

**AMENDMENT TO THE
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-34
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike sections 101 through 103, sections 105 through 115, and titles II, IV, and V, and insert after title I following:

1 **TITLE II—DROUGHT RESPONSE**
2 **WATER PROJECTS**

3 **SEC. 201. DROUGHT RESPONSE WATER PROJECTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Secure Water Act of 2009 (42
5 U.S.C. 10361 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
6 tion 9503 the following section (and redesignating the sub-
7 sequent sections accordingly):

8 **“SEC. 9504. DROUGHT RESPONSE WATER PROJECTS.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In response to ongoing
10 drought in the State of California, the Secretary shall con-
11 struct, or enter into cooperative agreements with water
12 users associations for the construction of, drought re-
13 sponse water projects that will create new water in the
14 State of California through conservation, recycling, and
15 storage.

1 “(b) PURPOSES OF DROUGHT RESPONSE WATER
2 PROJECTS.—Construction of drought response water
3 projects shall be made for the following purposes:

4 “(1) More efficient use of municipal, industrial
5 and agricultural water through implementation of
6 conservation practices using the best available
7 science.

8 “(2) Diversification of water supply through
9 water recycling projects.

10 “(3) Increased municipal, industrial, environ-
11 mental and agricultural water supply through stor-
12 age projects. Specifically, water storage projects
13 under section 103(d)(1)(A)(ii)(I) and section
14 103(d)(1)(A)(iii) of Public Law 108–361.

15 “(c) DROUGHT RESPONSE WATER PROJECT AC-
16 COUNT REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) ACCOUNT.—There is established in the
18 Treasury of the United States an Account to be
19 known as the ‘Reclamation Drought Response Water
20 Project Account’ which shall be used to pay for
21 water projects that will create new water through
22 conservation, recycling and storage under this sec-
23 tion.

24 “(2) DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT.—There shall be
25 deposited to the Account on October 1st of each fis-

1 cal year from 2015 through 2019 \$400,000,000 of
2 the revenues that would otherwise be deposited in
3 the reclamation fund established by the first section
4 of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter
5 1093) and there shall be deposited to the Account
6 repayments made under this paragraph (3) at the
7 time of repayment.

8 “(3) REPAYMENT.—Amounts used for drought
9 response water projects from the Account shall be
10 fully reimbursed to the Account consistent with the
11 requirements under Federal reclamation law (the
12 law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chap-
13 ter 1093)), and Acts supplemental to and amend-
14 atory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.) except that
15 all funds reimbursed shall be deposited in the Ac-
16 count established under paragraph (a).

17 “(4) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts
18 deposited in the Account under this subsection
19 shall—

20 “(A) be made available in accordance with
21 this section, without further appropriation; and

22 “(B) be in addition to amounts appro-
23 priated for such purposes under any other pro-
24 vision of law.”.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 9502 of the Secure
2 Water Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10362) is amended by add-
3 ing at the end the following:

4 “(18) ACCOUNT.—The term ‘account’ means
5 the Reclamation Drought Response Water Project
6 Account established under section 9504(c)(1).

7 “(19) WATER USERS ASSOCIATION.—An entity
8 organized and recognized under State laws that is
9 eligible to enter into contracts with Reclamation to
10 receive contract water for delivery to and users of
11 the water and to pay applicable charges. Refers to
12 a variety of entities with different names and dif-
13 fering functions, i.e. ‘associations’, ‘conservatory dis-
14 trict’, ‘irrigation district’, ‘municipality’, ‘water
15 project contract unit’, etc.

16 “(20) CONSTRUCTION.—The designing, mate-
17 rials engineering and testing, surveying, and build-
18 ing of conservation, recycling and storage projects
19 including additions to existing conservation, recy-
20 cling, and storage facilities and construction of new
21 conservation, recycling, and storage facilities, exclu-
22 sive of any Federal statutory or regulatory obliga-
23 tions relating to any permit, review, approval, or
24 other such requirement.

1 “(21) CONSERVATION, RECYCLING, STORAGE
2 PROJECT.—Any federally owned facility under the
3 jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation or any
4 non-Federal facility used for the conservation, recy-
5 cling or storage and supply of water resources.”.

