

(ii) the reasons for each applicable Bureau office not meeting any applicable deadlines; and

(B) the length of time needed by each applicable Bureau office during the most recent calendar year to provide the notices required under subsection (b)(1).

(2) **REQUIREMENT.**—In submitting the report required under paragraph (1), the Director shall maintain the confidentiality of personally identifiable information of the parties involved in requesting the completion of residential leasehold mortgage packages, business leasehold mortgage packages, land mortgage packages, and right-of-way document packages (including any corresponding first certified title status reports and subsequent certified title status reports).

(f) **GAO STUDY.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(1) an evaluation of the need for residential leasehold mortgage packages, business leasehold mortgage packages, land mortgage packages, and right-of-way document packages of each Indian Tribe to be digitized for the purpose of streamlining and expediting the completion of mortgage packages for residential mortgages on Indian land (including the corresponding first certified title status reports and subsequent certified title status reports); and

(2) an estimate of the time and total cost necessary for Indian Tribes to digitize the records described in paragraph (1), in conjunction with assistance in that digitization from the Bureau.

#### **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF REALTY OMBUDSMAN POSITION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director shall establish within the Division of Real Estate Services of the Bureau the position of Realty Ombudsman, who shall report directly to the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Realty Ombudsman shall—

(1) ensure that the applicable Bureau offices are meeting the mortgage review and processing deadlines established by section 3(a);

(2) ensure that the applicable Bureau offices comply with the notices required under subsections (a) and (b) of section 3;

(3) serve as a liaison to other Federal agencies, including by—

(A) ensuring the Bureau is responsive to all of the inquiries from the relevant Federal agencies; and

(B) helping to facilitate communications between the relevant Federal agencies and the Bureau on matters relating to mortgages on Indian land;

(4) receive inquiries, questions, and complaints directly from Indian Tribes, members of Indian Tribes, and lenders in regard to executed residential leasehold mortgages, business leasehold mortgages, land mortgages, or right-of-way documents; and

(5) serve as the intermediary between the Indian Tribes, members of Indian Tribes, and lenders and the Bureau in responding to inquiries and questions and resolving complaints.

#### **TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES OF THE DUCK VALLEY RESERVATION WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 2025**

A bill (S. 546) to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a

technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 546

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2025”.

#### **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

Section 10807(b)(3) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1409) is amended—

(1) by striking “There is” and inserting the following:

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—There is”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) **ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Development Fund \$5,124,902.12.”.

#### **CROW TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2025**

A bill (S. 240) to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 240

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025”.

#### **SEC. 2. CROW TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 403 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3097) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:

“(11) **MR&I PROJECT.**—The term ‘MR&I Project’ means an activity described in clauses (i) through (iii) of section 411(e)(3)(F).”; and

(2) in paragraph (12)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “SYSTEM” and inserting “PROJECTS”; and

(B) in subparagraphs (A) through (C), by striking “System” each place it appears and inserting “Projects”.

(b) **REPEAL OF MR&I SYSTEM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 406 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3102) is repealed.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents for the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3064) is amended by striking the item relating to section 406.

(c) **CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.**—Section 411 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3113) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “to be administered by the Secretary” and inserting “to be managed, invested, and distributed by the Secretary and to remain available until expended, withdrawn, or reverted to the gen-

eral fund of the Treasury, consisting of amounts deposited in the Fund under subsection (b), together with any investment earnings, including interest, earned on those amounts.”;

(2) in subsections (b) and (c), by striking “section 414” each place it appears and inserting “section 415”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “System” and inserting “Projects”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) The MR&I Projects Account, to be established as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025, consisting of—

“(A) amounts made available pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 415(b) that are appropriated after the date of enactment of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025; and

“(B) amounts to be deposited pursuant to section 415(h)(2).”;

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “through (E)” and inserting “through (F)”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “section 412” and inserting “section 413”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (E)—

(I) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “SYSTEM” and inserting “PROJECTS”; and

(II) by striking “System” each place it appears and inserting “Projects”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) **MR&I PROJECTS ACCOUNT.**—Funds from the MR&I Projects Account shall be used for expenditures by the Tribe in accordance with the following:

“(i) **PRIORITY USE OF FUNDS.**—The Tribe shall use funds from the MR&I Projects Account—

“(I) to plan, permit, design, engineer, construct, reconstruct, replace, rehabilitate, operate, or repair water production, treatment, or delivery infrastructure, including for domestic and municipal use or wastewater infrastructure; and

“(II) to comply with applicable environmental laws for the activities described in subclause (I).

“(ii) **OTHER USE OF FUNDS.**—After providing written notice to the Secretary that on-Reservation MR&I projects described in clause (i) are complete, the Tribe may use funds remaining in the MR&I Projects Account to purchase on-Reservation land with water rights.”;

(5) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “section 414” and inserting “section 415”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) **TITLE TO INFRASTRUCTURE.**—Title to, control over, and operation of any project constructed using funds from the MR&I Projects Account shall remain in the Tribe.

“(j) **OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT.**—The Federal Government shall have no obligation to pay for the operation, maintenance, or replacement of any MR&I Project.”.

(d) **CROW CIP IMPLEMENTATION ACCOUNT.**—The Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (31 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 111–291) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 412 through 416 as sections 413 through 417, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 411 the following:

**“SEC. 412. CROW CIP IMPLEMENTATION ACCOUNT.”**

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a nontrust, interest-bearing account, to be known as the ‘Crow CIP Implementation Account’, to be managed and distributed by the Secretary.

“(b) DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall deposit in the Crow CIP Implementation Account—

“(1) amounts made available pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 415(a) that are appropriated after the date of enactment of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025; and

“(2) amounts to be deposited pursuant to section 415(h)(1).

“(c) USES.—Amounts in the Crow CIP Implementation Account shall be used to carry out section 405.

“(d) INTEREST.—In addition to the deposits made into the Crow CIP Implementation Account pursuant to subsection (b), any investment earnings, including interest credited to amounts unexpended in the Crow CIP Implementation Account, shall be available for use in accordance with subsection (c).”.

(e) YELLOWTAIL DAM, MONTANA.—Subsection (b)(1) of section 413 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3116) (as redesignated by subsection (d)(1)) is amended by striking “15 years” and inserting “20 years”.

(f) FUNDING.—Section 415 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3120) (as redesignated by subsection (d)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “SYSTEM” and inserting “PROJECTS”; and

(B) by striking “System” and inserting “Projects”;

(2) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

“(h) JOINT SIGNATURE ACCOUNTS.—The Secretary shall take all actions necessary to authorize the withdrawal of funds, including principal and interest, held and maintained in joint signature accounts in accordance with the following:

“(1) CROW CIP IMPLEMENTATION ACCOUNT.—In the special joint signature account named ‘CIP Account’ established pursuant to the agreement with the Tribe dated October 19, 2011, for the purpose of transferring and depositing those funds in the Crow CIP Implementation Account established under section 412(a).

“(2) MR&I PROJECTS ACCOUNT.—In the special joint signature account named ‘MR&I Account’ established pursuant to the agreement with the Tribe dated September 13, 2012, for the purpose of transferring and depositing those funds in the MR&I Projects Account established pursuant to section 411(c)(5).”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) MR&I PROJECTS ACCOUNT FLUCTUATIONS IN COSTS.—

“(1) INDEXING ADJUSTMENT.—Amounts deposited in the MR&I Projects Account pursuant to section 411(c)(5)(A) shall be increased or decreased, as appropriate, by such amounts as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in costs occurring after May 1, 2008, as indicated by the Bureau of Reclamation Construction Cost Index-Composite Trend.

“(2) PERIOD OF INDEXING.—The period of indexing adjustment under paragraph (1), for any increment of funding, shall end on the date on which the amounts are deposited in the MR&I Projects Account.”.

(g) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 403(9) of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3098) is amended by striking

“(25 U.S.C. 450b)” and inserting “(25 U.S.C. 5304)”.

(2) Section 409(b) of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3108) is amended, in each of paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking “section 414” and inserting “section 415”.

(3) Section 410(e)(1) of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3112) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “section 414” and inserting “section 415”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “agreements with the Tribe required by sections 405(a) and 406(a)” and inserting “agreement with the Tribe required by section 405(a)”.

(4) Section 416 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (31 U.S.C. 1105 note; Public Law 111–291) (as redesignated by subsection (d)(1)) is amended, in each of paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking “section 414” and inserting “section 415”.

(h) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3064) is amended by striking the items relating to sections 407 through 416 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 407. Tribal water rights.

“Sec. 408. Storage allocation from Bighorn Lake.

“Sec. 409. Satisfaction of claims.

“Sec. 410. Waivers and releases of claims.

“Sec. 411. Crow Settlement Fund.

“Sec. 412. Crow CIP Implementation Account.

“Sec. 413. Yellowtail Dam, Montana.

“Sec. 414. Miscellaneous provisions.

“Sec. 415. Funding.

“Sec. 416. Repeal on failure to meet enforceability date.

“Sec. 417. Antideficiency.”.

## TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO RURAL WATER PROJECTS ACT, TAOS PUEBLO INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT, AND AAMODT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 640) to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos’ Fund, and for other purposes, which was reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The amendment (No. 3971) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To include a provision relating to investment earnings)

At the end, add the following:

### SEC. 6. INVESTMENT EARNINGS.

In addition to the deposits authorized under this Act, any investment earnings, including interest, credited to amounts held in the trust funds as provided for in this Act are authorized to be appropriated.

The bill (S. 640), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 640

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Technical Corrections to the Northwestern New Mexico

Rural Water Projects Act, Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act, and Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act”.

## SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON THE NAVAJO NATION WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND.

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11) is amended—

(1) in section 10701(e)(1)(A)(vii), by striking “10702.” and inserting “10702, except for deposits made pursuant to section 10702(g).”; and

(2) in section 10702—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsections (f) and (g)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(g) ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.—In addition to amounts made available under subsection (f), there is authorized to be appropriated for deposit in the Trust Fund \$6,357,674.46.”.

## SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON THE TAOS PUEBLO WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) is amended by adding after section 513 the following:

### “SEC. 514. ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.

“In addition to the amounts made available under section 509(c), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund established by section 505(a) \$7,794,297.52.”.

## SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON THE AAMODT SETTLEMENT PUEBLOS’ FUND.

The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) is amended by adding after section 626 the following:

### “SEC. 627. INTEREST PAYMENTS.

“(a) ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.—In addition to amounts made available under section 617, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Aamodt Settlement Pueblos’ Fund established by section 615(a) \$4,314,709.18 for the Pueblos’ share of the costs of operating, maintaining, and replacing the Pueblo Water Facilities and the Regional Water System, as set forth in section 617(c)(1)(B).

“(b) WAIVER OF PAYMENT.—To the extent monies are due or payable to the United States attributable to interest earned on amounts made available under section 617(c)(1)(A) prior to September 15, 2017, the Secretary of the Treasury shall waive payment of such monies.”.

## SEC. 5. DISCLAIMER.

(a) SECTION 509 OF CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the previous satisfaction of the conditions precedent in section 509(f)(2) of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) or to affect the validity of the Secretarial finding published in the Federal Register on October 7, 2016, pursuant to section 509(f)(1) of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) that such conditions precedent were fully satisfied.

(b) SECTION 623 OF CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the previous satisfaction of the conditions precedent in section 623(a)(2) of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) or to affect the validity of the Secretarial finding published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2017, pursuant to section 623(a)(1) of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291) that such conditions precedent were fully satisfied.

## SEC. 6. INVESTMENT EARNINGS.

In addition to the deposits authorized under this Act, any investment earnings, including interest, credited to amounts held in