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S. 2693

To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize additional projects related to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 10, 2021

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Salton Sea Projects
5 Improvements Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH PROJECT.**

7 Section 1101 of the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-
8 tion and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–575;
9 106 Stat. 4661) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d)
2 as subsections (c) through (e), respectively;

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(b) ADDITIONAL PROJECT AUTHORITIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclama-
8 tion, may provide grants and enter into contracts
9 and cooperative agreements to carry out projects lo-
10 cated in the area of the Salton Sea in southern Cali-
11 fornia to improve air quality, fish and wildlife habi-
12 tat, recreational opportunities, and water quality, in
13 partnership with—

14 “(A) State, Tribal, and local governments;

15 “(B) water districts;

16 “(C) joint powers authorities, including the
17 Salton Sea Authority;

18 “(D) nonprofit organizations; and

19 “(E) institutions of higher education.

20 “(2) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—The projects de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1) may include—

22 “(A) construction, operation, maintenance,
23 permitting, and design activities required for
24 the projects; and

25 “(B) dust suppression projects.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by
2 striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting
3 “\$250,000,000”.

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