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**AN ACT**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 ~~For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions~~  
5 ~~apply:~~

1           (1) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the  
2           Fallbrook Public Utility District, San Diego County,  
3           California.

4           (2) PROJECT.—The term “Project” means the  
5           impoundment, recharge, treatment, and other facili-  
6           ties the construction, operation, watershed manage-  
7           ment, and maintenance of which is authorized under  
8           section 2.

9           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10          the Secretary of the Interior, unless otherwise stat-  
11          ed.

12 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANTA**  
13 **MARGARITA RIVER PROJECT.**

14          (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, acting pursu-  
15          ant to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17,  
16          1902; 32 Stat. 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or sup-  
17          plementary thereto, as far as those laws are not incon-  
18          sistent with the provisions of this Act, is authorized to  
19          construct, operate, and maintain the Project substantially  
20          in accordance with the final feasibility report and this Act.

21          (b) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may construct the  
22          Project only after the Secretary determines that the fol-  
23          lowing conditions have occurred:

24                (1) The District and the Navy have entered  
25                into contracts under sections 9(e)2 and 9(e) of the

1 Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to repay to the  
2 United States equitable and appropriate portions, as  
3 determined by the Secretary, of the actual costs of  
4 constructing, operating, and maintaining the  
5 Project.

6 (2) The officer or agency of the State of Cali-  
7 fornia authorized by law to grant permits for the ap-  
8 propriation of water has granted such permits to the  
9 Bureau of Reclamation for the benefit of the De-  
10 partment of the Navy and the District as permittees  
11 for rights to the use of water for storage and diver-  
12 sion as provided in this Act, including approval of all  
13 requisite changes in points of diversion and storage,  
14 and purposes and places of use.

15 (3) The District has agreed that it will not as-  
16 sert against the United States any prior appropria-  
17 tive right the District may have to water in excess  
18 of the quantity deliverable to it under this Act, and  
19 will share in the use of the waters impounded by the  
20 Project on the basis of equal priority and in accord-  
21 ance with the ratio prescribed in section 4(b). This  
22 agreement and waiver and the changes in points of  
23 diversion and storage under paragraph (2), shall be-  
24 come effective and binding only when the Project  
25 has been completed and put into operation and may

1 be varied by agreement between the District and the  
2 Secretary of the Navy.

3 (4) The Secretary has determined that the  
4 Project has economic, environmental, and engineer-  
5 ing feasibility.

6 **SEC. 3. COSTS.**

7 Upon completion of the construction of the Project,  
8 the Department of the Navy shall be responsible to repay  
9 to the Secretary only that portion of the construction, op-  
10 eration and maintenance costs of the Project that the Sec-  
11 retary and the Secretary of the Navy determine reflects  
12 the extent to which the Department of the Navy benefits  
13 from the Project. Provided that the Secretary is hereby  
14 authorized to enter into a contract with the Secretary of  
15 the Navy for the impounding, storage, treatment, and ear-  
16 riage of prior rights water for domestic, municipal, fish  
17 and wildlife, industrial and other beneficial purposes using  
18 Project facilities.

19 **SEC. 4. OPERATION; YIELD ALLOTMENT; DELIVERY.**

20 (a) OPERATION.—The operation of the Project, sub-  
21 ject to a memorandum of agreement between the Sec-  
22 retary, the Navy, and the District and under regulations  
23 satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy with respect to  
24 the Navy's share of the project, may be by the Secretary,  
25 the District, or a third party consistent with section 6.

1       (b) ~~YIELD ALLOTMENT.~~—Except as otherwise agreed  
2 between the parties, the Department of the Navy and the  
3 District shall participate in the Project yield on the basis  
4 of equal priority and in accordance with the following  
5 ratio:

6           (1) 60 percent of the Project's yield is allotted  
7 to the Secretary of the Navy.

8           (2) 40 percent of the Project's yield is allotted  
9 to the District.

10       (c) ~~CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY OF EXCESS~~  
11 ~~WATER.~~—

12           (1) ~~EXCESS WATER AVAILABLE TO OTHER PER-~~  
13 ~~SONS.~~—If the Secretary of the Navy certifies to the  
14 official agreed upon to administer the Project that  
15 the Department of the Navy does not have imme-  
16 diate need for any portion of the 60 percent of the  
17 Project's yield allotted to the Secretary of the Navy  
18 under subsection (b), the official may enter into tem-  
19 porary contracts for the sale and delivery of the ex-  
20 cess water.

21           (2) ~~FIRST RIGHT FOR EXCESS WATER.~~—The  
22 first right to excess water to be made available  
23 under paragraph (1) shall be given the District, if  
24 otherwise consistent with the laws of the State of  
25 California.

1           (3) ~~CONDITION OF CONTRACTS.~~—Each contract  
2 entered into under paragraph (1) for the sale and  
3 delivery of excess water shall include a condition  
4 that the Secretary of the Navy has the right to de-  
5 mand that water, without charge and without obliga-  
6 tion on the part of the United States, after 30 days  
7 notice.

8           (4) ~~MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGA-~~  
9 ~~TIONS.~~—The rights and obligations of the United  
10 States and the District regarding the ratio,  
11 amounts, definition of Project yield, and payment  
12 for excess water may be modified by an agreement  
13 between the parties.

14           (d) ~~CONSIDERATION.~~—

15           (1) ~~DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.~~—Moneys paid to the  
16 United States under a contract entered into under  
17 subsection (c) shall be deposited in the special ac-  
18 count established for the Department of the Navy  
19 under paragraph (1) of section 2667(d) of title 10,  
20 United States Code, and shall be available for the  
21 purposes specified in subparagraph (C) of such  
22 paragraph. Subparagraph (D) of such paragraph  
23 shall not apply to moneys deposited in the special  
24 account pursuant to this subsection.

1           (2) ~~IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.~~—In lieu of mone-  
2           tary consideration under paragraph (1), or in addi-  
3           tion to such consideration, the Secretary of the Navy  
4           may accept in-kind consideration in a form and  
5           quantity that is acceptable to the Secretary of the  
6           Navy, including the following forms of in-kind con-  
7           sideration:

8                   (A) Maintenance, protection, alteration, re-  
9                   pair, improvement, or restoration (including en-  
10                  vironmental restoration) of property or facilities  
11                  of the Department of the Navy.

12                  (B) Construction of new facilities for the  
13                  Department of the Navy.

14                  (C) Provision of facilities for use by the  
15                  Department of the Navy.

16                  (D) Facilities operation support for the  
17                  Department of the Navy.

18                  (E) Provision of such other services as the  
19                  Secretary of the Navy considers appropriate.

20           (3) ~~RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.~~—Sections  
21           2662 and 2802 of title 10, United States Code, shall  
22           not apply to any new facilities whose construction is  
23           accepted as in-kind consideration under this sub-  
24           section.

1           (4) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—If the in-  
2           kind consideration proposed to be provided under a  
3           contract to be entered into under subsection (c) has  
4           a value in excess of \$500,000, the contract may not  
5           be entered into until the earlier of the following:

6                   (A) The end of the 30-day period begin-  
7                   ning on the date on which a report describing  
8                   the contract and the form and quantity of the  
9                   in-kind consideration is submitted by the Sec-  
10                  retary of the Navy to the Committee on Armed  
11                  Services of the Senate and the Committee on  
12                  Armed Services of the House of Representa-  
13                  tives.

14                   (B) The end of the 14-day period begin-  
15                   ning on the date on which a copy of the report  
16                   referred to in subparagraph (A) is provided in  
17                   an electronic medium pursuant to section 480  
18                   of title 10, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 5. REPAYMENT OBLIGATION OF THE DISTRICT.**

20           (a) IN GENERAL.—The general repayment obligation  
21           of the District shall be determined by the Secretary of the  
22           Interior consistent with sections 9(c)2 and 9(c) of the Rec-  
23           lamation Project Act of 1939 to repay to the United  
24           States equitable and appropriate portions, as determined  
25           by the Secretary, of the actual costs of constructing, oper-

1 ating, and maintaining the Project, provided, however,  
2 that for the purposes of calculating interest and deter-  
3 mining the time when the District's repayment obligation  
4 to the United States commences, the pumping and treat-  
5 ment of groundwater from the Project shall be deemed  
6 equivalent to the first use of water from a water storage  
7 project. There shall be no repayment obligation under this  
8 section for water delivered to the District under a contract  
9 as provided in section 4(c).

10 (b) **MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION BY**  
11 **AGREEMENT.**—The rights and obligations of the United  
12 States and the District regarding the repayment obliga-  
13 tion of the District may be modified by an agreement be-  
14 tween the parties.

15 **SEC. 6. TRANSFER OF CARE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE.**  
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17 The Secretary may transfer to the District, or a mu-  
18 tually agreed upon third party, the care, operation, and  
19 maintenance of the Project under conditions satisfactory  
20 to the Secretary and the District, and with respect to the  
21 portion of the Project that is located within the boundaries  
22 of Camp Pendleton, satisfactory also to the Secretary of  
23 the Navy. If such a transfer takes place, the District shall  
24 be entitled to an equitable credit for the costs associated  
25 with the Secretary's proportionate share of the operation

1 and maintenance of the Project. The amount of such costs  
2 shall be applied against the indebtedness of the District  
3 to the United States.

4 **SEC. 7. SCOPE OF ACT.**

5 For the purpose of this Act, the basis, measure, and  
6 limit of all rights of the United States pertaining to the  
7 use of water shall be the laws of the State of California.  
8 Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed—

9 (1) as a grant or a relinquishment by the  
10 United States of any rights to the use of water that  
11 it acquired according to the laws of the State of  
12 California, either as a result of its acquisition of the  
13 lands comprising Camp Joseph H. Pendleton and  
14 adjoining naval installations, and the rights to the  
15 use of water as a part of that acquisition, or through  
16 actual use or prescription or both since the date of  
17 that acquisition, if any;

18 (2) to create any legal obligation to store any  
19 water in the Project, to the use of which the United  
20 States has such rights;

21 (3) to require the division under this Act of  
22 water to which the United States has such rights; or

23 (4) to constitute a recognition of, or an admis-  
24 sion by the United States that, the District has any  
25 rights to the use of water in the Santa Margarita

1 River, which rights, if any, exist only by virtue of  
2 the laws of the State of California.

3 **SEC. 8. LIMITATIONS ON OPERATION AND ADMINISTRA-**  
4 **TION.**

5 Unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of the  
6 Navy, the Project—

7 (1) shall be operated in a manner which allows  
8 the free passage of all of the water to the use of  
9 which the United States is entitled according to the  
10 laws of the State of California either as a result of  
11 its acquisition of the lands comprising Camp Joseph  
12 H. Pendleton and adjoining naval installations, and  
13 the rights to the use of water as a part of those ac-  
14 quisitions, or through actual use or prescription, or  
15 both, since the date of that acquisition, if any; and

16 (2) shall not be administered or operated in any  
17 way which will impair or deplete the quantities of  
18 water the use of which the United States would be  
19 entitled under the laws of the State of California  
20 had the Project not been built.

21 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any  
23 money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise  
24 appropriated, the following:

1           (1) \$60,000,000 (the current estimated con-  
2           struction cost of the Project, plus or minus such  
3           amounts as may be indicated by the engineering cost  
4           indices for this type of construction).

5           (2) Such sums as may be required to operate  
6           and maintain the said project.

7   **SEC. 10. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

8           Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
9           of this Act and periodically thereafter, the Secretary and  
10          the Secretary of the Navy shall each report to the Con-  
11          gress regarding if the conditions specified in section 2(b)  
12          have been met and if so, the details of how they were met.

13   **SEC. 11. SUNSET.**

14          The authority of the Secretary to complete construc-  
15          tion of the Project shall terminate 10 years after the date  
16          of enactment of this Act.

17   **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

18          *In this Act:*

19               (1) *DISTRICT.*—The term “District” means the  
20               *Fallbrook Public Utility District, San Diego County,*  
21               *California.*

22               (2) *PROJECT.*—The term “Project” means the  
23               *impoundment, recharge, treatment, and other facili-*  
24               *ties the construction, operation, watershed manage-*

1        *ment, and maintenance of which is authorized under*  
2        *section 2.*

3                (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
4        *the Secretary of the Interior.*

5        **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANTA**  
6                **MARGARITA RIVER PROJECT.**

7                (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Secretary, acting pursuant*  
8        *to Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32*  
9        *Stat. 388, chapter 1093)), and Acts supplemental to and*  
10        *amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), to the extent*  
11        *that law is not inconsistent with this Act, may construct,*  
12        *operate, and maintain the Project substantially in accord-*  
13        *ance with the final feasibility report and environmental re-*  
14        *views for the Project and this Act.*

15                (b) *CONDITIONS.*—*The Secretary may construct the*  
16        *Project only after the Secretary determines that the fol-*  
17        *lowing conditions have occurred:*

18                (1)(A) *The District and the Secretary of the*  
19        *Navy have entered into contracts under subsections*  
20        *(c)(2) and (e) of section 9 of the Reclamation Project*  
21        *Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h) to repay to the United*  
22        *States equitable and appropriate portions, as deter-*  
23        *mined by the Secretary, of the actual costs of con-*  
24        *structing, operating, and maintaining the Project.*

1           (B) *As an alternative to a repayment contract*  
2 *with the Secretary of the Navy described in subpara-*  
3 *graph (A), the Secretary may allow the Secretary of*  
4 *the Navy to satisfy all or a portion of the repayment*  
5 *obligation for construction of the Project on the pay-*  
6 *ment of the share of the Secretary of the Navy prior*  
7 *to the initiation of construction, subject to a final cost*  
8 *allocation as described in section 3.*

9           (2) *The officer or agency of the State of Cali-*  
10 *ifornia authorized by law to grant permits for the ap-*  
11 *propriation of water has granted the permits to the*  
12 *Bureau of Reclamation for the benefit of the Secretary*  
13 *of the Navy and the District as permittees for rights*  
14 *to the use of water for storage and diversion as pro-*  
15 *vided in this Act, including approval of all requisite*  
16 *changes in points of diversion and storage, and pur-*  
17 *poses and places of use.*

18           (3)(A) *The District has agreed—*

19                   (i) *to not assert against the United States*  
20 *any prior appropriative right the District may*  
21 *have to water in excess of the quantity deliver-*  
22 *able to the District under this Act; and*

23                   (ii) *to share in the use of the waters im-*  
24 *pounded by the Project on the basis of equal pri-*

1            *ority and in accordance with the ratio prescribed*  
2            *in section 4(b).*

3            *(B) The agreement and waiver under subpara-*  
4            *graph (A) and the changes in points of diversion and*  
5            *storage under paragraph (2)—*

6                    *(i) shall become effective and binding only*  
7                    *when the Project has been completed and put*  
8                    *into operation; and*

9                    *(ii) may be varied by agreement between the*  
10                   *District and the Secretary of the Navy.*

11            *(4) The Secretary has determined that the*  
12            *Project has completed applicable economic, environ-*  
13            *mental, and engineering feasibility studies.*

14    **SEC. 3. COSTS.**

15            *(a) IN GENERAL.—As determined by a final cost allo-*  
16            *cation after completion of the construction of the Project,*  
17            *the Secretary of the Navy shall be responsible to pay upfront*  
18            *or repay to the Secretary only that portion of the construc-*  
19            *tion, operation, and maintenance costs of the Project that*  
20            *the Secretary and the Secretary of the Navy determine re-*  
21            *flects the extent to which the Department of the Navy bene-*  
22            *fits from the Project.*

23            *(b) OTHER CONTRACTS.—Notwithstanding subsection*  
24            *(a), the Secretary may enter into a contract with the Sec-*  
25            *retary of the Navy for the impoundment, storage, treatment,*

1 *and carriage of prior rights water for domestic, municipal,*  
2 *fish and wildlife, industrial, and other beneficial purposes*  
3 *using Project facilities.*

4 **SEC. 4. OPERATION; YIELD ALLOTMENT; DELIVERY.**

5 (a) *OPERATION.*—*The Secretary, the District, or a*  
6 *third party (consistent with section 6) may operate the*  
7 *Project, subject to a memorandum of agreement between the*  
8 *Secretary, the Secretary of the Navy, and the District and*  
9 *under regulations satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy*  
10 *with respect to the share of the Project of the Department*  
11 *of the Navy.*

12 (b) *YIELD ALLOTMENT.*—*Except as otherwise agreed*  
13 *between the parties, the Secretary of the Navy and the Dis-*  
14 *trict shall participate in the Project yield on the basis of*  
15 *equal priority and in accordance with the following ratio:*

16 (1) *60 percent of the yield of the Project is allot-*  
17 *ted to the Secretary of the Navy.*

18 (2) *40 percent of the yield of the Project is allot-*  
19 *ted to the District.*

20 (c) *CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY OF EXCESS WATER.*—

21 (1) *EXCESS WATER AVAILABLE TO OTHER PER-*  
22 *SONS.*—*If the Secretary of the Navy certifies to the of-*  
23 *ficial agreed on to administer the Project that the De-*  
24 *partment of the Navy does not have immediate need*  
25 *for any portion of the 60 percent of the yield of the*

1 *Project allotted to the Secretary of the Navy under*  
2 *subsection (b), the official may enter into temporary*  
3 *contracts for the sale and delivery of the excess water.*

4 (2) *FIRST RIGHT FOR EXCESS WATER.*—*The first*  
5 *right to excess water made available under paragraph*  
6 *(1) shall be given the District, if otherwise consistent*  
7 *with the laws of the State of California.*

8 (3) *CONDITION OF CONTRACTS.*—*Each contract*  
9 *entered into under paragraph (1) for the sale and de-*  
10 *livery of excess water shall include a condition that*  
11 *the Secretary of the Navy has the right to demand the*  
12 *water, without charge and without obligation on the*  
13 *part of the United States, after 30 days notice.*

14 (4) *MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGA-*  
15 *TIONS.*—*The rights and obligations of the United*  
16 *States and the District regarding the ratio, amounts,*  
17 *definition of Project yield, and payment for excess*  
18 *water may be modified by an agreement between the*  
19 *parties.*

20 (d) *CONSIDERATION.*—

21 (1) *DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.*—

22 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Amounts paid to the*  
23 *United States under a contract entered into*  
24 *under subsection (c) shall be—*

1           (i) deposited in the special account es-  
2           tablished for the Department of the Navy  
3           under section 2667(e)(1) of title 10, United  
4           States Code; and

5           (ii) shall be available for the purposes  
6           specified in section 2667(e)(1)(C) of that  
7           title.

8           (B) *EXCEPTION.*—Section 2667(e)(1)(D) of  
9           title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to  
10          amounts deposited in the special account pursu-  
11          ant to this subsection.

12          (2) *IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.*—In lieu of mone-  
13          tary consideration under paragraph (1), or in addi-  
14          tion to monetary consideration, the Secretary of the  
15          Navy may accept in-kind consideration in a form  
16          and quantity that is acceptable to the Secretary of the  
17          Navy, including—

18               (A) maintenance, protection, alteration, re-  
19               pair, improvement, or restoration (including en-  
20               vironmental restoration) of property or facilities  
21               of the Department of the Navy;

22               (B) construction of new facilities for the De-  
23               partment of the Navy;

24               (C) provision of facilities for use by the De-  
25               partment of the Navy;

1           (D) facilities operation support for the De-  
2           partment of the Navy; and

3           (E) provision of such other services as the  
4           Secretary of the Navy considers appropriate.

5           (3) *RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.*—Sections 2662  
6           and 2802 of title 10, United States Code, shall not  
7           apply to any new facilities the construction of which  
8           is accepted as in-kind consideration under this sub-  
9           section.

10          (4) *CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.*—If the in-  
11          kind consideration proposed to be provided under a  
12          contract to be entered into under subsection (c) has a  
13          value in excess of \$500,000, the contract may not be  
14          entered into until the earlier of—

15               (A) the end of the 30-day period beginning  
16               on the date on which the Secretary of the Navy  
17               submits to the Committee on Armed Services of  
18               the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services  
19               of the House of Representatives a report describ-  
20               ing the contract and the form and quantity of  
21               the in-kind consideration; or

22               (B) the end of the 14-day period beginning  
23               on the date on which a copy of the report re-  
24               ferred to in subparagraph (A) is provided in an

1           *electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of*  
2           *title 10, United States Code.*

3 **SEC. 5. REPAYMENT OBLIGATION OF THE DISTRICT.**

4           *(a) DETERMINATION.—*

5                 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided*  
6                 *in this subsection, the general repayment obligation of*  
7                 *the District shall be determined by the Secretary con-*  
8                 *sistent with subsections (c)(2) and (e) of section 9 of*  
9                 *the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h)*  
10                *to repay to the United States equitable and appro-*  
11                *priate portions, as determined by the Secretary, of the*  
12                *actual costs of constructing, operating, and maintain-*  
13                *ing the Project.*

14                *(2) GROUNDWATER.—For purposes of calculating*  
15                *interest and determining the time when the repay-*  
16                *ment obligation of the District to the United States*  
17                *commences, the pumping and treatment of ground-*  
18                *water from the Project shall be deemed equivalent to*  
19                *the first use of water from a water storage project.*

20                *(3) CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY OF EXCESS*  
21                *WATER.—There shall be no repayment obligation*  
22                *under this section for water delivered to the District*  
23                *under a contract described in section 4(c).*

24                *(b) MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION BY*  
25 *AGREEMENT.—The rights and obligations of the United*

1 *States and the District regarding the repayment obligation*  
2 *of the District may be modified by an agreement between*  
3 *the parties.*

4 **SEC. 6. TRANSFER OF CARE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE.**  
5

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may transfer to the*  
7 *District, or a mutually agreed upon third party, the care,*  
8 *operation, and maintenance of the Project under conditions*  
9 *that are—*

10 (1) *satisfactory to the Secretary and the District;*

11 *and*

12 (2) *with respect to the portion of the Project that*  
13 *is located within the boundaries of Camp Pendleton,*  
14 *satisfactory to the Secretary, the District, and the*  
15 *Secretary of the Navy.*

16 (b) *EQUITABLE CREDIT.*—

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In the event of a transfer*  
18 *under subsection (a), the District shall be entitled to*  
19 *an equitable credit for the costs associated with the*  
20 *proportionate share of the Secretary of the operation*  
21 *and maintenance of the Project.*

22 (2) *APPLICATION.*—*The amount of costs de-*  
23 *scribed in paragraph (1) shall be applied against the*  
24 *indebtedness of the District to the United States.*

1 **SEC. 7. SCOPE OF ACT.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as otherwise provided in*  
3 *this section, for the purpose of this Act, the laws of the State*  
4 *of California shall apply to the rights of the United States*  
5 *pertaining to the use of water under this Act.*

6 (b) *LIMITATIONS.*—*Nothing in this Act—*

7 (1) *provides a grant or a relinquishment by the*  
8 *United States of any rights to the use of water that*  
9 *the United States acquired according to the laws of*  
10 *the State of California, either as a result of the acqui-*  
11 *sition of the land comprising Camp Joseph H. Pen-*  
12 *dleton and adjoining naval installations, and the*  
13 *rights to the use of water as a part of that acquisi-*  
14 *tion, or through actual use or prescription or both*  
15 *since the date of that acquisition, if any;*

16 (2) *creates any legal obligation to store any*  
17 *water in the Project, to the use of which the United*  
18 *States has those rights;*

19 (3) *requires the division under this Act of water*  
20 *to which the United States has those rights; or*

21 (4) *constitutes a recognition of, or an admission*  
22 *by the United States that, the District has any rights*  
23 *to the use of water in the Santa Margarita River,*  
24 *which rights, if any, exist only by virtue of the laws*  
25 *of the State of California.*

1 **SEC. 8. LIMITATIONS ON OPERATION AND ADMINISTRA-**  
2 **TION.**

3 *Unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of the Navy,*  
4 *the Project—*

5 *(1) shall be operated in a manner which allows*  
6 *the free passage of all of the water to the use of which*  
7 *the United States is entitled according to the laws of*  
8 *the State of California either as a result of the acqui-*  
9 *sition of the land comprising Camp Joseph H. Pen-*  
10 *dleton and adjoining naval installations, and the*  
11 *rights to the use of water as a part of those acquisi-*  
12 *tions, or through actual use or prescription, or both,*  
13 *since the date of that acquisition, if any; and*

14 *(2) shall not be administered or operated in any*  
15 *way that will impair or deplete the quantities of*  
16 *water the use of which the United States would be en-*  
17 *titled under the laws of the State of California had*  
18 *the Project not been built.*

19 **SEC. 9. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

20 *Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment*  
21 *of this Act and periodically thereafter, the Secretary and*  
22 *the Secretary of the Navy shall each submit to the appro-*  
23 *priate committees of Congress reports that describe whether*  
24 *the conditions specified in section 2(b) have been met and*  
25 *if so, the manner in which the conditions were met.*

1 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out*  
3 *this Act—*

4 *(1) \$60,000,000, as adjusted to reflect the engi-*  
5 *neering costs indices for the construction cost of the*  
6 *Project; and*

7 *(2) such sums as are necessary to operate and*  
8 *maintain the Project.*

9 **SEC. 11. SUNSET.**

10 *The authority of the Secretary to complete construction*  
11 *of the Project shall terminate on the date that is 10 years*  
12 *after the date of enactment of this Act.*



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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

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