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LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER  
RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2002

Public Law 107-351  
107th Congress

An Act

Dec. 17, 2002  
[H.R. 2990]

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act, and for other purposes.

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

Lower Rio  
Grande Valley  
Water Resources  
Conservation and  
Improvement Act  
of 2002.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2002”.

**SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS UNDER THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

Section 4(a) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-576; 114 Stat. 3067) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) In the United Irrigation District of Hidalgo County, Texas, a pipeline and pumping system as identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood, Associates, Incorporated, study dated January 2001.

“(6) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 2, proposed improvements to Canal C, as identified in the February 8, 2001, engineering report by Martin, Brown, and Perez.

“(7) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 2, a proposed Canal C and Canal 13 Inner Connect, as identified in the February 12, 2001, engineering report by Martin, Brown, and Perez.

“(8) In Delta Lake Irrigation District of Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, Texas, proposed water conservation projects, as identified by the AW Blair Engineering report of February 13, 2001.

“(9) In the Hidalgo and Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 9, a proposed project to salvage spill water using automatic control of canal gates as identified in the AW Blair Engineering report dated February 14, 2001.

“(10) In the Brownsville Irrigation District of Cameron County, Texas, a proposed main canal replacement as outlined in the Holdar-Garcia & Associates engineering report dated February 14, 2001.

“(11) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 16, a proposed off-district pump station project as identified by the Melden & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering report dated February 14, 2001.

“(12) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 1, a proposed canal replacement of the North Branch East Main, as outlined in the Melden & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis dated February, 2001.

“(13) In the Donna (Texas) Irrigation District, a proposed improvement project as identified by the Melden & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis dated February 13, 2001.

“(14) In the Hudspeth County, Texas, Conservation and Reclamation District No. 1, the Alamo Arroyo Pumping Plant water quality project as identified by the engineering report and drawings by Gebhard-Sarma and Associates dated July 1996 and the construction of a 1,000 acre-foot off-channel regulating reservoir for the capture and conservation of irrigation water, as identified in the engineering report by AW Blair Engineering dated June 2002.

“(15) In the El Paso County, Texas, Water Improvement District No. 1, the Riverside Canal Improvement Project Phase I Reach A, a canal lining and water conservation project as identified by the engineering report by AW Blair Engineering dated June 2002.

“(16) In the Maverick County, Texas, Water Improvement and Control District No. 1, the concrete lining project of 12 miles of the Maverick Main Canal, identified in the engineering report by AW Blair Engineering dated June 2002.

“(17) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 6, rehabilitation of 10.2 miles of concrete lining in the main canal between Lift Stations Nos. 2 and 3 as identified in the engineering report by AW Blair Engineering dated June 2002.

“(18) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 2, Wisconsin Canal Improvements as identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates, Incorporated, engineering report dated February 2001.

“(19) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation District No. 2, Lateral ‘A’ Canal Improvements as identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates, Incorporated, engineering report dated July 25, 2001.”

**SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-576; 114 Stat. 3065 et seq.) is further amended as follows:

(1) Section 3(a) is amended in the first sentence by striking “The Secretary” and all that follows through “in cooperation” and inserting “The Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall undertake a program under cooperative agreements”.

114 Stat. 3065.

(2) Section 3(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) PROJECT REVIEW.—Project proposals shall be reviewed and evaluated under the guidelines set forth in the document published by the Bureau of Reclamation entitled ‘Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Proposals for Water Conservation and Improvement Projects Under P.L. 106-576’, dated June 2001.”

(3) Section 3(d) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement”.

114 Stat. 3065.

(4) Section 3(e) is amended by striking “the criteria established pursuant to this section” and inserting “the guidelines referred to in subsection (b)”.

(5) Subsection (f) of section 3 is amended by striking “to prepare” and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting “to have the Secretary prepare the reports required under this section. The Federal share of the cost of such preparation by the Secretary shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of such preparation.”.

(6) Section 3(g) is amended by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

114 Stat. 3067.

(7) Section 4(b) is amended—

(A) in the first sentence by striking “costs of any construction” and inserting “total project cost of any project”; and

(B) in the last sentence by inserting “the actual” before “funds”.

(8) Section 4(c) is amended by striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$47,000,000 (2001 dollars)”.

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