating Agreement.

(b) DELIVERY OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM WATER.—The Authority shall deliver water from the Regional Water System—

(1) to the Pueblos water in a quantity sufficient to allow full consumptive use of up to 2,500 acre-feet per year of water rights by the Pueblos in accordance with—

(A) the Settlement Agreement;

(B) the Operating Agreement; and

(C) this subtitle; and

(2) to the County water in a quantity sufficient to allow full consumptive use of up to 1,500 acre-feet per year of water rights by the County Water Utility in accordance with—

(A) the Settlement Agreement;

(B) the Operating Agreement; and

(C) this subtitle.

(c) ADDITIONAL USE OF ALLOCATION QUANTITY AND UNUSED CAPACITY.—The Regional Water System may be used to—

(1) provide for use of return flow credits to allow for full consumptive use of the water allocated in the Settlement Agreement to each of the Pueblos and to the County; and

(2) convey water allocated to one of the Pueblos or the County Water Utility for the benefit of another Pueblo or the County Water Utility or allow use of unused capacity by each other through the Regional Water System in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement between the Pueblos, or between a Pueblo and County Water Utility, as applicable, if—

(A) such intergovernmental agreements are consistent with the Operating Agreement, the Settlement Agreement, and this title;

(B) capacity is available without reducing water delivery to any Pueblo or the County Water Utility in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, unless the County Water Utility or Pueblo contracts for a reduction in water delivery or Regional Water System capacity;

(C) the Pueblo or County Water Utility contracting for use of the unused capacity or water has the right to use the water under applicable law; and

(D) any agreement for the use of unused capacity or water provides for payment of the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs associated with the use of capacity or water.

(d) INTERIM USE OF COUNTY CAPACITY.—In accordance with section 9.6.4 of the Settlement Agreement, the County may use unused capacity and water rights of the County Water Utility to supply water within the County outside of the Pojoaque Basin—

(1) on approval by the State and the Authority; and

(2) subject to the issuance of a permit by the New Mexico State Engineer.

SEC. 615. AAMODT SETTLEMENT PUEBLOS' FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AAMODT SETTLEMENT PUEBLOS' FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ''Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund,'' consisting of—

(1) such amounts as are made available to the Fund under section 617(c) or other authorized sources; and

(2) any interest earned from investment of amounts in the Fund under subsection (b).

(b) MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND.—The Secretary shall manage the Fund, invest amounts in the Fund, and make amounts available from the Fund for distribution to the Pueblos in accordance with—

(1) the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.); and

(2) this title.

(c) INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.—On the date on which the waivers become effective as set forth in section 623(d), the Secretary shall invest amounts in the Fund in accordance with—

(1) the Act of April 1, 1880 (25 U.S.C. 161);

(2) the first section of the Act of June 24, 1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a); and

(3) the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(d) TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A Pueblo may withdraw all or part of the Pueblo's portion of the Fund on approval by the Secretary of a tribal management plan as described in the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the requirements under the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the tribal management plan shall require that a Pueblo spend any amounts withdrawn from the Fund in accordance with the purposes described in section 617(c).

(3) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may take judicial or administrative action to enforce the provisions of any tribal management plan to ensure that any amounts withdrawn from the Fund under an approved tribal management plan are used in accordance with this subtitle.

(4) LIABILITY.—If a Pueblo or the Pueblos exercise the right to withdraw amounts from the Fund, neither the Secretary nor the Secretary of the Treasury shall retain any liability for the expenditure or investment of the amounts withdrawn.

(5) EXPENDITURE PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Pueblos shall submit to the Secretary for approval an expenditure plan for any portion of the amounts in the Fund that the Pueblos do not withdraw under this subsection.

(B) DESCRIPTION.—The expenditure plan shall describe the manner in which, and the purposes for which, amounts remaining in the Fund will be used.

(C) APPROVAL.—On receipt of an expenditure plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall approve the plan if the Secretary determines that the plan is reasonable and consistent with this title, the Settlement Agreement, and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement.

(D) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Pueblos shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that describes all expenditures from the Fund during the year covered by the report.

(6) NO PER CAPITA PAYMENTS.—No part of the principal of the Fund, or the interest or income accruing on the principal shall be distributed to any member of a Pueblo on a per capita basis.

(7) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS FROM THE FUND.—

(A) APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), amounts made available under section 617(c)(1), or from other authorized sources, shall be available for expenditure or withdrawal only after the publication of the statement of findings required by section 623(a)(1).

(ii) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding clause (i), the amounts described in that clause may be expended before the date of publication of the statement of findings under section 623(a)(1) for any activity that is more cost-effective when implemented in conjunction with the construction of the Regional Water System, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) COMPLETION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—Amounts made available under section 617(c)(1) or from other authorized sources shall be available for expenditure or withdrawal only after those portions of the Regional Water System described in section 1.5.24 of the Settlement Agreement have been declared substantially complete by the Secretary.

SEC. 616. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this subtitle, the Secretary shall comply with each law of the Federal Government relating to the protection of the environment, including—

(1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(2) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(b) NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.—Nothing in this title affects the outcome of any analysis conducted by the Secretary or any other Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 617. FUNDING.

(a) REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—

(1) FUNDING.—

(A) MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.—Subject to paragraph (5), out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary for the planning, design, and construction of the Regional Water System and the conduct of environmental compliance activities under section 616 an amount not to exceed $56,400,000, as adjusted under paragraph (4), for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2016, to remain available until expended.

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amount made available under subparagraph (A), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the planning, design, and construction of the Regional Water System and the conduct of environmental compliance activities under section 616 $50,000,000, as adjusted under paragraph (4), for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2024.

(2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this title the funds transferred under paragraph (1)(A), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended.

(3) PRIORITY OF FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to funding—

(A) the construction of the San Ildefonso portion of the Regional Water System, consisting of—

(i) the surface water diversion, treatment, and transmission facilities at San Ildefonso Pueblo; and

(ii) the San Ildefonso Pueblo portion of the Pueblo Water Facilities; and

(B) that part of the Regional Water System providing 475 acre-feet to Pojoaque Pueblo pursuant to section 2.2 of the Settlement Agreement.

(4) ADJUSTMENT.—The amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall be adjusted annually to account for increases in construction costs since October 1, 2006, as determined using applicable engineering cost indices.

(5) LIMITATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—No amounts shall be made available under paragraph (1) for the construction of the Regional Water System until the date on which the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico issues an order approving the Settlement Agreement.

(B) RECORD OF DECISION.—No amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall be expended for construction unless the record of decision issued by the Secretary after completion of an environmental impact statement provides for a preferred alternative that is in substantial compliance with the proposed Regional Water System, as defined in the Engineering Report.

(b) ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary for the acquisition of the water rights under section 613(a)(1)(B) $5,400,000.

(2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this title the funds transferred under paragraph (1), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended.

(c) AAMODT SETTLEMENT PUEBLOS' FUND.—

(1) FUNDING.—

(A) MANDATORY APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary the following amounts for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015:

(i) $15,000,000, as adjusted according to the CPI Urban Index beginning on October 1, 2006, which shall be allocated to the Pueblos, in accordance with section 2.7.1 of the Settlement Agreement, for the rehabilitation, improvement, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the agricultural delivery facilities, waste water systems, and other water-related infrastructure of the applicable Pueblo.

(ii) $5,000,000, as adjusted according to the CPI Urban Index beginning on January 1, 2011, and any interest on that amount, which shall be allocated to the Pueblo of Nambe only for the acquisition land, other real property interests, or economic development for the Nambe reserved water rights in accordance with section 613(a)(1)(A).

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amounts made available under clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A), respectively, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2024, $37,500,000 to assist the Pueblos in paying the Pueblos' share of the cost of operating, maintaining, and replacing the Pueblo Water Facilities and the Regional Water System.

(2) OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT COSTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to conveyance of the Regional Water System pursuant to section 611, the Secretary is authorized to and shall pay any operation, maintenance, and replacement costs associated with the Pueblo Water Facilities or the Regional Water System, up to the amount made available under subparagraph (B).

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out subparagraph (A) $5,000,000.

(C) OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER COMPLETION.—After the date on which construction of the Regional Water System is completed and the amounts required to be deposited in the Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund pursuant to paragraph (1) have been deposited by the Federal Government—

(i) the Federal Government shall have no obligation to pay for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs associated with the Pueblo Water Facilities or the Regional Water System; and

(ii) the authorization for the Secretary to expend funds for the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs of those systems under subparagraph (A) shall expire.

(3) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this title the funds transferred under paragraphs (1)(A), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended or until the authorization for the Secretary to expend funds pursuant to paragraph (2) expires.

Subtitle B—Pojoaque Basin Indian Water Rights Settlement

SEC. 621. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT APPROVAL.

(a) APPROVAL.—To the extent the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement do not conflict with this title, the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement (including any amendments to the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement that are executed to make the Settlement Agreement or the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement consistent with this title) are authorized, ratified, and confirmed.

(b) EXECUTION.—To the extent the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement do not conflict with this title, the Secretary shall execute the Settlement Agreement and the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement (including any amendments that are necessary to make the Settlement Agreement or the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement consistent with this title).

(c) AUTHORITIES OF THE PUEBLOS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each of the Pueblos may enter into leases or contracts to exchange water rights or to forebear undertaking new or expanded water uses for water rights recognized in section 2.1 of the Settlement Agreement for use within the Pojoaque Basin, in accordance with the other limitations of section 2.1.5 of the Settlement Agreement, provided that section 2.1.5 is amended accordingly.

(2) APPROVAL BY SECRETARY.—Consistent with the Settlement Agreement, the Secretary shall approve or disapprove a lease or contract entered into under paragraph (1).

(3) PROHIBITION ON PERMANENT ALIENATION.—No lease or contract under paragraph (1) shall be for a term exceeding 99 years, nor shall any such lease or contract provide for permanent alienation of any portion of the water rights made available to the Pueblos under the Settlement Agreement.

(4) APPLICABLE LAW.—Section 2116 of the Revised Statutes (25 U.S.C. 177) shall not apply to any lease or contract entered into under paragraph (1).

(5) LEASING OR MARKETING OF WATER SUPPLY.—The water supply provided on behalf of the Pueblos pursuant to section 613(a)(1) may only be leased or marketed by any of the Pueblos pursuant to the intergovernmental agreements described in section 614(c)(2).

(d) AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS.—The Secretary shall amend the contracts relating to the Nambe Falls Dam and Reservoir that are necessary to use water supplied from the Nambe Falls Dam and Reservoir in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

SEC. 622. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.

(a) EFFECT OF EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The execution of the Settlement Agreement under section 611(b) shall not constitute a major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—In carrying out this title, the Secretary shall comply with each law of the Federal Government relating to the protection of the environment, including—

(1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(2) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

SEC. 623. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT AND ENFORCEMENT DATE.

(a) CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the fulfillment of the conditions precedent described in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register by September 15, 2017, a statement of findings that the conditions have been fulfilled.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The conditions precedent referred to in paragraph (1) are the conditions that—

(A) to the extent that the Settlement Agreement conflicts with this subtitle, the Settlement Agreement has been revised to conform with this subtitle;

(B) the Settlement Agreement, so revised, including waivers and releases pursuant to section 624, has been executed by the appropriate parties and the Secretary;

(C) Congress has fully appropriated, or the Secretary has provided from other authorized sources, all funds authorized by section 617, with the exception of subsection (a)(1) of that section;

(D) the Secretary has acquired and entered into appropriate contracts for the water rights described in section 613(a);

(E) for purposes of section 613(a), permits have been issued by the New Mexico State Engineer to the Regional Water Authority to change the points of diversion to the mainstem of the Rio Grande for the diversion and consumptive use of at least 2,381 acre-feet by the Pueblos as part of the water supply for the Regional Water System, subject to the conditions that—

(i) the permits shall be free of any condition that materially adversely affects the ability of the Pueblos or the Regional Water Authority to divert or use the Pueblo water supply described in section 613(a), including water rights acquired in addition to those described in section 613(a), in accordance with section 613(g); and

(ii) the Settlement Agreement shall establish the means to address any permit conditions to ensure the ability of the Pueblos to fully divert and consume at least 2,381 acre-feet as part of the water supply for the Regional Water System, including defining the conditions that will not constitute a material adverse affect;

(F) the State has enacted any necessary legislation and provided any funding that may be required under the Settlement Agreement;

(G) a partial final decree that sets forth the water rights and other rights to water to which the Pueblos are entitled under the Settlement Agreement and this subtitle and that substantially conforms to the Settlement Agreement has been approved by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico;

(H) a final decree that sets forth the water rights for all parties to the Aamodt Case and that substantially conforms to the Settlement Agreement has been approved by the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico; and

(I) the waivers and releases described in section 624 have been executed.

(b) EXPIRATION DATE.—If all the conditions precedent described in subsection (a)(2) have not been fulfilled by September 15, 2017—

(1) the Settlement Agreement shall no longer be effective;

(2) the waivers and releases described in the Settlement Agreement and section 624 shall not be effective;

(3) any unexpended Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title, together with any interest earned on those funds, any water rights or contracts to use water, and title to other property acquired or constructed with Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title shall be returned to the Federal Government, unless otherwise agreed to by the Pueblos and the United States and approved by Congress; and

(4) except for Federal funds used to acquire or develop property that is returned to the Federal Government under paragraph (3), the United States shall be entitled to set off any Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title that were expended or withdrawn, together with any interest accrued on those funds, against any claims against the United States—

(A) relating to water rights in the Pojoaque Basin asserted by any Pueblo that benefitted from the use of expended or withdrawn Federal funds; or

(B) in any future settlement of the Aamodt Case.

(c) ENFORCEMENT DATE.—The Settlement Agreement shall become enforceable beginning on the date on which the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico enters a partial final decree pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(G) and an Interim Administrative Order consistent with the Settlement Agreement.

(d) EFFECTIVENESS OF WAIVERS.—The waivers and releases executed pursuant to section 624 shall become effective as of the date that the Secretary publishes the notice required by subsection (a)(1).

(e) REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—

(1) CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM.—Subject to the provisions in section 611(d) concerning the extent, size, and capacity of the County Distribution System, the Regional Water System shall be determined to be substantially completed if the infrastructure has been constructed capable of—

(A) diverting, treating, transmitting, and distributing a supply of 2,500 acre-feet of water to the Pueblos; and

(B) diverting, treating, and transmitting the quantity of water specified in the Engineering Report to the County Distribution System.

(2) CONSULTATION.—On or after June 30, 2021, at the request of 1 or more of the Pueblos, the Secretary shall consult with the Pueblos and confer with the County and the State on whether the criteria in paragraph (1) for substantial completion of the Regional Water System have been met or will be met by June 30, 2024.

(3) WRITTEN DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—Not earlier than June 30, 2021, at the request of 1 or more of the Pueblos and after the consultation required by paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

(A) determine whether the Regional Water System has been substantially completed based on the criteria described in paragraph (1); and

(B) submit a written notice of the determination under subparagraph (A) to—

(i) the Pueblos;

(ii) the County; and

(iii) the State.

(4) RIGHT TO REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A determination by the Secretary under paragraph (3)(A) shall be considered to be a final agency action subject to judicial review by the Decree Court under sections 701 through 706 of title 5, United States Code.

(B) FAILURE TO MAKE TIMELY DETERMINATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If a Pueblo requests a written determination under paragraph (3) and the Secretary fails to make such a written determination by the date described in clause (ii), there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the failure constitutes agency action unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed under section 706 of title 5, United States Code.

(ii) DATE.—The date referred to in clause (i) is the date that is the later of—

(I) the date that is 180 days after the date of receipt by the Secretary of the request by the Pueblo; and

(II) June 30, 2023.

(C) EFFECT OF TITLE.—Nothing in this title gives any Pueblo or Settlement Party the right to judicial review of a determination of the Secretary regarding whether the Regional Water System has been substantially completed except under subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the ''Administrative Procedure Act'').

(5) RIGHT TO VOID FINAL DECREE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30, 2024, on a determination by the Secretary, after consultation with the Pueblos, that the Regional Water System is not substantially complete, 1 or more of the Pueblos, or the United States acting on behalf of a Pueblo, shall have the right to notify the Decree Court of the determination.

(B) EFFECT.—The Final Decree shall have no force or effect on a finding by the Decree Court that a Pueblo, or the United States acting on behalf of a Pueblo, has submitted proper notification under subparagraph (A).

(f) VOIDING OF WAIVERS.—If the Final Decree is void under subsection (e)(5)—

(1) the Settlement Agreement shall no longer be effective;

(2) the waivers and releases executed pursuant to section 624 shall no longer be effective;

(3) any unexpended Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title, together with any interest earned on those funds, any water rights or contracts to use water, and title to other property acquired or constructed with Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title shall be returned to the Federal Government, unless otherwise agreed to by the Pueblos and the United States and approved by Congress; and

(4) except for Federal funds used to acquire or develop property that is returned to the Federal Government under paragraph (3), the United States shall be entitled to set off any Federal funds appropriated or made available to carry out the activities authorized by this title that were expended or withdrawn, together with any interest accrued on those funds, against any claims against the United States—

(A) relating to water rights in the Pojoaque Basin asserted by any Pueblo that benefitted from the use of expended or withdrawn Federal funds; or

(B) in any future settlement of the Aamodt Case.

(g) EXTENSION.—The dates in subsections (a)(1) and (b) may be extended if the parties to the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement agree that an extension is reasonably necessary.

SEC. 624. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

(a) CLAIMS BY THE PUEBLOS AND THE UNITED STATES.—In return for recognition of the Pueblos' water rights and other benefits, including waivers and releases by non-Pueblo parties, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and this title, the Pueblos, on behalf of themselves and their members, and the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblos are authorized to execute a waiver and release of—

(1) all claims for water rights in the Pojoaque Basin that the Pueblos, or the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblos, asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including the Aamodt Case, up to and including the waiver effectiveness date identified in section 623(d), except to the extent that such rights are recognized in the Settlement Agreement or this title;

(2) all claims for water rights for lands in the Pojoaque Basin and for rights to use water in the Pojoaque Basin that the Pueblos, or the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblos, might be able to otherwise assert in any proceeding not initiated on or before the date of enactment of this Act, except to the extent that such rights are recognized in the Settlement Agreement or this title;

(3) all claims for damages, losses or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water (including claims for injury to land resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking) for land within the Pojoaque Basin that accrued at any time up to and including the waiver effectiveness date identified in section 623(d);

(4) their defenses in the Aamodt Case to the claims previously asserted therein by other parties to the Settlement Agreement;

(5) all pending and future inter se challenges to the quantification and priority of water rights of non-Pueblo wells in the Pojoaque Basin, except as provided by section 2.8 of the Settlement Agreement;

(6) all pending and future inter se challenges against other parties to the Settlement Agreement;

(7) all claims for damages, losses, or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water (including claims for injury to land resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking of water) attributable to City of Santa Fe pumping of groundwater that has effects on the ground and surface water supplies of the Pojoaque Basin, provided that this waiver shall not be effective by the Pueblo of Tesuque unless there is a water resources agreement executed between the Pueblo of Tesuque and the City of Santa Fe; and

(8) all claims for damages, losses, or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water (including claims for injury to land resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking of water) attributable to County of Santa Fe pumping of groundwater that has effects on the ground and surface water supplies of the Pojoaque Basin.

(b) CLAIMS BY THE PUEBLOS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—The Pueblos, on behalf of themselves and their members, are authorized to execute a waiver and release of—

(1) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees, relating to claims for water rights in or water of the Pojoaque Basin or for rights to use water in the Pojoaque Basin that the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblos asserted, or could have asserted, in any proceeding, including the Aamodt Case;

(2) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to damages, losses, or injuries to water, water rights, land, or natural resources due to loss of water or water rights (including damages, losses or injuries to hunting, fishing, gathering or cultural rights due to loss of water or water rights; claims relating to interference with, diversion or taking of water or water rights; or claims relating to failure to protect, acquire, replace, or develop water, water rights or water infrastructure) within the Pojoaque Basin that first accrued at any time up to and including the waiver effectiveness date identified in section 623(d);

(3) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees for an accounting of funds appropriated by Acts, including the Act of December 22, 1927 (45 Stat. 2), the Act of March 4, 1929 (45 Stat. 1562), the Act of March 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 90), the Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1115), the Act of March 4, 1931 (46 Stat. 1552), the Act of July 1, 1932 (47 Stat. 525), the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1757), the Act of August 9, 1937 (50 Stat. 564), and the Act of May 9, 1938 (52 Stat. 291), as authorized by the Pueblo Lands Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 636), and the Pueblo Lands Act of May 31, 1933 (48 Stat. 108), and for breach of Trust relating to funds for water replacement appropriated by said Acts that first accrued before the date of enactment of this Act;

(4) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to the pending litigation of claims relating to the Pueblos' water rights in the Aamodt Case; and

(5) all claims against the United States, its agencies, or employees relating to the negotiation, Execution or the adoption of the Settlement Agreement, exhibits thereto, the Partial Final Decree, the Final Decree, or this title.

(c) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases authorized in this title, the Pueblos on behalf of themselves and their members and the United States acting in its capacity as trustee for the Pueblos retain.—

(1) all claims for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement, the Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement, the Final Decree, including the Partial Final Decree, the San Juan-Chama Project contract between the Pueblos and the United States or this title;

(2) all rights to use and protect water rights acquired after the date of enactment of this Act;

(3) all rights to use and protect water rights acquired pursuant to state law to the extent not inconsistent with the Partial Final Decree, Final Decree, and the Settlement Agreement;

(4) all claims against persons other than Parties to the Settlement Agreement for damages, losses or injuries to water rights or claims of interference with, diversion or taking of water (including claims for injury to lands resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, interference with, diversion, or taking of water) within the Pojoaque Basin arising out of activities occurring outside the Pojoaque Basin;

(5) all claims relating to activities affecting the quality of water including any claims the Pueblos may have under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) (including claims for damages to natural resources), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), and the regulations implementing those laws;

(6) all claims against the United States relating to damages, losses, or injuries to land or natural resources not due to loss of water or water rights (including hunting, fishing, gathering or cultural rights);

(7) all claims for water rights from water sources outside the Pojoaque Basin for land outside the Pojoaque Basin owned by a Pueblo or held by the United States for the benefit of any of the Pueblos; and

(8) all rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, powers and claims not specifically waived and released pursuant to this title or the Settlement Agreement.

(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in the Settlement Agreement or this title—

(1) affects the ability of the United States acting in its sovereign capacity to take actions authorized by law, including any laws relating to health, safety, or the environment, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), and the regulations implementing those laws;

(2) affects the ability of the United States to take actions acting in its capacity as trustee for any other Indian tribe or allottee; or

(3) confers jurisdiction on any State court to—

(A) interpret Federal law regarding health, safety, or the environment or determine the duties of the United States or other parties pursuant to such Federal law; or

(B) conduct judicial review of Federal agency action;

(e) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicable period of limitation and time-based equitable defense relating to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on June 30, 2021.

(2) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of limitation or time-based equitable defense that expired before the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section precludes the tolling of any period of limitations or any time-based equitable defense under any other applicable law.

SEC. 625. EFFECT.

Nothing in this title or the Settlement Agreement affects the land and water rights, claims, or entitlements to water of any Indian tribe, pueblo, or community other than the Pueblos.

SEC. 626. ANTIDEFICIENCY.

The United States shall not be liable for any failure to carry out any obligation or activity authorized by this title (including any such obligation or activity under the Settlement Agreement) if adequate appropriations are not provided expressly by Congress to carry out the purposes of this title in the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established under section 10501 of Public Law 111–11 or the ''Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health'' established by section 601(a) of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 443c(a)).

TITLE VII—RECLAMATION WATER SETTLEMENTS FUND

SEC. 701. MANDATORY APPROPRIATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2014, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior $60,000,000 for deposit in the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund established in section 10501 of Public Law 111–11.

(b) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—Starting in fiscal year 2012, the Secretary of the Interior shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out subtitle B of title X of Public Law 111–11 the funds transferred under subsection (a), without further appropriation, to remain available until expended.

TITLE VIII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Unemployment Compensation Program Integrity

SEC. 801. COLLECTION OF PAST-DUE, LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE STATE DEBTS.

(a) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DEBTS.—Section 6402(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking ''RESULTING FROM FRAUD'';

(2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (8) and redesignating paragraphs (4) through (7) as paragraphs (3) through (6), respectively;

(3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''by certified mail with return receipt'';

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''due to fraud'' and inserting ''is not a covered unemployment compensation debt'';

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''due to fraud'' and inserting '' is not a covered unemployment compensation debt''; and

(4) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by inserting ''or the person's failure to report earnings'' after ''due to fraud''; and

(ii) by striking ''for not more than 10 years''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking ''due to fraud''; and

(ii) by striking ''for not more than 10 years''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to refunds

payable under section 6402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 802. REPORTING OF FIRST DAY OF EARNINGS TO DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.

(a) ADDITION OF REQUIREMENT.—Section 453A(b)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653a(b)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting ''the date services for remuneration were first performed by the employee,'' after ''of the employee,''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT REGARDING REPORTING FORMAT AND METHOD.—Section 453A(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653a(c)) is amended by inserting '', to the extent practicable,'' after ''Each report required by subsection (b) shall''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall take effect 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) COMPLIANCE TRANSITION PERIOD.—If the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that State legislation (other than legislation appropriating funds) is required in order for a State plan under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the additional requirements imposed by the amendment made by subsection (a), the plan shall not be regarded as failing to meet such requirements before the first day of the second calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the effective date of such amendment. If the State has a 2-year legislative session, each year of the session is deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

Subtitle B—TANF

SEC. 811. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Activities authorized by part A of title IV and section 1108(b) of the Social Security Act (other than the Emergency Contingency Fund for State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs established under subsection (c) of section 403 of such Act) shall continue through September 30, 2011, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2010, and out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated such sums as may be necessary for such purpose. Grants and payments may be made pursuant to this authority on a quarterly basis through fiscal year 2011 at the level provided for such activities for the corresponding quarter of fiscal year 2010, except that—

(1) in the case of healthy marriage promotion and responsible fatherhood grants under section 403(a)(2) of such Act, such grants and payments shall be made in accordance with the amendments made by subsection (b) of this section;

(2) in the case of supplemental grants under section 403(a)(3) of such Act—

(A) such grants and payments for the period beginning on October 1, 2010, and ending on December 3, 2010, shall not exceed the level provided for such grants and payments under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011; and

(B) such grants and payments for the period beginning on December 4, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2011, shall not exceed the amount equal to the difference between $490,000,000 and such sums as are necessary for amounts obligated under section 403(b) of the Social Security Act on or after October 1, 2010, and before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(3) in the case of the Contingency Fund for State Welfare Programs established under section 403(b) of such Act, grants and payments may be made in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2010 through fiscal year 2012, in accordance with the amendments made by subsection (c) of this section.

(b) HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS.—Section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking ''and (C)'' and inserting '', (C), and (E)'';

(B) in clause (ii), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by inserting ''(or, in the case of an entity seeking funding to carry out healthy marriage promotion activities and activities promoting responsible fatherhood, a combined application that contains assurances that the entity will carry out such activities under separate programs and shall not combine any funds awarded to carry out either such activities)'' after ''an application''; and

(C) in clause (iii), by striking subclause (III) and inserting the following:

''(III) Marriage education, marriage skills, and relationship skills programs, that may include parenting skills, financial management, conflict resolution, and job and career advancement.'';

(2) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking ''$50,000,000'' and inserting ''$75,000,000'';

(3) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

''(D) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2011 for expenditure in accordance with this paragraph—

''(i) $75,000,000 for awarding funds for the purpose of carrying out healthy marriage promotion activities; and

''(ii) $75,000,000 for awarding funds for the purpose of carrying out activities promoting responsible fatherhood.

If the Secretary makes an award under subparagraph (B)(i) for fiscal year 2011, the funds for such award shall be taken in equal portion from the amounts appropriated under clauses (i) and (ii).''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(E) PREFERENCE.—In awarding funds under this paragraph for fiscal year 2011, the Secretary shall give preference to entities that were awarded funds under this paragraph for any prior fiscal year and that have demonstrated the ability to successfully carry out the programs funded under this paragraph.''.

(c) CONTINGENCY FUND.—Section 403(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(2)), as amended by section 131(b)(2)(A) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, is amended—

(1) by striking ''$506,000,000'' and inserting ''such sums as are necessary for amounts obligated on or after October 1, 2010, and before the date of enactment of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010,''; and

(2) by striking '', reduced'' and all that follows up to the period.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 403(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)), as amended by section 131(b)(1) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (F)—

(A) by inserting ''(or portion of a fiscal year)'' after ''a fiscal year''; and

(B) by inserting ''(or portion of the fiscal year)'' after ''the fiscal year'' each place it appears; and

(2) by striking clause (ii) of subparagraph (H) and inserting the following:

''(ii) subparagraph (G) shall be applied as if 'fiscal year 2011' were substituted for 'fiscal year 2001';''.

SEC. 812. MODIFICATIONS TO TANF DATA REPORTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 611) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(c) PRE-REAUTHORIZATION STATE-BY-STATE REPORTS ON ENGAGEMENT IN ADDITIONAL WORK ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES FOR OTHER BENEFITS AND SERVICES.—

''(1) STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

''(A) REPORTING PERIODS AND DEADLINES.—Each eligible State shall submit to the Secretary the following reports:

''(i) MARCH 2011 REPORT.—Not later than May 31, 2011, a report for the period that begins on March 1, 2011, and ends on March 31, 2011, that contains the information specified in subparagraphs (B) and (C).

''(ii) APRIL-JUNE, 2011 REPORT.—Not later than August 31, 2011, a report for the period that begins on April 1, 2011, and ends on June 30, 2011, that contains with respect to the 3 months that occur during that period—

''(I) the average monthly numbers for the information specified in subparagraph (B); and

''(II) the information specified in subparagraph (C).

''(B) ENGAGEMENT IN ADDITIONAL WORK ACTIVITIES.—

''(i) With respect to each work-eligible individual in a family receiving assistance during a reporting period specified in subparagraph (A), whether the individual engages in any activities directed toward attaining self-sufficiency during a month occurring in a reporting period, and if so, the specific activities—

''(I) that do not qualify as a work activity under section 407(d) but that are otherwise reasonably calculated to help the family move toward self-sufficiency; or

''(II) that are of a type that would be counted toward the State participation rates under section 407 but for the fact that—

''(aa) the work-eligible individual did not engage in sufficient hours of the activity;

''(bb) the work-eligible individual has reached the maximum time limit allowed for having participation in the activity counted toward the State's work participation rate; or

''(cc) the number of work-eligible individuals engaged in such activity exceeds a limitation under such section.

''(ii) Any other information that the Secretary determines appropriate with respect to the information required under clause (i), including if the individual has no hours of participation, the principal reason or reasons for such non-participation.

''(C) EXPENDITURES ON OTHER BENEFITS AND SERVICES.—

''(i) Detailed, disaggregated information regarding the types of, and amounts of, expenditures made by the State during a reporting period specified in subparagraph (A) using—

''(I) Federal funds provided under section 403 that are (or will be) reported by the State on Form ACF–196 (or any successor form) under the category of other expenditures or the category of benefits or services provided in accordance with the authority provided under section 404(a)(2); or

''(II) State funds expended to meet the requirements of section 409(a)(7) and reported by the State in the category of other expenditures on Form ACF–196 (or any successor form).

''(ii) Any other information that the Secretary determines appropriate with respect to the information required under clause (i).

''(2) PUBLICATION OF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF ENGAGEMENT IN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Concurrent with the submission of each report required under paragraph (1)(A),

an eligible State shall publish on an Internet website maintained by the State agency responsible for administering the State program funded under this part (or such State-maintained website as the Secretary may approve)—

''(A) a summary of the information submitted in the report:

''(B) an analysis statement regarding the extent to which the information changes measures of total engagement in work activities from what was (or will be) reported by the State in the quarterly report submitted under subsection (a) for the comparable period; and

''(C) a narrative describing the most common activities contained in the report that are not countable toward the State participation rates under section 407.

''(3) APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY TO USE SAMPLING.—Subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1) shall apply to the reports required under paragraph (1) of this subsection in the same manner as subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(1) applies to reports required under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(1).

''(4) SECRETARIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

''(A) MARCH 2011 REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the information submitted by eligible States for the March 2011 reporting period under paragraph (1)(A)(i). The report shall include a State-by-State summary and analysis of such information, identification of any States with missing or incomplete reports, and recommendations for such administrative or legislative changes as the Secretary determines are necessary to require eligible States to report the information on a recurring basis.

''(B) APRIL-JUNE, 2011 REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the information submitted by eligible States for the April-June 2011 reporting period under paragraph (1)(A)(ii). The report shall include a State-by-State summary and analysis of such information, identification of any States with missing or incomplete reports, and recommendations for such administrative or legislative changes as the Secretary determines are necessary to require eligible States to report the information on a recurring basis

''(5) AUTHORITY FOR EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION.—The requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the 'Administrative Procedure Act') or any other law relating to rulemaking or publication in the Federal Register shall not apply to the issuance of guidance or instructions by the Secretary with respect to the implementation of this subsection to the extent the Secretary determines that compliance with any such requirement would impede the expeditious implementation of this subsection.''.

(b) APPLICATION OF PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively,

(B) by inserting before clause (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), the following:

''(A) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—'';

(C) in clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) (as redesignated by paragraphs (1) and (2)), by striking ''subparagraph (A)'' and inserting ''clause (i)''; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

''(B) REPORT ON ENGAGEMENT IN ADDITIONAL WORK ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES FOR OTHER BENEFITS AND SERVICES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that a State has not submitted the report required by section 411(c)(1)(A)(i) by May 31, 2011, or the report required by section 411(c)(1)(A)(ii) by August 31, 2011, the Secretary shall reduce the grant payable to the State under section 403(a)(1) for the immediately succeeding fiscal year by an amount equal to not more than 4 percent of the State family assistance grant.

''(ii) RESCISSION OF PENALTY.—The Secretary shall rescind a penalty imposed on a State under clause (i) with respect to a report required by section 411(c)(1)(A) if the State submits the report not later than—

''(I) in the case of the report required under section 411(c)(1)(A)(i), June 15, 2011; and

''(II) in the case of the report required under section 411(c)(1)(A)(ii), September 15, 2011.

''(iii) PENALTY BASED ON SEVERITY OF FAILURE.—The Secretary shall impose a reduction under clause (i) with respect to a fiscal year based on the degree of noncompliance.''.

(2) APPLICATION OF REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION.—Section 409(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(b)(2)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ''and, with respect to the penalty under paragraph (2)(B) of subsection (a), shall only apply to the extent the Secretary determines that the reasonable cause for failure to comply with a requirement of that paragraph is as a result of a one-time, unexpected event, such as a widespread data system failure or a natural or man-made disaster''.

(3) NONAPPLICATION OF CORRECTIVE COMPLIANCE PLAN PROVISIONS.—Section 409(c)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(c)(4)) is amended by inserting ''(2)(B),'' after ''paragraph''.

Subtitle C—Customs User Fees; Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset

SEC. 821. CUSTOMS USER FEES.

Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''December 10, 2018'' and inserting ''September 30, 2019''; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking ''November 30, 2018'' and inserting ''September 30, 2019''.

SEC. 822. LIMITATION ON DISTRIBUTIONS RELATING TO REPEAL OF CONTINUED DUMPING AND SUBSIDY OFFSET.

Notwithstanding section 1701(b) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 154 (19 U.S.C. 1675c note)) or any other provision of law, no payments shall be distributed under section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of such section 1701, with respect to the entries of any goods that are, on the date of the enactment of this Act—

(1) unliquidated; and

(2)(A) not in litigation; or

(B) not under an order of liquidation from the Department of Commerce.

Subtitle D—Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health

SEC. 831. EMERGENCY FUND FOR INDIAN SAFETY AND HEALTH.

Section 601 of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (25 U.S.C. 443c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking ''$2,000,000,000'' and inserting ''$1,602,619,000''; and

(2) in subsection (f)(2)(B), by striking ''50 percent'' and inserting ''not more than $602,619,000''.

Subtitle E—Rescission of Funds From WIC Program

SEC. 841. RESCISSION OF FUNDS FROM WIC PROGRAM.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the amounts made available in appropriations Acts to provide grants to States under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children established by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), $562,000,000 is rescinded.

Subtitle F—Budgetary Effects

SEC. 851. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled ''Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation'' for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

Amend the title so as to read: This Act may be cited as ''The Claims Resettlement Act of 2010.''.

MOTION TO CONCUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Rahall moves that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4783.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1736, the motion shall be debatable for 1 hour, with 50 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) each will control 25 minutes. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the matter under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today, we are considering a measure which will settle over a combined century of litigation. The bill will bring to closure some shameful acts undertaken by the United States, and it will allow several communities to move forward in rebuilding their communities and their trust in the United States.

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With passage of this legislation, Congress will resolve six outstanding litigation matters consisting of two class action lawsuits and four water settlements. In addition, the bill includes the initial installment to fund another water settlement passed earlier this Congress.

First, claims by individual Indians for a historical accounting and mismanagement of individual Indian

money accounts in Cobell vs. Salazar will be resolved. After a century of mismanagement by the Federal Government, a class action lawsuit was initiated by individual Indians against the United States seeking redress for the mismanagement. This bill will provide $1.5 billion to be distributed to individual Indians and to pay administrative and attorneys' fees. An additional $1.9 billion will be used to fund a Trust Land Consolidation Fund so that highly fractionated lands may be repurchased and consolidated into single tribal ownership again. This will streamline administration of trust lands. After 14 years of litigation and several attempts by the parties to settle, the administration has brought an end to a problem first created by Congress over 120 years ago.

Second, discrimination claims by African American farmers against the United States will finally be settled. The settlement resolves claims by African American farmers who were denied loans based on racial discrimination.

Third, H.R. 4783 will resolve the water rights claims of seven tribes and pueblos in the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Montana, bringing to an end nearly a century of active litigation.

When tribes were moved to reservations, the Nation assumed a legal obligation that water should be supplied to meet the native people's needs. This legislation meets the Nation's legal commitments and provides water certainty to surrounding non-Indian regions, towns and industries, thereby allowing economies and jobs to continue to grow.

Water in the West is in short supply. After years of negotiating, the tribes have agreed in these settlements to an amount of water far less than what they were originally requesting. The tribes, States and local partners negotiated these water settlements, often in contentious proceedings, over many years. They are to be commended for sticking with the process and working together to find a mutually agreed upon solution.

Finally, H.R. 4783 would provide initial funding to the Reclamation Water Settlement Fund passed earlier this Congress. The settlement fund provides financial support that will be used to develop water supplies for the reservation. Many Navajo people today continue to haul water to meet their daily needs. It is time to provide this basic human right.

I am proud to say that we have been able to resolve these longstanding litigation matters without adding to the Federal deficit. The entire bill, with an estimated cost of approximately $5.4 billion, is fully paid for.

In closing, I think it is important to note that the House has already passed most of the various components of the bill before us today in this Congress, some even twice. This legislation has received the administration's full support.

Although the Crow Nation water settlement has not yet passed in the House of Representatives, the Water and Power Subcommittee has held a hearing on this measure. All concerns by the administration have been addressed and resolved. As a result, I support inclusion of the Crow Nation water settlement in this legislation. The Senate has finally acted. It is time that we do our part one last time and send this measure to the President.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the process by which Congress conducts the American people's business matters. For a long time, Beltway insiders claimed that Americans don't care about process. It was a self-comforting excuse to conduct business out of the public view and to shut down debate. However, the message from the voters in November's election was unmistakable: It's very clear the American people do care about Congress acting in a transparent, open, and fiscally responsible manner. Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, not everyone in Congress has heeded this message, and this is evidenced today by the manner in which the Democrats are seeking to pass this bill.

When this bill originally passed the House in March, H.R. 4783 was aimed at addressing income tax benefits to charitable contributions for the relief of victims of disasters in Haiti and Chile. Two weeks ago, this bill emerged in the Senate and looked completely different. The Senate secretly rewrote the bill behind closed doors to create an over 270-page, $5.78 billion omnibus package of largely Indian settlement bills. And the House is now slated to debate this package without a single House Member, Madam Speaker, not one House Member, Republican or Democrat, having the opportunity to offer an amendment to improve it.

As I have stated several times on the House floor as well as in the Natural Resources Committee, I believe there is real merit in responsibly settling legitimate legal claims, especially when a settlement reduces the potential risk and costs posed to taxpayers by lengthy, uncertain litigation. It is with this view that I would like to review two pieces in this omnibus package, the Cobell vs. Salazar settlement and the settlements of Indian water rights claims with four tribes.

First, in the Cobell case, I agree that the lawsuit has gone on far too long and that it is important for individual Indians to be treated fairly by the Federal Government. Yet, since the proposed terms of the settlement were first publicly revealed the Congress has been petitioned by several Indians and respected Indian organizations expressing real concern with the details of that settlement. It is very disappointing that these very legitimate concerns by directly affected Indians are being dismissed by this Congress. In particular, Madam Speaker, the concerns over the possible payment of over $100 million to lawyers and the handling of damages claims deserves a response by this Congress. The Senate bill makes modifications in both areas, but to be bluntly honest about it, Madam Speaker, the new text is nothing more than window dressing because it can be completely disregarded by the judge. To address one of these concerns, I offered an amendment in the Rules Committee yesterday to cap the Cobell attorney fees at $50 million. The Rules Committee blocked the House from voting on this simple amendment.

Under this bill, a literal handful of plaintiff attorneys may be paid over $100 million. This equates to one-third of the amount awarded in the settlement for the claims actually litigated by these attorneys. Let me repeat that, Madam Speaker. This equates to one-third of the amount litigated by these attorneys. This is simply too high. Some have argued the lawyer fees are just 3 percent of the settlement, but such a calculation would require proposing to pay lawyers a share of funds from cases in which they had absolutely no involvement in representing. It also should be noted that the $50 million cap on fees is not arbitrary. It reflects an amount plaintiff attorneys indicated they can live with under their signed agreement with the government.

This legislation should be about fairness to individual Indians, but those who control Congress right now are bending over backwards to protect a $100 million payout to a few lawyers. Let's be clear: every dollar paid to attorneys is a dollar that comes out of the pocket of individual Indians in this settlement. Congress has an obligation to ensure that individual Indians, not lawyers, receive the most money possible, but sadly, in this bill, that is not happening.

In regard to the four Indian water rights settlements included in this bill, three of these have previously passed the House. At that time, I expressed my sympathy with such settlements; however, at a time of record deficit spending and record Federal debt, it is the duty of Congress to ask questions to ensure that these settlements are in the best interest of the taxpayers.

Over the past year, Congressman TOM MCCLINTOCK of California, the ranking member of the Water and Power Subcommittee, has sent written inquiries to the Department of Justice asking a basic question, and that basic question is: ''Do these settlement amounts represent a net benefit to taxpayers as compared to the consequences and cost of litigation?'' Very simple question.

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To date, the Justice Department has regrettably not answered these questions even though they did answer similar questions with respect to the Cobell settlement. It is for this primary reason that I was compelled to

oppose those settlements when they passed the House.

Now there are four such settlements, and the pricetag for them is $1.23 billion. If Congress is going to spend this much money, it seems to me there's a duty first to show whether this is a fair deal. Without answers from the Justice Department, informed decisions cannot be made, and it is not responsible, in my view, to support this bill.

So for all of these reasons I must recommend to my colleagues that they oppose this bill until these reasonable questions can be answered and the clear deficiencies of the settlements are answered.

Madam Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) and I ask unanimous consent that he may control that time as he sees fit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I am honored to yield 5 minutes to the distinguished majority whip, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN).

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act of 2010.

Madam Speaker, today is a great day for our Nation's black farmers and Native Americans who were discriminated against by their own government—our government—for years. Thousands of families have waited for years to receive the settlements awarded to them in two class action lawsuits that have gone unresolved because of political gamesmanship.

In this Congress alone, we have twice passed legislation that would have resolved this issue. Today, the games have come to an end. Today we will mete out some modicum of justice. After more than a decade, this bill finally in some significant measure resolves the Pigford v. Glickman case, a lawsuit which was settled back in 1999. That lawsuit was filed by African American farmers against the Department of Agriculture for discriminating against black farmers who applied for access to loans and other assistance.

The Department of Agriculture has admitted that the discrimination took place and repeatedly urged this body to compensate those farmers who were discriminated against. Nothing in the Pigford settlement would prevent the government from prosecuting fraudulent claims. And this bill, which is fully paid for, includes strict provisions designed to ensure that payments are distributed to only deserving claimants.

Mr. Speaker, I want to address two issues—the issues of neutral adjudicator and performance audits, both of which are found in this bill and cause me great concern as to whether or not we're setting up a process by which witch hunts and intimidations will take place.

Now, I want the record to show that these two processes are not found anywhere else, but they are in this bill. I'm very concerned about that because I think they could open the door for witch hunts to take place as to whether or not these farmers are in fact deserving and whether or not intimidation may take place as to whether or not we will shield activities on the part of farmers who should be filing claims. I don't want anybody to be unjustly enriched, but I hope that nobody will be intimidated by the process.

I used to run the South Carolina Commission for Farm Workers, and I can tell you that from 1968, when I became director of that agency, I saw the discrimination taking place not just in farm loans but in housing loans as well. And the intimidation factor was great among these rural families that did not feel equipped to fight the process.

We have put these two procedures in this bill. I want the record to show that we do not put them there for people to be intimidated but only to provide a process by which the Federal Government can find out whether or not people are deserving of the service and of the resolution.

I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that as we carry forth this settlement that we will not once again visit upon these families the intimidation factor that so many of them experienced for years now. Now this case goes back to 1981. But I can tell you that these cases go back for nearly a century and they ought not be intimidated at this point in the process.

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today with strong concerns about two provisions in this bill related to the pay-fors. First, some of the policies in this bill make sense such as extending welfare programs or better preventing incorrect unemployment insurance payments. But beyond this, instead of using the UI and trade-related savings in this bill to reduce our Nation's staggering deficit or pay for extending unemployment benefits or promoting job-creating trade, Democrats want to use these savings for new, unrelated spending. Going on a spending spree now will make the job of helping the unemployed, promoting job-creating trade, and balancing the budget next year even harder.

For example, by better preventing and recovering unemployment benefit overpayments, this bill saves about $3 billion over the next decade. But at a time of record budget deficits when many States and Federal unemployment programs are bankrupt and deeply in debt, that money will not be used to strengthen unemployment insurance programs or even to pay for a needed extension of these benefits. Instead, this legislation diverts that money outside of the unemployment insurance system for unrelated spending. How that makes sense is beyond me.

While we're on the issue of diversion, this bill uses customs user fees, which are fees associated with the import process and which typically are used when we are passing trade legislation to benefit U.S. manufacturers, farmers, ranchers, and workers such as the miscellaneous trade bill, our preference programs for developing countries, and trade promotion agreements.

The fact that this bill diverts the fees to offset a nontrade program limits our ability to pass trade legislation that helps create American jobs and levels the playing field abroad for our U.S. farmers, manufacturers, and service companies.

I've grown tired, frankly, Mr. Speaker, of this Congress using the Ways and Means Committee to support its spending sprees. When we spend money on a new program, we should offset that with spending cuts, not by using funds already designated for a pro-growth, pro-job purpose.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). Without objection, the gentleman from California will control the time.

There was no objection.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield 1 minute to our distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. STENY HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise in strong support of this legislation. This legislation is years late in passing. The injustices that it addresses are long term in being.

Today the House has an opportunity to bring an end to two historic injustices. We can do so by approving the settlement in the Pigford and Cobell class action lawsuits, helping to make amends to African American farmers and more than 300,000 Native Americans.

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Few people in this Nation have been treated as poorly by their Nation as have African Americans and Native Americans. This was a continuing injustice that should have been addressed decades ago and, indeed, of course, should not have happened.

The Pigford settlement concerns a decades-old pattern of racial discrimination in Department of Agriculture loans to black farmers. For too long, farmers were denied loans because of their race. Even black farmers who received loans were paid significantly less than their white counterparts. In some cases, I am told that the amount of the loan on paper did not reflect the proceeds that were received. In fact, the proceeds were far below the face amount of the loan.

The Cobell settlement concerns mismanagement of Federal trust funds in which billions of dollars, billions of dollars in fees and royalties on reservation land were unaccounted for.

This bill can ensure that the individual account holders are properly paid. Now, I just said that, but unfortunately there are some who we will never be able to properly pay because they died before this injustice was righted. This will prevent similar mismanagement, hopefully, from reoccurring and resolve other outstanding land and water rights disputes that are deeply concerning to tribal governments.

Above all, passing this bill means living up to our obligation to those who have deserved better from the Federal Government. These settlements have been reached in court, and now it is our job to ensure that the Federal Government lives up to its end of the bargain.

I am glad that this bill funds the Pigford and Cobell settlements without adding to the deficit, and I am also glad this bill can bring to a close an unfortunate blemish on the record of this government in dealing with its people. It closes an unfortunate chapter in our history.

I urge my colleagues, hopefully unanimously, to pass this piece of legislation. We did the wrong thing, but all of us acknowledge it is never too late to do the right thing. So that although this is late, this legislation is the right thing to do. Let us do it now.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS), the ranking member of the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I must rise in opposition to this bill. This bill includes more than $1 billion to settle the Pigford discrimination suit against USDA, in addition to the billion dollars we have already spent. While I want to see a resolution to the settlement, I cannot, in good conscience, support the process through which we attempted to address these problems.

The House passed H.R. 4783, a bill intended to encourage charitable contributions, by voice vote in March. What we have received back from the Senate instead is a bill that will cost the taxpayers more than $5 billion. By using this procedure, we are unable to offer a motion to recommit to change the bill. Additionally, we are considering this legislation under a closed rule, which prevents any Member from offering an amendment.

We are rushing through consideration of a massive spending bill. The Senate acted on this 269-page bill 10 days ago, and we are already bringing it to the floor. Let's slow down and ensure that we consider this massive bill in a thorough and deliberative process.

Sadly, I must urge my colleagues to vote ''no.''

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. LEVIN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN. This is a long injustice. And the question has been raised: Why use moneys within the jurisdiction of Ways and Means and Finance to support this bill? The answer is very clear. There is no escape. There is a moral compulsion to act on this legislation. And no one should hide behind issues of jurisdiction. We have tried to do this for years. The Finance Committee decided there was a way to finance it. This is a morally right thing to do period.

The bill also extends the basic TANF program through September 30 of next year. I greatly regret that the TANF provisions included in this bill do not include an extension of the TANF Emergency Fund. That fund has helped unemployed families find work and assisted local economies in coping with the recession. Roughly 250,000 jobs were created, most of them in the private sector. Unfortunately, Republican opposition in the Senate has repeatedly blocked our efforts to extend this program.

This is critical legislation. I urge its support.

I yield the balance of the Ways and Means' time to Mr. MCDERMOTT.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Washington will control the time.

There was no objection.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MCDERMOTT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Claims Resolution Act to remedy past injustices against Native Americans and African Americans. This bill will provide a resolution to respond to past mismanagement of tribal lands and to discrimination against African American farmers by the Department of Agriculture. In short, we are taking at least a partial step to right old, old, old wrongs.

This legislation also extends, through fiscal year 2011, the basic Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. That's the TANF program. This extension of the program is welcome, but it is not enough. This bill does not include the TANF Emergency Fund, which provided funds to our States to help needy families and to establish or expand employment programs for jobless Americans. Roughly 250,000 jobs were created by the program, primarily through private sector employers. The House passed the extension of these job programs on two separate occasions earlier this year, but Republicans in the Senate have repeatedly blocked the extension.

Additionally, the bill before us fails to maintain full funding for the Child Support Enforcement Program, which means less support will be ultimately collected and sent to children. The fact that these important supports are expiring should be a wake-up call to the American public. Watch the Republicans control this House. They need to know that Republicans are actively working to shred America's safety net just when it's needed most.

In closing, I will support this bill's response to those who suffered in the past. It is said that justice delayed is justice denied, but it's better to get it late than never. But I find it regrettable that this bill does so little to help those who are suffering today. This is about what went on a long time ago. It is not dealing with what's happening today.

I urge the support of this act. We will be back on unemployment insurance and the other issues that need to be dealt with in the near future.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE).

Mr. COLE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, America is a great and a good country, but sometimes in its past it's made great and lamentable mistakes. H.R. 4783 offers this Congress the opportunity to correct some of the worst mistakes that we made in the course of our long and distinguished history.

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There are three parts to this legislation: a component to deal with African American farmers, and that ought to be passed; a component to deal with Indian water rights, and that certainly needs to be passed. Finally, the largest portion of this bill deals with the so-called Cobell lawsuit.

For those of my colleagues who are not familiar with that suit, it's a 14-year lawsuit. It involves almost half a million claimants. It deals with accumulated mistakes and misdeeds of the American Government from 1887 to the present. We have twice in the course of this lawsuit had Federal officials held in contempt of court in two different administrations, one Republican and one Democrat. And, frankly, the previous administration thought we should settle this bill at between 8 and $11 billion.

So, frankly, this settlement is a bargain for the American taxpayers, and we are going to hear a lot of arguments against this particular piece of legislation. Some people will say it costs too much. The reality is, number one, it's fully paid for. It passed the United States Senate by unanimous consent, which means some of our colleagues over there who are famous for being frugal signed off on it.

Second, we ought to think about the cost of not settling it. The United States Government has spent almost a billion dollars on this lawsuit in the course of 14 years. If we do not pass this legislation, we will be in court again. And if the plaintiffs prevail, the costs could be well beyond what's been negotiated by the administration.

We will hear arguments about process, and to my colleagues, I have got to ask you, how much process do you

want when you have been waiting since 1887 to deal with a bill? This suit has been around 14 years. It's been in this Congress years and years.

I have been to many hearings about this lawsuit and, frankly, we have seen it and we have passed it twice in this Congress already. So the idea that it hasn't been thoroughly vetted, I think, is not true.

Finally, we are going to hear about legal fees. I have got to tell you if you can get lawyers for 3 cents on the dollar, take the deal. That is the best legal deal I have ever seen in front of the Congress of the United States, far below what you would normally expect contingency fees to be.

The administration, frankly, has done a good job in negotiating this settlement, bringing it to us. We need to do a good job as well and pass it enthusiastically and recognize that we are getting a good deal for the American taxpayer. But much more importantly, we are correcting historic wrongs that should never have occurred in the first place.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from West Virginia will control the time.

There was no objection.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time remains on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from West Virginia has 16 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from California has 17½ minutes remaining.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

Mr. KILDEE. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. I want to thank Chairman NICK RAHALL and Congressman TOM COLE, my fellow cochair of the Native American Caucus, for their hard work on this legislation.

In the past, the U.S. Government mismanaged over 300,000 individual Indian trust accounts, causing unneeded hardship and strain. H.R. 4783 will go a long way towards righting this terrible wrong.

This legislation authorizes and approves the settlement, the 14-year long Cobell v. Salazar litigation. The settlement agreement provides for the distribution of $1.5 billion directly to individual Indians and for the creation of a $1.9 billion fund to purchase highly fractionated interests in trust lands. It also sets up $60 million for educational scholarships for Indian children.

This win/win agreement was already passed by the Senate. I urge my colleagues to vote ''yes'' on H.R. 4783 to turn the page on this sad chapter of Federal Native American relations.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill. It is, I think, something that even though it's been vetted fairly well, on those that are paying attention it hasn't been vetted very well by this Congress. And, from my standpoint, I am one of the people that's actually read the consent decree from Pigford I. I brought a copy of it to the floor. It starts out with these words, ''40 acres and a mule.''

Now, we know what that started out to be in the aftermath of the Civil War, a promise from the Federal Government that there would be 40 acres for African Americans, newly freed slaves, provided by the Federal Government, by either federally owned land or southern land that had been confiscated by the Union, and there would be a rented mule to go along with that, or a loaned mule.

That has been the promise of slavery reparations. Of course, it didn't come to pass. In a few cases it did, but not many. But in truth we have here the modern-day version of reparations that are going on. Pigford I allowed for those who had a legitimate claim of discrimination to file that claim. Many who didn't have legitimate claims also filed claims.

What I am seeing, information that comes to me, boxes, stacks of data, and people have been deployed to administer the first $1.05 billion, and they say to me they are sick to their stomach, they are heartsick because of all the fraud that they see. And the level, 75 percent, it's a low number. I am hearing numbers into the high nineties, and still we don't see the data. We don't see the applications. We don't see how it matches up with Judge Friedman's opinion here, this decision on the first consent decree, where he says that it's not $50,000, it's $187,500.

Mr. Speaker, this has become a modern-day reparations component, and it's wrong. The $50,000 was essentially automatic to whoever applied. They didn't have to approve discrimination, they just needed a friend that would sign an affidavit that said that they knew at one time that they were or wanted to be a farmer and that they may or may not have spoken to anyone at the USDA, but that they had complained either verbally or in writing with someone who was either an employee of the USDA or perhaps they were a Member of Congress or a couple of other categories.

This issue needs to be examined far more thoroughly. The Shirley Sherrod case comes into this. Now it's curious that Shirley Sherrod is the number one recipient in the largest civil rights class action case in the history of America, Pigford Farms. Shirley Sherrod is the individual who became so well-known in the media a few months ago when the Secretary of Agriculture summarily fired her for a little clip of a speech that she gave before the NAACP.

I don't take issue with the totality of the statement that she made, Mr. Speaker, but it's curious to me that Shirley Sherrod got the notice that she, and whoever her partners might have been, were going to receive $13 million from Pigford Farms, 22nd of July, 2009. The 25th of July, 2009, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack hired her to be the head of USDA Rural Development in the State of Georgia.

What does this mean, Mr. Speaker? Well, I don't know the answer to that yet, but I know this. The tremendous amount of data, 94,000 claims, 18,000 black farmers, 4½ claimants for every black farmer, it's got to be fraud. I urge a ''no'' vote.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO), a subcommittee chair and member of the Committee on Natural Resources who has been intimately and powerfully involved with these issues over a number of years.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to rise in strong support and approval of H.R. 4783.

Title III through VI settle the water rights claims for seven tribes and pueblos in the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Montana. In the case of the five New Mexico pueblos, this legislation would end a combined total of 84 years of protracted, divisive and expensive litigation.

This litigation is fully paid for, as has been stated repeatedly. Most of these settlements involve either the rehabilitation of facilities or the design and construction of much-needed drinking water systems. Having an offset for the entire cost of this litigation allows for project construction to start earlier and to stay on schedule, save money, ultimately saving taxpayers millions of dollars in construction costs that are subject to inflation increases. In the case of White Mountain Apache and the Miner Flat Project, it is estimated that these savings are as much as $7 million annually.

The scarcity of water in the West and a long-running effort to meet the needs of the tribal communities has required compromise and development of trust in the process. The tribes have negotiated in good faith and ultimately have settled for water rights that is far less than what their initial claims asserted in their litigation against the United States.

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When this Nation established reservations, we did so with a commitment to supply the tribes with water. The beauty of these four settlements is that the tribal, Federal, State, and local stakeholders all see the benefit as not just for the tribal members but for the communities and regions as a whole. All four settlements have received bipartisan support and have been considered and debated by the

House, whether through a subcommittee hearing or House passage.

Title VII of this legislation provides initial funding to the Reclamation Water Settlement Fund, established in Public Law 111–11 dated 3/30/09. The initial funding will go toward design, planning, and construction of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. This project will bring water to the Navajo Nation and their non-Indian neighbors. It is time that we in the United States and this Congress provide the infrastructure for these people so they don't have to wait for a water truck to navigate the unmaintained roads to deliver water to the residences. Water is a basic human right and should be provided to all of our citizens. It is time the U.S. Congress stepped up to our commitment. None of us would want to have this situation in our districts.

I would like to commend all of the parties involved in the negotiation of these settlements, from the tribes and the pueblos, their nontribal neighbors, and the local and State entities that have spent countless hours in bringing water certainty to their communities. We would also like to commend the administration in their rededication to the Indian water settlement negotiation process, and our respective staffs. It is to the administration's credit that we have in front of us four settlements that we can fully support.

It is time that we give the settlements their full support and provide water certainty, and more importantly, a water future for our tribes and their neighbors.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. BACHMANN).

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague from California for yielding.

To me, one of the most obvious problems with this bill that we are being called upon to verify today and to vote for is simply a numbers problem. If we are looking at this Pigford claim whereby we have black farmers who are stating that they are discriminated against, we had approximately 14,500 claims that were paid out in the first Pigford I class action lawsuit. But now what's very interesting is that the black farmers themselves are saying we are looking at a potential universe of about 18,000 black farmers. The period in question when the United States Department of Agriculture is alleged to have discriminated against black farmers is between 1981 and 1997. Between that 16-year period, according to the numbers that people agree on, there is a universe of about 18,000 black farmers. Well, in the Pigford I settlement, 14,500 black farmers received claims. What this means then is we would have to presume that nearly every black farmer in the United States applied for a loan from the USDA. Then we would have to presume that every black farmer qualified for receiving that loan from the USDA. Then we would have to presume that every black farmer who applied who qualified was turned down for a loan, and then finally we would have to presume that every black farmer in the United States was also discriminated against, and that's why they were turned down.

So it wouldn't just be one office of the USDA. This would be rampant discrimination all over the country. What's unbelievable is that in the face of this alleged gross discrimination by which the taxpayers of this country have already paid out $1 billion in payments, not one USDA employee in the country has been fired for discrimination. Not one employee has even been suspended or reprimanded or fined. How could this be?

And now in the Pigford II settlement, which isn't even a lawsuit, which is something that Attorney General Eric Holder and the Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack came together and just came up with an idea that they would have a second settlement because apparently there were even more claimants that wanted to receive money, now we have a universe that will be paid out in this settlement today of 94,000 claimants.

How in the world, Mr. Speaker, can you have 94,000 claimants in addition to the previous 14,500 claimants if there were originally only 18,000 black farmers in the country? This is a simple math problem. That's why we're saying before one more dime goes out of the U.S. Treasury for a claim, we have to investigate before the checks go out to claimants, not after. We aren't even talking about subsequent investigations.

This is an outrage and one vote that no Member of this Congress should vote for. This will be an albatross around the neck of any Member of Congress that votes to fund this obviously fraudulent claim.

I urge my colleagues to consider what the Claims Settlement Act truly represents before voting on the bill. This legislation includes over a billion dollars to settle the Pigford discrimination claims of black farmers alleged against the United States Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, Pigford is rife with fraudulent claims and to settle before an investigation can take place does the American taxpayer a disservice.

Why has Eric Holder not investigated these allegations of fraud? Why has no one at the USDA been fired over this?

As a consistent fighter against out-of-control government spending, I cannot stand idly by as I see the United States taxpayer put on the hook for even a dime to Pigford. It's time for Congress to fully investigate the Pigford claims because the numbers just don't add up.

By the National Black Farmers Association's own data, only 18,000 black farmers exist in the United States, but under Pigford II 94,000 claims of racial discrimination have been filed thus far.

Justice should be served to those who experienced discrimination, but settlement funds should only go to those wronged.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, our Committee on the Judiciary has been very instrumental in the drafting of this legislation, especially in regard to the paid-for section.

I yield 6 minutes to the distinguished chairman of that committee, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. JOHN CONYERS, and I ask unanimous consent that he control that time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. CONYERS. I want to let the gentlelady from Minnesota know that I would like to work with her on getting these numbers straightened out because there were some erroneous conceptions involved here.

I would like to begin by recognizing the chairman of the Subcommittee on Crime in the Judiciary Committee for 1½ minutes, my dear friend, BOBBY SCOTT.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4783, with particular reference to the Pigford late filer claims provision, regarding claims of widespread, rampant racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture against black farmers.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard about the 18,000 farms, the 18,000, many more than 18,000 farmers, former farmers, many of them lost their farms and others tried, and they were too subjected to racial discrimination. But in 1999 the court ruled that black farmers who farmed between 1981 and 1996 and who had filed a complaint against the department by July 1, 1997, were eligible to seek monetary compensation from the government if they could prove their case. Unfortunately, tens of thousands of black farmers complained that they were not made aware of the July 1997 cutoff date.

To provide relief to those farmers left out of the original action, Congress authorized a cause of action for those late filers who were denied a determination on the merits of their discrimination claims, and those claims have now been settled, conditioned upon congressional appropriation of $1.15 billion.

This bill provides the funding for the resolution of the longstanding claims for those who can prove it. This settlement is long overdue, and I hope my colleagues will approve this matter, as we have twice before, to bring this longstanding matter to a close.

Mr. Speaker, finally, I would like to thank my fellow Virginian, John Boyd, the president of the National Black Farmers Association for his hard work over many years on behalf of black farmers.

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am a little dismayed that we come back after this recess and after a struggle that has gone on for generations, and we come here, and of all my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I am stunned that only one person rises in support of a claim that is so gross,

so discriminatory, and I was glad that the gentlelady raised the question of why nobody was ever fired or punished or discharged. That is how deep and pervasive this problem has been over the centuries in this country. That is why nobody was punished. That is why it makes it all the more important that we, if we can, get as bipartisan a vote from everybody in this House on this matter.

Chairman BOBBY SCOTT mentioned John Boyd of the National Black Farmers Association. He is sitting up in the gallery right now. I want you to know that he came to me in the spring of 1983. That was 27 years ago, and we have been working on this matter ever since. All across the South—we even had problems, we found out, in the North. It wasn't just the South, but the South was obviously the most pervasive.

So we are talking about something that was written up by Wil Haygood a number of years ago in The Washington Post, on October 3, 2004, in an article entitled, ''The Promised Land. Bigotry and bankruptcy haven't driven Ricky Haynie from the fields his ancestors worked as slaves.''

Now, as much as I appreciate the Secretary of Agriculture for his work in this, and as much as I appreciate those who are going to support this measure, I am sorry to say that this matter of fairness to farmers of color, Hispanics, and women is not yet resolved. And they are black farmers who, because they were late filers—and how can you be somewhere out in God knows where, and you are supposed to know when the filing date for things are. There are over 12,000 African American farmers that have been excluded from the Pigford settlement merely because they didn't do it on time. Do you think they have got a lawyer out there? Of course they don't.

The claims of Latino farmers, late filers, and women farmers are still not resolved even when we finally pass this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members not to draw attention to visitors in the gallery.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 4 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, titles III through VI of the bill purport to settle four water rights claims against the United States by signing away the public's right to nearly 300 billion gallons of water every year in perpetuity in addition to spending more than a billion dollars.

Now, the proponents of the bill are correct that if the taxpayers are going to end up paying more if these claims go to trial, then we should settle them out of court, but that is simply not the case. For the better part of a year, I asked for a legal opinion from the Attorney General on this question to no avail until a day before the issue was first brought to the House floor. And what we received was not a legal opinion assessing the validity of the claims or the extent of the taxpayers' liability; it was a general statement of their preference for settling claims rather than litigating them, and it is undermined by very many specific objections raised by the administration over the course of the last 2 years.

For example, with respect to the White Mountain Apache settlement, the Department of the Interior wrote on November 15 of this year: ''This authorizes Federal appropriations for numerous tribal projects that are extraneous to the settlement.'' They urged, ''These projects should be considered on their own merits in separate authorizing legislation.''

Last year, it warned that funding would ''be excessive,'' would be excessive, if it were viewed as settlement consideration. They also warned, a year ago, of language that is still in the bill which waives the sovereign immunity of the United States for future litigation. They warned: ''This provision will engender additional litigation and, likely, in competing State and Federal forums rather than resolving the water rights disputes.''

Engender additional litigation, extraneous to the settlement, excessive if viewed as settlement consideration—these are the administration's own words. In fact, the administration expressed so many reservations about aspects of these settlements that we can only conclude that they are not settlements negotiated by the Attorney General and presented to the Congress, but, rather, they are a grab bag written by the Congress itself and now rubberstamped by the administration on political and not legal grounds.

We were initially told that the Attorney General never comments on the validity of claims, but we found this to be false. For example, in the Cobell case in 1994 when the Attorney General's office believed that we needed to settle out of court, they said so. They said: ''We are not well-postured for a victory on this claim.'' They warned: ''The outcome could easily be a significant cost to the taxpayers and the public,'' and that is not what they are saying now with respect to these four settlement claims.

Mr. Speaker, we have many more Indian water settlements pending for vast quantities of water and substantial sums of money. We need to get our act together on this. I believe Congress needs to demand that the administration be candid and forthcoming on all claims for settlement; and that Congress insist that before it begins deliberating on a settlement, that the Attorney General has conducted and completed the negotiations, determined all of the details, certified that the settlement is within the legal liability of the government, and only then submits that settlement for consideration by Congress. Anything less is breaching the fiduciary responsibility that we hold to all of the people of the United States.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield for a UC only to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act of 2010.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH).

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Claims Resolution Act, a bill that is the result of many long years of negotiations. This bill will ratify settlements in two significant New Mexico water rights cases. The Aamodt and Taos Pueblo Indian water rights cases have been in Federal court for many decades. These cases sought to bring justice to Native Pueblos who, like any other Western community, depend on water as their lifeblood.

After many decades, the Claims Resolution Act will bring much-needed certainty to the Pueblos of northern New Mexico by restoring their right to clean, reliable water. Cooperation and collaboration are far too rare when it comes to managing water resources in the West.

The Aamodt and Taos Pueblo Indian water bills are an example of how we can manage this precious resource without pitting towns against farms and farms against tribes. The legislation has bipartisan support and was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent. I commend President Obama and Secretary Salazar for upholding our Nation's responsibilities to Native Americans, and we should finish that work today by ratifying these settlements.

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Mr. MCCLINTOCK. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield for a unanimous consent only to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH).

(Mr. FATTAH asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this settlement and towards a more perfect union.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE).

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, George Washington said something which I thought was appropriate to the Cobell settlement. He said, ''The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government.'' Today, that is what we are administering—some justice for the 50,000 individual Native Americans and more than 100 tribes across this country.

We have known, in no uncertain terms, that there has been an injustice

to thousands of these Americans for decades, and we have struggled mightily to find the right resolution of that, and we have found a settlement that, in fact, achieves that. The point I want to make about this is we know how important this has been to Native Americans. We know of their attachment to the land and of the abuses they have suffered at the hands of their government.

Conservatives should like the fact that we are forcing a government that acted inappropriately to pay for the damage it did to their citizens as this is not just justice for Native Americans. A justice for any is a justice for all, and justice for Native Americans today is justice for all Americans. We all ought to feel proud that we are taking a step forward to make this a more just Nation.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to a valued member of our Committee on Natural Resources, the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA).

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support for H.R. 4783.

I want to thank the congressional leadership, Mr. RAHALL and the White House for their commitment to ensure justice for those individuals and communities we have wronged in the past. The treatment of minority farmers by the USDA remains a dark stain on our Nation's history.

When I first came to Congress, I worked extensively on the Agriculture Committee with our former colleague Eva Clayton to bring justice to African American, Hispanic, Native American, and female farmers. We hosted several meetings; wrote letters; and chaired numerous subcommittee hearings on this very issue to address past discrimination.

Today, I am pleased to say that we are taking an important step forward in righting those past wrongs of injustice by this country. H.R. 4783 provides the additional funding required to settle the Pigford lawsuit brought by the African American farmers. It also includes funds to settle the Cobell case and to finally provide justice to Native American communities whose trust accounts were mishandled by the government.

Thousands of people have been affected who still bear the wounds of past discrimination. They have waited too long. This legislation also includes important measures to settle the water rights claims to many tribes, including the White Mountain Apache, the Crow Montana, the Navajo Nation, the Taos Pueblo, and other southwestern Pueblo tribes.

We still have a long road ahead before we bring justice to all groups discriminated against by the USDA, including Hispanic farmers and female farmers, but we are moving in the right direction.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield for a UC only to the gentlelady from Texas, Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise enthusiastically to support the Pigford-Cobell settlement, and ask that we continue to seek justice for those who have been denied it.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARROW).

Mr. BARROW. I thank the chairman for yielding and for his leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, this country has a proud heritage of African American farmers who have contributed more than their fair share to our national economy, but our government has not given them its fair share of support. It is shameful that many of those farmers have faced discrimination by their own government. I applaud this effort to finally right some of those wrongs, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

However, I feel compelled to make the point that, while this is progress, it won't be providing relief for everyone who needs it. I have a constituent who is an original plaintiff in the Pigford suit, and because of bad lawyering and bad judging, he has never had so much as a hearing on his discrimination case. This settlement will likely do him no good.

I hate to think about how many other folks might still be left out of their rights in this instance. I hope that the passage of this bill will be the first step toward righting some of those wrongs as well.

Mr. RAHALL. May I have a time check, please, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. RAHALL. I yield 1 minute to the gentlelady from Arizona (Mrs. KIRKPATRICK), a member of our Committee on Natural Resources.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Claims Resolution Act. This legislation will have an enormous impact on Indian Country, and it will also help meet our trust obligations to tribal nations.

Included in this legislation is the White Mountain Apache settlement that resolves the water rights of the tribe and communities in the White Mountains of Arizona. Growing up in that area, I remember having to boil water before using it. That is simply not acceptable in the 21st century. This legislation is critical, and I was proud to have it be the first bill I introduced.

I want to thank tribal Chairman Lupe, Senator KYL, Chairman RAHALL, and the other stakeholders involved in this process. It was a collaboration of many partners and many years. I am proud to see it passed into law today.

I urge my colleagues to pass the Claims Resolution Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from West Virginia has 1 minute remaining. The gentleman from California has 8 minutes remaining.

The gentleman from West Virginia has the right to close.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Americans of African descent and Native Americans have suffered grave injustices over the years at the hands of this government, and they deserve justice—no more and no less; but if we are excessive in our zeal to do justice to one group, we end up necessarily doing injustice to others. That is the concern that is raised in this bill.

Legal settlements—and that is what this bill purports to be—should be settled on legal grounds, but there is serious question, including serious question, obviously, within the administration in using their own words, as to whether these settlements are in the interest of justice or in the interest of all the people of our land.

In one hour of debate, the proponents have not cited one argument—not one word—on the legal issues of a bill that purports to settle legal issues, and that ought to tell us a very great deal right there. That is the problem with this bill, and that is why action should be deferred on this bill until the Attorney General actually conducts good faith negotiations on behalf of the people of the United States.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, to conclude debate on the majority's side, I yield all of the remaining time to the gentlelady from California, Ms. MAXINE WATERS.

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker and Members, I rise in support of H.R. 4783.

Today, we have the opportunity to right the wrongs perpetrated on both black farmers and Native Americans in this country. The history of shameful and, yes, rampant discrimination against black farmers and the shameful mismanagement of Native Americans' oil, gas and water rights are being addressed here today. We vote today to settle the Pigford II Black Farmers case against the USDA and the Cobell case on mishandled Native American oil and gas claims against Interior and several tribal water rights claims.

The Black Farmers case against the USDA goes back decades. I was a member of the Judiciary Committee and the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus from 1996 to 1998 when we worked with the Clinton administration, and we were able to waive the statute of limitations so we could get Pigford I up before us. Yet thousands of black farmers lost their farms; many are dead, and many of them did not get their paperwork filed.

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This bill provides $1.15 billion to settle the Black Farmers case and $3.4 billion to settle the Cobell claims.

Mr. Speaker and Members, institutional racism and discrimination must be aggressively fought and eliminated.

I am so proud of John Boyd and all of the Members of this Congress who have worked so hard, Mr. RAHALL and the rest of them, to do what needs to be done. I am pleased and honored to serve as a Member of Congress where we are dealing with justice and fairness and equality today.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I support the Individual Indian Money Account Litigation Settlement. The settlement of this litigation represents a turning point for the Federal Government's trust relationship. There are three reasons I support this settlement.

First, it provides monetary compensation to more than 300,000 individual Indians for their historical trust accounting claims and their potential claims that prior U.S. Government officials mismanaged their trust assets.

Second, this settlement seeks to address the growing problem of ''fractionated'' land interests. This settlement allows individual Indians owning shares of fractionated land to voluntarily sell their land back to the federal government, in exchange for a cash payment. In turn tribal communities will have the opportunity to consolidate these fractionated interests and use the land for homes, schools, and economic development.

Third, this settlement addresses the future by establishing and providing education scholarships for Native Americans. Studies have shown that Native Americans represent less than one percent of all students enrolled in colleges. The Indian Education Scholarship Holding Fund can help improve these statistics by providing much needed financial assistance to Native American students to defray the costs at post-secondary vocational schools and other institutions of higher learning.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, to authorize, ratify and confirm the settlement reached as a result of the Indian Trust Fund litigation, or the Cobell v. Salazar case.

First I want to thank the Chairman NICK RAHALL, members of the Natural Resources Committee, and all my colleagues for their support on this bill.

Under the Class Action Settlement Agreement that was signed on December 7, 2009, the government agrees to pay $1.4 billion to establish the ''Accounting/Trust Administration Fund'' for members of the class who sought to have a historical accounting of their Individual Indian Monies (IIM) accounts. In addition, the Federal Government has agreed to pay $2 billion to establish the ''Trust Land Consolidation Fund'' for the purpose of consolidating the fractionated trust and restricted lands.

Since 1831, when the Supreme Court first formulated the concept of the federal government as trustee for Indian tribes, the relationship between the American Indians and the United States government has been likened to that of a ''ward to its guardian.'' In its capacity as trustee, the United States government holds titles to much of Indian tribal land and land allotted to individual Indians. Subsequently, responsibilities to manage Indian monies and assets derived from these lands and held in trust lie with the U.S. government.

Allegations of breach of trusteeship and fiduciary responsibilities led to the Cobell v. Salazar that was first filed in 1996. A group of IIM account holders filed a class action alleging that the Secretaries of Interior and Treasury, acting on behalf of the federal government, had breached their fiduciary duties owed to American Indians. Over the next 13 years, the federal government has struggled to bring resolution to this litigation.

It was not until December 7, 2009 when a settlement was reached. The settlement agreement originally called for Congress to authorize it legislatively by December 31, 2009. The deadline, however, has been extended eight times to February 28, 2010, April 16, May 25, June 15, July 9, August 6, October 15, and currently to January 7, 2011. It is time to bring resolution to this issue.

For far too long, the government has ignored its responsibilities and constitutional duties with respect to American Indians. The proposed legislation, H.R. 4783, will administer justice to those American Indians that have suffered as a result of mismanagement and of neglect of our government trustee responsibilities. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4783 and authorize the Class Action Settlement Agreement.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation that will make amends to thousands of African American famers and Native Americans, and bring a long-delayed close to the serious cases of discrimination and mismanagement committed by the Federal government.

The Claims Resolution Act provides funding to implement the settlements of both the Pigford and Cobell class action lawsuits in a budget neutral manner. The Pigford case involved past discrimination committed against black farmers by the Department of Agriculture while in the Cobell case, the Department of the Interior mismanaged Native American trust funds. With this legislation, it is time to provide long overdue justice and uphold the Federal government's responsibility of the settlements.

Mr. Speaker, we are one step closer to providing African American farmers and Native Americans compensation for the past failures of the Federal government. I urge my colleagues to do the right thing and support this legislation so that it can be sent to the President's desk for his signature.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4783, The Claims Resolution Act of 2010. It is time to end this decades-long dispute and long process of overdue justice.

The Senate overcame a major hurdle on November 19, and their actions should encourage us to build on their momentum, pass this legislation, and send it to President Obama in the interest of doing what is right. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, ''The time is always right to do what is right.''

I am pleased to see that this legislation has strong support from both sides of the aisle, and I know that fiscally conservative Members like me are especially pleased that this legislation is fully paid for.

This has not been a process of swift justice, but the Senate's recent accomplishment is good news for the victims of prejudice and discrimination. I am particularly pleased for the thousands of black farmers, as well as Native Americans and Hispanics, who will now finally receive a measure of justice.

Discrimination in any form cannot be tolerated, and today my colleagues and I are presented with the opportunity to close the final chapter in this saga of flagrant prejudice.

Now there are a number of Members who have expressed their concern with respect to potential fraud and abuse. Interestingly, out of the three groups included in H.R. 4783—Hispanic, Native American, and Black, only the Black farmers are saddled with fraud allegations and specific statutory language aimed at stemming fraud.

I, too, am concerned with fraud! And I believe the bill adequately addresses this issue, as does the Department of Agriculture and I am confident this issue will be taken care of.

We cannot let a few bad apples spoil the bunch. There are many hard-working, honest individuals and families who have suffered at the hand of discrimination, and we should all aim to see justice done so that those who have suffered from bias and bigotry can now move on with their lives.

Mr. Speaker, as children, we are taught the Pledge of Allegiance and we are ingrained from an early age that these United States provide liberty and justice for all. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to keep that pledge and pass this legislation. Our great nation was founded on the principle that all men are created equal and it is time to see this gross injustice put to rest.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4783, which authorizes and approves the settlement in the Cobell v. Salazar case. This important legislation finally authorizes funding for the settlement that was reached over 14 years ago. H.R. 4783 also settles the Pigford lawsuit which is a decades old discrimination lawsuit brought by African American farmers against the USDA.

As a member of the Native American Caucus, I have worked with my colleagues in Congress to address the needs of Native Americans. This legislation before us today is not a handout, but it repays the Native Americans who had their trust assets mismanaged by the Federal Government. Over 300,000 Native Americans will benefit from this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill also establishes a $60 million educational scholarship fund for Native American children. The passage of this legislation will allow more Native Americans to attend colleges and universities. This bill is revenue neutral and is even projected to reduce the budget deficit by approximately $1 million over 10 years.

California is home to over 100 federally recognized tribes. This legislation will ensure that these Native American beneficiaries receive the compensation that is long overdue.

The Claims Resolution Act also provides $1.15 billion to settle the claims of African American farmers against the USDA. This will compensate families that were unfairly denied access to USDA loans and other financial assistance solely based upon their skin color. While the passage of this legislation will not erase this sad chapter in our history, it will assist our African American farmers who were unfairly discriminated against.

Mr. Speaker, I have a constituent named Alice Robinson who will benefit from this legislation. Her family was one of the many African American farmers that faced discrimination in accessing loans from the USDA. They struggled to maintain their farm without any assistance from the USDA. No farmer should face discrimination based on the color of their skin. Alice Robinson and other farmers across the country deserve the assistance that this legislation will provide that was previously denied to them.

The House has twice passed legislation this year authorizing payment of the Cobell v.

Salazar lawsuit and the Pigford settlement. I am pleased that the Senate has passed this important piece of legislation and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4783. While we can't undo the damage that the Federal Government inflicted on black farmers and Native Americans, today we will help compensate them for their losses and ensure that this never happens again.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. When I first entered the Congress in 1993 this issue was at the top of my legislative agenda. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been committed to bring justice to black farmers who were discriminated against by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Fairness has long been overdue for black farmers who were blatantly denied access to low-interest loans and farm subsidies by the government. As a longstanding advocate of this issue, I am particularly pleased to see this bill up for consideration today.

Mr. Speaker, it has been over a decade now we have been fighting for integrity and righteousness for black farmers who were unfairly discriminated against by the United States government in what is otherwise known as the ''Pigford case''. Resolving cases of discrimination and injustice should be a top priority for this country. As Dr. Martin Luther King famously said, ''Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.''

The evidence of discrimination in Pigford is clear and reminds us to remain vigilant against acts of racism which have unduly hurt so many hardworking families. When black farmers did receive loans, they were often at a rate higher than those offered to white farmers. Equipment grants and subsidies often came too late and without explanation, as farming is an extremely time sensitive endeavor.

Aside from justice, this money also will be going to some of the poorest counties in this country who are the most in need. Although this payment is not enough to save all of the black farmers now in jeopardy of losing their family land, it will help some survive and at least be partially compensated for the discrimination they faced. The 2007 Census of Agriculture reveals in my state of Texas, there are 6,124 Black principal farm operators, the largest number in any state.

Mr. Speaker, my community will stand ready for justice for these unconscionable actions of discrimination.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation not only to bring justice to those who faced years of unwarranted discrimination, but to provide for those who work tirelessly everyday to provide much needed goods for this country.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of my colleagues who were instrumental in furthering this legislative effort and bringing this momentous bill to the House floor. H.R. 4783 serves as a means of justice and vindication for minority farmers and landowners who were previously wronged by the Agriculture Department and the Interior Department when they were only trying to make a living. These were American farmers, who have dedicated their lives to the prosperity of the United States, by in essence, providing for their fellow citizens.

I have long been an adamant supporter of American farmers in their mission to strengthen agriculture in our Nation. As a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, I have been actively involved in the fight to ensure that black farmers and Native Americans received justice for the discrimination they encountered. For nearly a decade, I have worked alongside my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus, other Members of Congress, and civil rights advocacy groups to uphold the standards of equality and fairness, and ensure that the government is held accountable for its wrongdoings.

I am pleased that the Senate has passed this legislation by unanimous consent earlier this month to right the many past wrongs of our government. I hope that today, in the House, my colleagues too will vote to pass this important legislation. H.R. 4783 deals with the unfortunate situations addressed in the Pigford II and Cobell v. Salazar cases. Black farmers and Native Americans were discriminated against in those aforementioned cases based solely on their race. They are owed restitution by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior; they are owed a chance to rebuild their communities and continue with their lives.

In the Pigford case, there are numerous accounts of black farmers receiving unfair and unequal treatment when applying for farm loans or assistance through the Department of Agriculture. As if that were not enough, when these minority farmers submitted their discrimination complaints, they heard no response from the Department of Agriculture and were essentially ignored. The judge in the Pigford case said that the holding was, ''a historical first step toward righting the wrongs visited upon thousands of African-American farmers for decades.'' It is truly disheartening to know that an arm of the federal government, which has a duty to treat all Americans fairly and equally, played a role in the historic plight of the minority farmer in the United States.

The Cobell case is important because of its resolution of many American-Indian tribes' claims to water, one of the necessary elements to sustain life, and the poor management of Indian trusts. The White Mountain Apache Tribe settlement, the Crow Tribe settlement, the Taos Pueblo settlement, the Aamodt settlement, and finally the Reclamation Water Settlements provided for the tribal water rights claims for a number of American-Indian tribes.

Furthermore, H.R. 4783 also allows for the settlement of billions of dollars in Indian trusts that were mishandled by the Department of Interior. In the holding of the Cobell case, the judge states that, ''it would be difficult to find a more historically mismanaged federal program than the Individual Indian Money (IIM) trust.''

Such gross mismanagement impeded the livelihood of more than 300,000 Native Americans. How are Native Americans, or any minority for that matter, expected to trust the United States government if, as lawmakers, we do not stand up for their rights? This settlement ensures the recognition of these past civil infractions by the government, and portends a brighter future for the minorities in America.

Essentially, the right to life and livelihood are resolved by this settlement. American-Indian tribes will finally receive access to drinking water, and black farmers will receive restitution for and recognition of previous racist actions that directly affected their ability to sustain themselves.

In July of this year, Shirley Sherrod's forced resignation from the Department of Agriculture was reminiscent of the racist trend many black farmers faced when dealing with the government. The media whirlwind surrounding the treatment of Sherrod raised allegations of racism by the hands of the government. Images of black farmers being denied loans for their own farms, in order to maintain their own livelihood resurfaced. Despite the wrongs Sherrod faced personally, she focused attention on the very types of discriminatory practices that perpetuated racism, led to losses of land, and ultimately resulted in these lawsuits. She reiterated the importance of equal treatment for all American farmers, regardless of their race. Systematic racism should not occur in the United States in the 21st century, and H.R. 4783 reaffirms that notion by taking steps to reverse a history of gross racism and civil rights infractions.

The passing of H.R. 4783 will finally allow for the compensation of these gross injustices. While I am in strong support of the passage of this bill, it is unfortunate that this long awaited settlement comes riddled with stipulations. The Claims Resolution Act, as amended, creates two payment ''tracks'' by which the victims of past discrimination may state their claims. These payment tracks effectively raise the evidentiary bar for those who were victimized by the government's past injustices, making it more difficult for them to receive the settlement that this bill provides.

The first track, which requires substantial evidence of discrimination, limits victims' settlement to $50,000 per person. This standard is too restrictive because of the passage of time since the incidents of discrimination took place, and the possibility that many of the records and documentation of discrimination have been lost.

The second track, which allows victims to receive a settlement of up to $250,000, requires a much stronger evidentiary standard; victims must be able to show evidence of economic loss as a result of discrimination. Such a standard will often be too burdensome to meet, as it is difficult to prove definitively that discrimination was the sole cause for someone's loss of land, and that other mitigating factors may not have played a role in the loss. This standard could leave those victims who lost the most due to discrimination by the USDA with a lesser settlement than they rightfully deserve.

A settlement of $50,000 poses a hardship to Black farmers and Native Americans, and certainly is not enough to properly compensate for the years of discrimination they experienced. Nonetheless, it is a positive first step toward making these victims whole again.

Mr. Speaker, for over a decade, I have been a strong voice and advocate for Black and Native American farmers in the United States who are truly dedicated to the American dream. The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 represents nearly a decade-long battle for equality and justice. It is now time to finally acknowledge the systematic injustices experienced by black farmers, and Native Americans everywhere. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to pass H.R. 4783, and to finally allow those affected to move on with their lives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of this motion is postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

HONORING AIR WINGS AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1585) honoring and recognizing the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1585

Whereas the base originally named Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, the ''Gateway to the Pacific'', was renamed Travis Air Force Base in 1951;

Whereas Team Travis includes the 13,900 active duty, reservists, and civilians of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, the 615th Contingency Response Wing, and their families;

Whereas the 60th Air Mobility Wing, one of the Air Force's largest air mobility organizations, significantly contributed to the defense of our Nation during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas, after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Team Travis played major roles in providing airlift, air refueling, and aero medical evacuation in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, flying 102,581 hours for Operation Iraqi Freedom and 70,940 hours for Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas in January 2009, Travis aircrews from the 60th Air Mobility Wing and 349th Air Mobility Wing supported humanitarian aid operations in the Darfur region of Sudan;

Whereas the 615th Contingency Response Wing, one of two Air Force Contingency Response Wings, facilitated airlift efforts from Rwanda in support of the Rwandan peacekeeping mission;

Whereas, after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Team Travis conducted the first humanitarian airlift mission, providing search and rescue personnel, medical experts and supplies, and facilitated the delivery of more than 1,000,000 pounds of cargo during the duration of the Haitian Relief Effort; and

Whereas the 60th Air Mobility Wing and Team Travis valiantly fulfill its motto of being ''America's First Choice'', for true global reach: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors and recognizes the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California;

(2) offers condolences to the families of the brave servicemembers of Team Travis who have lost their lives in defense of the United States; and

(3) commends the actions of private citizens and organizations in the Travis Air Force Base community for their steadfast support of members of the United States Armed Forces and their families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1585, a resolution expressing appreciation of the House of Representatives for the service and sacrifice of the members of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, 349th Air Reserve Wing, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 615th Contingency Response Wing, and Travis Air Force Base.

Affectionately known as ''Team Travis,'' the team includes 13,900 active duty reservists and civilians of the wings. Travis was established in 1942, originally named the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base. In 1951, it was renamed Travis Air Force Base, and its vital missions have continued.

Travis Air Force Base has been called the ''Gateway to the Pacific,'' and brave men and women who have served at Travis know a thing or two about their neighbors, particularly those across the Pacific and in every corner of the globe. Brave men and women of the Travis Air Force Base have fought in World War II, the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. More recently, Team Travis has played a major role in providing airlift, air refueling, and aero-medical evacuation in support of combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, flying 102,581 hours for Operation Iraqi Freedom and 70,940 hours for Operation Enduring Freedom. That's a lot of flight time.

They have carried out vital humanitarian missions in Berlin, Darfur, Rwanda, and Haiti. Indeed, after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Team Travis conducted the first humanitarian airlift mission, provided search and rescue personnel, medical experts, and supplies, and facilitated delivery of more than 1 million pounds of cargo during the duration of the Haitian relief effort. They also set up the logistics at the airport, which was destroyed.

After the tragic 2004 tsunami that devastated much of South Asia, Travis delivered more than 2 million pounds of supplies, providing a full third of the entire U.S. relief effort. Given their broad contribution to humanitarian causes around the world, it's clear that the 60th Air Mobility Wing and Team Travis valiantly fulfill their motto of being ''America's First Choice.''

Not only is Travis a vital and valued base furthering American missions and humanitarianism abroad, it is also a very, very important part of the Solano County economy. Travis spends roughly $300 million a year in Solano County. They are the largest sector of the economy, and at least 5,600 jobs outside of the air base are included.

For the past 12 years, our good friend, IKE SKELTON, has been a consistent supporter of Travis, and I want to thank him for the honor of presenting this bill today and for his support in making it possible for this bill to move beyond this committee. He has been an extraordinary leader.

Today, let's honor the Travis Air Force Base entire family while offering our condolences to the families of the bravest of the brave servicemembers of Team Travis and all of those who have lost their lives in the defense of the United States. Travis is home to thousands of heroes, and it is my privilege and honor to represent them here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1585.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1585, as amended, which honors the service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing, civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base in California.

I would like to thank the gentleman from California for introducing this resolution. I am honored to pay tribute to Team Travis and the 13,900 active duty members, reservists, and civilians who make Travis Air Force Base, located in northern California, an integral part of our Air Force and our Nation's security.

The 60th Air Mobility Wing is one of the largest mobility organizations and has supported operations during World War II, the Korean War, and the Persian Gulf War. After September 11, the Air Mobility Wing provided close to 175,000 hours of airlift, refueling, and aero-medical evacuation support during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. More recently, the 60th Air Mobility Wing supported humanitarian aid operations in Darfur.