AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. COSTA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1854, after line 18, insert the following:

SEC. 81217. CONVEYANCE CAPACITY CORRECTION PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide funding to States and joint powers authorities for the initiation, acceleration, and completion of repairs to—

(1) water conveyance facilities at transferred works located in a Reclamation State; or

(2) water conveyance facilities that distribute irrigation water and untreated municipal water supplies from water storage facilities that are owned by the United States under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation and operated by a State entity.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A project eligible for funding under this section is a project where—

(1) damage caused by land subsidence has resulted in the need to undertake non-recurring repairs on a conveyance facility that conveys water from an estuary to a joint powers authority or public water agency;
(2) the Secretary has determined that the conveyance facilities have lost 10 percent or more of their designed carrying capacity along some portion of the facility; or

(3) restoring carrying capacity of a conveyance facility would assist in meeting groundwater sustainability goals defined under State law.

(c) INELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—On-farm conveyance facilities and conveyance facilities that serve only one water district are not eligible for funding under this Act.

(d) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give funding priority to projects that—

(1) are located in both—

(A) a State that has been identified by the United States Drought Monitor as experiencing severe, extreme, or exceptional drought during some or all of at least 7 calendar years during the 10-year period ending immediately before such funds are made available; and

(B) an area that has been identified by the United States Drought Monitor as experiencing exceptional drought during some or all of at least 4 calendar years during the 10-year period ending immediately before such funds are made available;
(2) restore conveyance capacity lost as a result of subsidence;

(3) have commenced an appraisal or feasibility level analysis in consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation or performed by a State; or

(4) support water supply benefits, including through groundwater recharge, to disadvantaged communities.

(e) COST SHARING.—

(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a project described in this section shall not be more than 50 percent.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out a project described in the section—

(A) shall be not less than 50 percent; and

(B) may be provided in cash or in kind.

(f) SAVINGS.—Federal funds provided under this section shall be—

(1) in addition to any and all Federal funds authorized by statute for such purposes; and

(2) non-reimbursable.
SEC. 81218. INCENTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE GROUND-WATER MANAGEMENT.

(a) In General.—The Secretary may partner with and provide funding through grants to or other appropriate financial agreements with State, tribal, or local agencies, regional agencies, nongovernmental organizations, or private landowners to address impacts from land conversion associated with the implementation of statutes, regulations, or other public programs to sustainably manage groundwater in a Reclamation State.

(b) Priority.—When carrying out activities under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize funding for programs and projects that pay costs related to—

(1) converting land to use for habitat, groundwater recharge facilities, rangeland, or dryland farming; or

(2) providing for dust control, fire prevention, or pest management measures on fallowed or retired land.

SEC. 81219. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) Conveyance Capacity Correction Projects.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $400,000,000 to carry out section 81217 of this Act.
(b) **Sustainable Groundwater Management.**—

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $25,000,000 to carry out section 81218 of this Act.

(c) **Environmental Improvements.**—

(1) **In general.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $275,000,000 for programs to improve watershed and ecosystem health in the areas served by the Central Valley Project or the State Water Project to include—

(A) habitat restoration and structural improvements benefiting listed species;

(B) Development, acquisition and delivery of water from willing sellers, development and acquisition of water and conveyance rights, and infrastructure projects to improve conditions on wildlife refuges and wetland habitat areas, to achieve full compliance with the terms of subsection (d) of Section 3406 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Title 34 of Public Law 102-575) and other central valley managed wetlands;

(C) environmental monitoring to provide information in support of adaptive management.
(2) RESTRICTION.—None of the funds provided under this subsection shall be used for the purpose of meeting an environmental compliance or mitigation obligation pursuant to federal law that exists on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 81220. WATERSMART GRANTS FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9504(a)(1) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11 (42 U.S.C. 10364(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(I) to construct water access infrastructure, including pipelines, pump stations, and other water source or water treatment facilities, to or serving a disadvantaged community meeting the following criteria—

“(i) a community has a median household income of less than 80 percent of the nonmetropolitan median household income of the State in which the project is located; and

“(ii) a community’s water supply either—

“(I) fails to meet the primary drinking water quality standards
under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.); or

“(II) has been lost or severely diminished due to drought conditions, groundwater overdraft conditions, or climate change conditions.”.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Section 9504(a)(3)(A) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11 (42 U.S.C. 10364(a)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “Each grant” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (f), each grant”.

(c) SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—Section 9504 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law 111-11 (42 U.S.C. 10364) is amended by adding at the end:

“(f) SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR GRANTS TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3)(E), for a grant to or other agreement with a disadvantaged community under subsection (a)(1)(I)—

“(1) the Secretary may provide a federal cost share of up to 100%; and

“(2) the amount of the federal cost share may be up to $25,000,000.
“(g) Authorization of Appropriations for Grants to Disadvantaged Communities.—In addition to other amounts appropriated for similar grants already authorized, there is authorized to be appropriated $100,000,000 for grants meeting the criteria provided under subsection (a)(1)(I).”.

SEC. 81221. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of Section 81217 through Section 81219:

(1) Reclamation facility.—The term “Reclamation facility” means each of the infrastructure assets that are owned by the Bureau of Reclamation at a Reclamation project.

(2) Reclamation state.—The term “Reclamation State” has the meaning given the term in section 4014(8) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (43 U.S.C. 390b note; Public Law 114–322).

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

(4) Transferred works.—The term “transferred works” means a Reclamation facility at which operations and maintenance of the facility is carried out by a non-Federal entity under the provisions of a formal operations and maintenance transfer con-
tract or other legal agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.