

egon, Idaho, or Montana, the Governor shall coordinate with the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration before making a request under subsection (a).

(c) Termination of authority

The authorities established under this subchapter shall terminate on September 30, 2028.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title I, §104, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 56; Pub. L. 106-566, title II, §201(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2820; Pub. L. 109-234, title II, §2306(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 456; Pub. L. 111-212, title I, §404(a), July 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 2313; Pub. L. 113-76, div. D, title II, §206, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 164; Pub. L. 115-141, div. D, title II, §203(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 519; Pub. L. 116-260, div. D, title II, §207(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1363; Pub. L. 117-103, div. D, title II, §206(a), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 221; Pub. L. 118-170, §2(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2589.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118-170 substituted “2028” for “2022”.

2022—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-103 substituted “2022” for “2021”.

2020—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-260 substituted “2021” for “2020”.

2018—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “2020” for “2017”.

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-76 substituted “2017” for “2012”.

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-212 substituted “September 30, 2012” for “September 30, 2010”.

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-234 substituted “September 30, 2010” for “September 30, 2005”.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-566, §201(a)(1), inserted “and in the State of Hawaii” after “Reclamation State”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-566, §201(a)(2), substituted “on September 30, 2005” for “ten years after March 5, 1992”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EXTENSION OF TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 118-42, div. D, title II, §206(a), Mar. 9, 2024, 138 Stat. 194, provided that: “Section 104(c) of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 (43 U.S.C. 2214(c)) shall be applied by substituting ‘2024’ for ‘2022’.”

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 117-328, div. D, title II, §206(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4631.

§ 2215. Assistance for drought-related planning in reclamation States

(a) In general

The Secretary may provide financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements in States that are eligible to receive drought assistance under this subchapter to promote the development of drought contingency plans under subchapter II.

(b) Report

Not later than one year after December 23, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report and recommendations on the advisability of providing financial assistance for the development of drought contingency plans in all entities that are eligible to receive assistance under subchapter II.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title I, §105, as added Pub. L. 106-566, title II, §201(b), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2820.)

SUBCHAPTER II—DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING

§ 2221. Identification of opportunities for water supply conservation, augmentation and use

The Secretary is authorized to conduct studies to identify opportunities to conserve, augment, and make more efficient use of water supplies available to Federal Reclamation projects and Indian water resource developments in order to be prepared for and better respond to drought conditions. The Secretary is authorized to provide technical assistance to States and to local and tribal government entities to assist in the development, construction, and operation of water desalinization projects, including technical assistance for purposes of assessing the technical and economic feasibility of such projects.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §201, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 56.)

§ 2222. Drought contingency plans

The Secretary, acting pursuant to the Federal Reclamation laws, utilizing the resources of the Department of the Interior, and in consultation with other appropriate Federal and State officials, Indian tribes, public, private, and local entities, is authorized to prepare or participate in the preparation of cooperative drought contingency plans (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as “contingency plans”) for the prevention or mitigation of adverse effects of drought conditions.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §202, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 56.)

§ 2223. Plan elements

(a) Plan provisions

Elements of the contingency plans prepared pursuant to section 2222 of this title may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:

- (1) Water banks.
- (2) Appropriate water conservation actions.
- (3) Water transfers to serve users inside or outside authorized Federal Reclamation project service areas in order to mitigate the effects of drought.
- (4) Use of Federal Reclamation project facilities to store and convey nonproject water for agricultural, municipal and industrial, fish and wildlife, or other uses both inside and outside an authorized Federal Reclamation project service area.
- (5) Use of water from dead or inactive reservoir storage or increased use of ground water resources for temporary water supplies.
- (6) Water supplies for fish and wildlife resources.
- (7) Minor structural actions.

(b) Federal Reclamation projects

Each contingency plan shall identify the following two types of plan elements related to Federal Reclamation projects:

(1) Those plan elements which pertain exclusively to the responsibilities and obligations of the Secretary pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and the responsibilities and obligations of the Secretary for a specific Federal Reclamation project.

(2) Those plan elements that pertain to projects, purposes, or activities not constructed, financed, or otherwise governed by the Federal Reclamation law.

(c) Drought levels

The Secretary is authorized to work with other Federal and State agencies to improve hydrologic data collection systems and water supply forecasting techniques to provide more accurate and timely warning of potential drought conditions and drought levels that would trigger the implementation of contingency plans.

(d) Compliance with law

The contingency plans and plan elements shall comply with all requirements of applicable Federal law, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321), section 2265(a) of title 33, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.], and shall be in accordance with applicable State law.

(e) Review

The contingency plans shall include provisions for periodic review to assure the adequacy of the contingency plan to respond to current conditions, and such plans may be modified accordingly.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §203, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 57.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is act Mar. 10, 1934, ch. 55, 48 Stat. 401, which is classified generally to sections 661 to 666c-1 of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 661(a) of Title 16, Short Title note set out under section 661 of Title 16, and Tables.

§ 2224. Recommendations

(a) Approval

The Secretary shall submit each plan prepared pursuant to section 2222 of this title to the Congress, together with the Secretary's recommendations, including recommendations for authorizing legislation, if needed.

(b) Pacific Northwest region

A contingency plan under subsection (a) for the State of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana, may be approved by the Secretary only at the request of the Governor of the affected State in coordination with the other States in the region and the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §204, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 57.)

§ 2225. Reclamation Drought Response Fund

The Secretary shall undertake a study of the need, if any, to establish a Reclamation Drought Response Fund to be available for defraying those expenses which the Secretary determines necessary to implement plans prepared under section 2222 of this title and to make loans for nonstructural and minor structural activities for the prevention or mitigation of the adverse effects of drought.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §205, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 58.)

§ 2226. Technical assistance and transfer of precipitation management technology

(a) Technical assistance

The Secretary is authorized to provide technical assistance for drought contingency planning in any of the States not identified in section 391 of this title, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and upon termination of the Trusteeship, the Republic of Palau, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(b) Technology Transfer Program

The Secretary is authorized to conduct a Precipitation Management Technology Transfer Program to help alleviate problems caused by precipitation variability and droughts in the West, as part of a balanced long-term water resources development and management program. In consultation with State, tribal, and local water, hydropower, water quality and instream flow interests, areas shall be selected for conducting field studies cost-shared on a 50-50 basis to validate and quantify the potential for appropriate precipitation management technology to augment stream flows. Validated technologies shall be transferred to non-Federal interests for operational implementation.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title II, §206, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 58.)

Executive Documents

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SUBCHAPTER III—GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 2241. Authorization of appropriations

Except as otherwise provided in section 2243 of this title (relating to temperature control devices at Shasta Dam, California), there is authorized to be appropriated not more than \$120,000,000¹ in total for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2028.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title III, §301, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 58; Pub. L. 104-206, title II, Sept. 30, 1996,

¹ See Extension of Authorization of Appropriations note below.