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To provide for financial and technical support of certain projects related to the Central Valley Project, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GRAY (for himself, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. HARDER 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Central Valley Water
5 Solution Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER PROJECTS.**

7 (a) PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall
8 provide financial and technical assistance for the following
9 projects in the State, and there is authorized to be appro-

1 priated to the Secretary the corresponding amounts in pa-
2 rentheses to carry out this section:

3 (1) Westland Water District Recharge Basins
4 (\$85,000,000), for the purchase by the District on
5 a willing seller basis of 1,800 acres of land along the
6 Coalinga Canal to build recharge basins in prime
7 areas with greater percolation rates and within the
8 unconfined zone of the subbasin, retrofitting the
9 Coalinga Canal's existing turnouts to improve the
10 conveyance capacity to the recharge facilities, and
11 the construction of terraced berms to retain water at
12 the recharge sites to enhance percolation and elimi-
13 nate runoff.

14 (2) Westlands Water District Reverse Osmosis
15 Treatment Plants and High-Capacity Shallow Aquifer
16 Wells (\$30,000,000), for constructing 2 reverse
17 osmosis treatment plants and 8 high-capacity shal-
18 low aquifer wells to reclaim approximately 20,000
19 acre-feet of poor-quality, perched groundwater to
20 drinking quality levels.

21 (3) East San Joaquin Valley Groundwater
22 Banking and Storage Program (\$360,000,000), for
23 a suite of groundwater banking, in-lieu groundwater
24 recharge, groundwater quality treatment, and stor-
25 age projects.

1 (4) Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District—
2 Rancho de Kaweah Groundwater Bank
3 (\$30,000,000), for constructing 1,200 acres of
4 groundwater banking in multiple phases, including
5 recovery wells, pipelines, and a new turnout and pi-
6 lots to determine recharge and recovery rates.

7 (5) Pixley Irrigation District Joint Ground-
8 water Bank (\$25,000,000), for constructing 560
9 acres of groundwater banking in multiple phases, in-
10 cluding recovery wells, pipelines, a new turnout and
11 pilots to determine recharge and recovery rates. The
12 project is anticipated to be completed within 2–3
13 years of funding availability.

14 (6) Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Annex
15 Groundwater Bank (\$55,000,000), for constructing
16 3,000 acres of groundwater banking in multiple
17 phases, including recovery wells, pipelines, and a
18 new turnout and pilots to determine recharge and
19 recovery rates.

20 (7) Arvin Edison Water Storage District
21 DiGiorgio Unit In-Lieu Project (\$12,900,000), for
22 constructing a total of 11.8 miles of pipeline to con-
23 vey and deliver surface water to support in-lieu
24 groundwater recharge.

1 (8) Arvin Edison Water Storage District Frick
2 Unit In-Lieu Project (\$8,100,000), for constructing
3 a total of 6 miles of pipeline to serve 2,843 acres of
4 irrigated agriculture to support in-lieu groundwater
5 recharge.

6 (9) Arvin Edison Water Storage District Pan-
7 ama Unit In-Lieu Project (\$13,400,000), for con-
8 structing a total of 8.8 miles of pipeline to serve
9 4,816 acres of irrigated agriculture to support in-
10 lieu groundwater recharge.

11 (10) Arvin Edison Water Storage District
12 Sandrini Unit In-Lieu Project (\$28,300,000), for
13 constructing 1 mile of new canal and 21.1 miles of
14 pipeline to serve 11,000 acres of irrigated agri-
15 culture to support in-lieu groundwater recharge.

16 (11) Arvin Edison Water Storage District Re-
17 covery Wells and Groundwater Quality Treatment
18 Project (\$174,000,000), for constructing 7 new
19 wells, and providing water quality treatment for new
20 wells and over 65 existing wells to meet treatment
21 standards and support conjunctive use and oper-
22 ational flexibility of the California Aqueduct.

23 (12) Tulare Irrigation District Seaborn Res-
24 ervoir (\$23,000,000), for constructing an internal

1 berm and inlet, outlet, and pump facilities off of the
2 St. Johns River, and native habitat improvements.

3 (13) City of Tracy Recycled Water and Ex-
4 change Program (\$10,000,000), for expanding the
5 City of Tracy's Recycled Water Project project, in-
6 cluding a pumping station and associated convey-
7 ance pipeline to convey recycled water to city infra-
8 structure and to the DMC to supplement the City's
9 CVP supply.

10 (14) City of Tracy Aquifer Storage and Recov-
11 ery Program (\$22,000,000), for installing 4 Aquifer
12 Storage and Recovery wells.

13 (15) Water Conservation Improvement Projects
14 Planning Work (\$1,000,000), for developing a feasi-
15 bility and environmental study to analyze lining
16 areas within the Exchange Contractors service area
17 that are drainage impacted to generate conserved
18 water for future implementation.

19 (16) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project
20 (\$1,010,000), for constructing an 82,000 acre-foot
21 reservoir located on Del Puerto Creek, providing
22 needed South of Delta storage to provide drought re-
23 sistance for the region's agricultural and environ-
24 mental water supplies, supporting disadvantaged

1 communities, and providing public safety flood pro-
2 tection for the City of Patterson.

3 (17) Upper Delta-Mendota Canal Reverse Flow
4 Pumpback Project (\$25,000,000), for designing and
5 constructing 3 permanent lift stations along the
6 DMC that will allow reverse flow of CVP and non-
7 CVP water stored in the San Luis Reservoir (SLR)
8 to be delivered to the CVP contractors along the
9 northern reaches of the DMC, mitigating drought
10 related water supply shortages for Upper DMC con-
11 tractors.

12 (18) Lower Delta-Mendota Canal Reverse Flow
13 Pumpback Project (\$280,000,000), for planning and
14 constructing facilities enabling reverse flow of the
15 DMC from the Mendota Pool to O'Neil Forebay and
16 interconnecting the Central California Irrigation
17 District Outside and Main Canals to the DMC to
18 convey flood water into the San Luis Reservoir for
19 storage or direct use, or exchange.

20 (19) Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correc-
21 tion Project (\$830,000,000), for modifying the 116-
22 mile-long DMC to restore the original design convey-
23 ance capacity and avoid constraints on the operation
24 of the Central Valley Project, and addressing oper-
25 ational safety concerns generated by subsidence.

1 (20) San Luis Canal/California Aqueduct Sub-
2 sidence Correction Project (\$850,000,000), for
3 modifying the San Luis Canal/California Aqueduct
4 to restore the original design conveyance capacity
5 and avoid constraints on the operation of the Cen-
6 tral Valley Project, and addressing operational safe-
7 ty concerns generated by subsidence.

8 (21) Friant-Kern Canal Phase II Capacity Cor-
9 rection Project (\$730,000,000), for remaining pre-
10 construction and construction activities for Upper
11 and Lower Reach Capacity Correction, including em-
12 bankment and lining raises, and structure modifica-
13 tions or replacements necessary to restore the design
14 capacity of the from the Kings River Check to the
15 Fifth Avenue Check, and from Reservoir Check to
16 the Kern Check.

17 (22) Turlock Irrigation Intertie Project
18 (\$800,000,000), for connecting the New Melones
19 and Don Pedro Reservoirs.

20 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall participate
21 in and enter into agreements and coordinate with affected
22 Indian Tribes, the State (including subdivisions and de-
23 partments of the State), and public agencies organized
24 pursuant to State law (including irrigation entities) as
25 necessary to carry out this Act.

1 (c) COST SHARING.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2)—

4 (A) for the purposes of section 203 of the
5 Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.
6 390cc) or section 3404(a) of the Reclamation
7 Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of
8 1992 (Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4708), a
9 contract or agreement entered into pursuant to
10 this section shall not be treated as a new or
11 amended contract; and

12 (B) none of the funds provided under this
13 section shall be reimbursable or subject to
14 matching or cost sharing requirements.

15 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not apply
16 to the study described in subsection (a)(15).

17 (d) ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—In providing funding
18 for a project under this section, the Secretary shall comply
19 with all applicable environmental laws, including—

20 (1) the National Environmental Policy Act of
21 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

22 (2) any obligations for fish, wildlife, or water
23 quality protection in permits or licenses granted by
24 a Federal agency or the State; and

1 (3) any applicable Federal or State laws (in-
2 cluding regulations).

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
6 Commissioner of Reclamation.

7 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
8 of California.

9 (3) CVP.—The term “CVP” means the Central
10 Valley Project.

11 (4) DMC.—The term “DMC” means the Delta-
12 Mendota Canal.

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