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H. R. 1803

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mrs. DAVIS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “San Diego Water Stor-
3 age and Efficiency Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT,**
5 **COST SHARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
7 (hereinafter referred to as “Secretary”), in consultation
8 and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweet-
9 water Authority, is authorized to undertake a study to de-
10 termine the feasibility of constructing a four reservoir
11 intertie system to improve water storage opportunities,
12 water supply reliability, and water yield of the existing
13 non-Federal water storage system. The feasibility study
14 shall document the Secretary’s engineering, environ-
15 mental, and economic investigation of the proposed res-
16 ervoir and intertie project taking into consideration the
17 range of potential solutions and the circumstances and
18 needs of the area to be served by the proposed reservoir
19 and intertie project, the potential benefits to the people
20 of that service area, and improved operations of the pro-
21 posed reservoir and intertie system. The Secretary shall
22 indicate in the feasibility report required under subsection
23 (d) whether the proposed reservoir and intertie project is
24 recommended for construction.

25 (b) FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of
26 the costs of the feasibility study shall not exceed 50 per-

1 cent of the total study costs. The Secretary may accept
2 as part of the non-Federal cost share, any contribution
3 of such in-kind services by the City of San Diego and the
4 Sweetwater Authority that the Secretary determines will
5 contribute toward the conduct and completion of the
6 study.

7 (c) COOPERATION.—The Secretary shall consult and
8 cooperate with appropriate State, regional, and local au-
9 thorities in implementing this section.

10 (d) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—The Secretary shall sub-
11 mit to Congress a feasibility report for the project the Sec-
12 retary recommends, and to seek, as the Secretary deems
13 appropriate, specific authority to develop and construct
14 any recommended project. This report shall include—

15 (1) good faith letters of intent by the City of
16 San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority and its
17 non-Federal partners to indicate that they have com-
18 mitted to share the allocated costs as determined by
19 the Secretary; and

20 (2) a schedule identifying the annual operation,
21 maintenance, and replacement costs that should be
22 allocated to the City of San Diego and the Sweet-
23 water Authority, as well as the current and expected
24 financial capability to pay operation, maintenance,
25 and replacement costs.

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.**

2 Nothing in this Act shall supersede or amend the pro-
3 visions of Federal Reclamation laws or laws associated
4 with any project or any portion of any project constructed
5 under any authority of Federal Reclamation laws.

6 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary \$3,000,000 for the Federal cost share of the study
9 authorized in section 2.

10 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

11 The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provi-
12 sions of this Act shall terminate 10 years after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act.

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