

Public Law 104-20
104th Congress

An Act

To amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, and for other purposes.

July 28, 1995

[S. 523]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN SALINITY CONTROL ACT.

The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act (43 U.S.C. 1571 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 202(a)—

43 USC 1592.

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “the following salinity control units” and inserting “the following salinity control units and salinity control program”; and

(ii) by striking the period and inserting a colon; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) A basinwide salinity control program that the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall implement. The Secretary may carry out the purposes of this paragraph directly, or may make grants, commitments for grants, or advances of funds to non-Federal entities under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may require. Such program shall consist of cost-effective measures and associated works to reduce salinity from saline springs, leaking wells, irrigation sources, industrial sources, erosion of public and private land, or other sources that the Secretary considers appropriate. Such program shall provide for the mitigation of incidental fish and wildlife values that are lost as a result of the measures and associated works. The Secretary shall submit a planning report concerning the program established under this paragraph to the appropriate committees of Congress. The Secretary may not expend funds for any implementation measure under the program established under this paragraph before the expiration of a 30-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary submits such report.”;

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(2) in section 205(a)—

43 USC 1595.

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking “authorized by section 202(a) (4) and (5)” and inserting “authorized by paragraphs (4) through (6) of section 202(a)”; and

(B) in paragraph (4)(i), by striking “sections 202(a)(4) and (5)” each place it appears and inserting “paragraphs (4) through (6) of section 202”;

43 USC 1598.

(3) in section 208, by adding at the end the following new subsection:

Appropriation
authorization.

“(c) In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated \$75,000,000 for subsection 202(a), including constructing the works described in paragraph 202(a)(6) and carrying out the measures described in such paragraph. Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Secretary may implement the program under paragraph 202(a)(6) only to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts.”; and

43 USC 1592.

(4) in subsection 202(b)(4) delete “units authorized to be constructed pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5)” and insert in lieu thereof “units authorized to be constructed or the program pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6)”.

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