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S. 2693

[Report No. 117–182]

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, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KELLY, and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of October 14, 2022, by
Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Salton Sea Projects
3 Improvements Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH PROJECT.**

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

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

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(b) **ADDITIONAL PROJECT AUTHORITIES.**—

13 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Inte-
14 rior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclama-
15 tion, may provide grants and enter into contracts
16 and cooperative agreements to carry out projects lo-
17 cated in the area of the Salton Sea in southern Cali-
18 fornia to improve air quality, fish and wildlife habi-
19 tat, recreational opportunities, and water quality, in
20 partnership with—

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

22 “(B) water districts;

23 “(C) joint powers authorities, including the
24 Salton Sea Authority;

25 “(D) nonprofit organizations; and

26 “(E) institutions of higher education.

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

3 “(A) construction, operation, maintenance,
 4 permitting, and design activities required for
 5 the projects; and

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

7 ~~(3) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by~~
 8 ~~striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting~~
 9 ~~“\$250,000,000”.~~

10 *(3) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), by*
 11 *striking “project referred to in subsection (a)” and in-*
 12 *serting “projects referred to in subsections (a) and*
 13 *(b)”;* and

14 *(4) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by*
 15 *striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$250,000,000”.*

16 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATING TO**
 17 **PILOT PROJECTS TO INCREASE COLORADO**
 18 **RIVER SYSTEM WATER TO ADDRESS EFFECTS**
 19 **OF HISTORIC DROUGHT CONDITIONS.**

20 *Section 206 of the Energy and Water Development and*
 21 *Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (43 U.S.C. 620*
 22 *note; Public Law 113–235), is amended—*

23 *(1) in subsection (b)(2)—*

24 *(A) by striking “additional”; and*

1 *(B) by striking “this Act” and inserting*
2 *“the Salton Sea Projects Improvements Act”;*
3 *(2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “2022” and*
4 *inserting “2026”; and*
5 *(3) in subsection (d), by striking “2018” and in-*
6 *serting “2027”.*

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