

**§ 2315b. Transparency and accountability in cost sharing for water resources development projects**

**(a) Definition of balance sheet**

In this section, the term “balance sheet” means a document that describes—

- (1) the funds provided by each Federal and non-Federal interest for a water resources development project; and
- (2) the status of those funds.

**(b) Establishment of balance sheet**

Each district of the Corps of Engineers shall, using the authority of the Secretary under section 2315 of this title—

- (1) maintain a balance sheet for each water resources development project carried out by the Secretary for which a non-Federal cost share is required; and
- (2) on request of a non-Federal interest that provided funds for the project, provide to the non-Federal interest a copy of the balance sheet.

**(c) Under-budget projects**

In the case of a water resources development project carried out by the Secretary that is completed at a cost less than the estimated cost, the Secretary shall transfer any excess non-Federal funds to the non-Federal interest in accordance with the cost-share requirement applicable to the project.

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**Editorial Notes**

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Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, and also as part of the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 102 of Pub. L. 115–270, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 2316. Environmental protection mission**

**(a) General rule**

The Secretary shall include environmental protection as one of the primary missions of the Corps of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining water resources projects.

**(b) Limitation**

Nothing in this section affects—

- (1) existing Corps of Engineers’ authorities, including its authorities with respect to navigation and flood control;
- (2) pending Corps of Engineers permit applications or pending lawsuits involving permits or water resources projects; or
- (3) the application of public interest review procedures for Corps of Engineers permits.

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**§ 2317. Wetlands**

**(a) Goals and action plan**

**(1) Goals**

There is established, as part of the Corps of Engineers water resources development program, an interim goal of no overall net loss of the Nation’s remaining wetlands base, as defined by acreage and function, and a long-term goal to increase the quality and quantity of the Nation’s wetlands, as defined by acreage and function.

**(2) Use of authorities**

The Secretary shall utilize all appropriate authorities, including those to restore and create wetlands, in meeting the interim and long-term goals.

**(3) Action plan**

**(A) Development**

The Secretary shall develop, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and other appropriate Federal agencies, a wetlands action plan to achieve the goals established by this subsection as soon as possible.

**(B) Contents**

The plan shall include and identify actions to be taken by the Secretary in achieving the goals and any new authorities which may be necessary to accelerate attainment of the goals.

**(C) Completion deadline**

The Secretary shall complete the plan not later than 1 year after November 28, 1990.

**(b) Constructed wetlands for Mud Creek, Arkansas**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is authorized and directed to establish and carry out a research and pilot project to evaluate and demonstrate—

- (1) the use of constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment, and
- (2) methods by which such projects contribute—

(A) to meeting the objective of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act [33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.] to restore and maintain the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters, and

(B) to attaining the goals established by subsection (a).

The project under this subsection shall be carried out to improve the quality of effluent dis-