

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. VARGAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **EPA SUPPORT FOR WATER QUALITY MONI-**
2 **TORING AND PLANNING.**

3 (a) IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT.—The Adminis-
4 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall pro-
5 vide technical assistance and programmatic support to
6 States, Tribes, and local governments to enhance their ca-
7 pacity to meet water quality goals under the Federal
8 Water Pollution Control Act.

9 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The technical assistance and pro-
10 grammatic support provided under subsection (a) shall in-
11 clude, at a minimum—

12 (1) facilitating the hiring and training of tech-
13 nical staff with expertise in water monitoring, data
14 analysis, and restoration planning;

15 (2) assisting with the acquisition and deploy-
16 ment of monitoring, modeling, and data manage-
17 ment equipment; and

18 (3) providing guidance and coordination in the
19 development of watershed-based restoration plans,

1 including incorporation of nature-based solutions
2 and adaptive management approaches.

3 (c) PRIORITIZATION AND COORDINATION.—In car-
4 rying out this section, the Administrator shall—

5 (1) prioritize underserved and disadvantaged
6 communities; and

7 (2) ensure coordination with regional offices,
8 interagency watershed restoration efforts, and ap-
9 propriate Federal agencies, including, where rel-
10 evant, the International Boundary and Water Com-
11 mission.

