

10-12-1982

# Tohono O'odham Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982

United States 97th Congress

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nawrs>

 Part of the [Indian and Aboriginal Law Commons](#)

---

## Preferred Citation

PL 97-293, 96 Stat. 1261, 1274

This Federal legislation is brought to you for free and open access by the Native American Water Rights Settlement Project (NAWRS) at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Native American Water Rights Settlement Project by an authorized administrator of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact [amywinter@unm.edu](mailto:amywinter@unm.edu).

Public Law 97-293  
97th Congress

## An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain modifications of the existing Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir, Shoshone project, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

Oct. 12, 1982  
[S. 1409]

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

## TITLE I

## CONSTRUCTION OF DAM MODIFICATIONS

SEC. 101. The Secretary of the Interior, acting pursuant to Federal reclamation law (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388 and Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto), is hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain modifications to the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir, Shoshone project, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program, Wyoming, for the purposes of providing approximately seventy-four thousand acre-feet of additional water annually for irrigation, municipal and industrial use, increased hydroelectric power generation, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife conservation and development, environmental quality, and other purposes. The principal modifications to the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir shall include raising the height of the existing Buffalo Bill Dam by twenty-five feet, enlarging the capacity of the existing Buffalo Bill Reservoir by approximately two hundred and seventy-one thousand acre-feet, replacing the existing Shoshone Powerplant, enlarging a spillway, construction of a visitor's center, dikes and impoundments, and necessary facilities to effect the aforesaid purposes of the modifications. These modifications are hereby authorized as part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program: *Provided*, That the powerplant authorized by this section shall be designed, constructed, and operated in such a manner as to not limit, restrict, or alter the release of water from any existing reservoir, impoundment, or canal adverse to the satisfaction of valid existing water rights or water delivery to the holder of any valid water service contract.

Buffalo Bill  
Dam and  
Reservoir,  
Shoshone  
project,  
Pick-Sloan  
Missouri Basin  
program, Wyo.

*Post*, p. 1263.

## CONSERVATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE

SEC. 102. The conservation and development of the fish and wildlife resources and the enhancement of recreation opportunities in connection with the modification of Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir shall be in accordance with the Federal Water Project Recreation Act (79 Stat. 213), as amended.

16 USC 4061-12.

## COORDINATION WITH OTHER LAWS

SEC. 103. The modifications of the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir shall be integrated physically and financially with the other Federal works constructed under the comprehensive plan approved by sec-

43 USC 485k.  
43 USC 390b  
note.

tion 9 of the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887, 891), as amended and supplemented. Revenues for the return of costs allocated to power shall be determined by power rate and repayment analysis of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program. Repayment contracts for the return of costs allocated to municipal and industrial water and irrigation water supplies exclusive of State participation pursuant to section 107 shall be negotiated under provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1198) or the Water Supply Act of 1958 (72 Stat. 320), as amended, and shall be prerequisite to the initiation of construction of facilities for this purpose. Costs allocated to environmental quality shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable under Federal reclamation law.

#### TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTIONS

SEC. 104. (a) The Secretary of Energy is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain transmission interconnections as required physically to interconnect the hydroelectric powerplant authorized by this title to existing power systems as he determines necessary to accomplish distribution and marketing of the power generated.

(b) Hydroelectric power generated by the facility constructed pursuant to this title shall be delivered to the Secretary of Energy for distribution and marketing. Such facility shall be financially integrated with the Western Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin program power system and the power marketed under rate schedules in effect for such system.

#### INTEREST

SEC. 105. The interest rate used for computing interest during construction and interest on the unpaid balance of the reimbursable costs of the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir modifications shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which construction of the unit is commenced, on the basis of the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obligations which are neither due nor callable for fifteen years from date of issue.

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 106. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated beginning October 1, 1982, for construction of the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir modifications the sum of \$106,700,000 (October 1982 price levels) plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be required by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the types of construction involved herein and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required for operation, maintenance, and replacement of the works of said modifications: *Provided*, That, such sums authorized to be appropriated for construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement shall be reduced by the amounts contributed to the project under the provisions of section 107 of this title.

(b) There is also authorized to be appropriated beginning October 1, 1982, such sums as may be required by the Secretary of Energy to accomplish interconnection of the powerplant authorized by this title, together with such sums as may be required for operation and maintenance of the works authorized by section 104(a).

## CONTRACTS AUTHORITY

SEC. 107. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into contracts with the State of Wyoming, upon such terms and conditions as he deems necessary, for the division of additional water impounded by the modifications, the sharing of revenues from the modifications, and the sharing of the costs of construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir modifications.

Reclamation  
Reform Act  
of 1982.

## TITLE II

## SHORT TITLE

SEC. 201. This title shall amend and supplement the Act of June 17, 1902, and Acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof (43 U.S.C. 371), hereinafter referred to as "Federal reclamation law". This title may be referred to as the "Reclamation Reform Act of 1982".

43 USC 390aa.

43 USC 371  
note.

## DEFINITIONS

SEC. 202. As used in this title:

43 USC 390bb.

(1) The term "contract" means any repayment or water service contract between the United States and a district providing for the payment of construction charges to the United States including normal operation, maintenance, and replacement costs pursuant to Federal reclamation law.

(2) The term "district" means any individual or any legal entity established under State law which has entered into a contract or is eligible to contract with the Secretary for irrigation water.

(3)(A) The term "full cost" means an annual rate as determined by the Secretary that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to irrigation facilities in service, including all operation and maintenance deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal reclamation law or applicable contract provisions, with interest on both accruing from the date of enactment of this Act on costs outstanding at that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That operation, maintenance, and replacement charges required under Federal reclamation law, including this title, shall be collected in addition to the full cost charge.

(B) The interest rate used for expenditures made on or before the date of enactment of this Act shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the weighted average yield of all interest bearing, marketable issues sold by the Treasury during the fiscal year in which the expenditures by the United States were made, but shall not be less than 7½ per centum per annum.

(C) The interest rate used for expenditures made after the date of enactment of this Act shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the arithmetic average of—

(i) the rate as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which expenditures are made on the basis of the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obligations which are neither due

nor callable for redemption for fifteen years from the date of issuance; and

(ii) the weighted average yield on all interest-bearing, marketable issues sold by the Treasury during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the expenditures are made.

(4) The term "individual" means any natural person, including his or her spouse, and including other dependents thereof within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 152).

(5) The term "irrigation water" means water made available for agricultural purposes from the operation of reclamation project facilities pursuant to a contract with the Secretary.

(6) The term "landholding" means total irrigable acreage of one or more tracts of land situated in one or more districts owned or operated under a lease which is served with irrigation water pursuant to a contract with the Secretary. In determining the extent of a landholding the Secretary shall add to any landholding held directly by a qualified or limited recipient that portion of any landholding held indirectly by such qualified or limited recipient which benefits that qualified or limited recipient in proportion to that landholding.

(7) The term "limited recipient" means any legal entity established under State or Federal law benefiting more than twenty-five natural persons.

(8) The term "project" means any reclamation or irrigation project, including incidental features thereof, authorized by Federal reclamation law, or constructed by the United States pursuant to such law, or in connection with which there is a repayment or water service contract executed by the United States pursuant to such law, or any project constructed by the Secretary through the Bureau of Reclamation for the reclamation of lands.

(9) The term "qualified recipient" means an individual who is a citizen of the United States or a resident alien thereof or any legal entity established under State or Federal law which benefits twenty-five natural persons or less.

(10) The term "recordable contract" means a contract between the Secretary and a landowner in writing capable of being recorded under State law providing for the sale or disposition of lands held in excess of the ownership limitations of Federal reclamation law including this title.

(11) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

#### NEW OR AMENDED CONTRACTS

43 USC 390cc.

SEC. 203. (a) The provisions of this title shall be applicable to any district which—

(1) enters into a contract with the Secretary subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) enters into any amendment of its contract with the Secretary subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act which enables the district to receive supplemental or additional benefits; or

(3) which amends its contract for the purpose of conforming to the provisions of this title.

(b) Any district which has an existing contract with the Secretary as of the date of enactment of this Act which does not enter into an amendment of such contract as specified in subsection (a) shall be subject to Federal reclamation law in effect immediately prior to the date of enactment of this Act, as that law is amended or supplemented by sections 209 through 230 of this title. Within a district that does not enter into an amendment of its contract with the Secretary within four and one-half years of the date of enactment of this Act, irrigation water may be delivered to lands leased in excess of a landholding of one hundred and sixty acres only if full cost, as defined in section 202(3)(A) of this title, is paid for such water as is assignable to those lands leased in excess of such landholding of one hundred and sixty acres: *Provided*, That the interest rate used in computing full cost under this subsection shall be the same as provided in section 205(a)(3).

(c) In the absence of an amendment to a contract, as specified in subsection (a), a qualified recipient or limited recipient may elect to be subject to the provisions of this title by executing an irrevocable election in a form approved by the Secretary to comply with this title. The district shall thereupon deliver irrigation water to and collect from such recipient, for the credit of the United States, the additional charges required by this title and assignable to the recipient making the election.

(d) Amendments to contracts which are not required by the provisions of this title shall not be made without the consent of the non-Federal party.

#### LIMITATION ON OWNERSHIP

SEC. 204. Except as provided in section 209 of this title, irrigation water may not be delivered to— 43 USC 390dd.

(1) a qualified recipient for use in the irrigation of lands owned by such qualified recipient in excess of nine hundred and sixty acres of class I lands or the equivalent thereof; or

(2) a limited recipient for the use in the irrigation of lands owned by such limited recipient in excess of six hundred and forty acres of class I lands or the equivalent thereof; whether situated in one or more districts.

#### PRICING

SEC. 205. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any contract with a district entered into by the Secretary as specified in section 203, shall provide for the delivery of irrigation water at full cost as defined in section 202(3) to: 43 USC 390ee.

(1) a landholding in excess of nine hundred and sixty acres of class I lands or the equivalent thereof for a qualified recipient,

(2) a landholding in excess of three hundred and twenty acres of class I land or the equivalent thereof for a limited recipient receiving irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981; and

(3) the entire landholding of a limited recipient not receiving irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981: *Provided*, That the interest rate used in computing full cost under this paragraph shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on the basis of the arithmetic average of—

(A) the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obliga-

tions which are neither due nor callable for redemption for fifteen years from the date of issuance; and

(B) the weighted average of market yields on all interest-bearing, marketable issues sold by the Treasury during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the expenditures are made, or the date of enactment of this Act for expenditures made before such date of enactment.

(b) Any contract with a district entered into by the Secretary as specified in section 203, shall provide for the delivery of irrigation water to lands not in excess of the landholdings described in subsection (a) upon terms and conditions related to pricing established by the Secretary pursuant to Federal reclamation law in effect immediately prior to the date of enactment of this Act, or, in the case of an amended contract, upon the terms and conditions established by such contract prior to the date of its amendment. However, the portion of any price established under this subsection which relates to operation and maintenance charges shall be established pursuant to section 208 of this title.

(c) Notwithstanding any extension of time of any recordable contract as provided in section 209(e) of this title, lands under recordable contract shall be eligible to receive irrigation water at less than full cost for a period not to exceed ten years from the date such recordable contract was executed by the Secretary in the case of contracts existing prior to the date of enactment of this Act, or five years from the date such recordable contract was executed by the Secretary in the case of contracts entered into subsequent to the date of enactment, or the time specified in section 218 for lands described in that section: *Provided*, That in no case shall the right to receive water at less than full cost under this subsection terminate sooner than eighteen months after the date on which the Secretary again commences the processing or the approval of the disposition of such lands.

#### CERTIFICATION

43 USC 390ff.

SEC. 206. As a condition to the receipt of irrigation water for lands in a district which has a contract as specified in section 203, each landowner and lessee within such district shall furnish the district, in a form prescribed by the Secretary, a certificate that they are in compliance with the provisions of this title including a statement of the number of acres leased, the term of any lease, and a certification that the rent paid reflects the reasonable value of the irrigation water to the productivity of the land. The Secretary may require any lessee to submit to him, for his examination, a complete copy of any such lease executed by each of the parties thereto.

#### EQUIVALENCY

43 USC 390gg.

SEC. 207. Upon the request of any district, the ownership and pricing limitations imposed by this title shall apply to the irrigable lands classified within such district by the Secretary as having class I productive potential or the equivalent thereof in larger acreage of less productive potential, as determined by the Secretary, taking into account all factors which significantly affect productivity, including but not limited to topography, soil characteristics, length of growing season, elevation, adequacy of water supply, and crop adaptability.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

SEC. 208. (a) The price of irrigation water delivered by the Secretary pursuant to a contract or an amendment to a contract with a district, as specified in section 203, shall be at least sufficient to recover all operation and maintenance charges which the district is obligated to pay to the United States.

43 USC 390hh.

(b) Whenever a district enters into a contract or requests that its contract be amended as specified in section 203, and each year thereafter, the Secretary shall calculate such operation and maintenance charges and shall modify the price of irrigation water delivered under the contract as necessary to reflect any changes in such costs by amending the district's contract accordingly.

(c) This section shall not apply to districts which operate and maintain project facilities and finance the operation and maintenance thereof from non-Federal funds.

## DISPOSITION OF EXCESS LANDS

SEC. 209. (a) Irrigation water made available in the operation of reclamation project facilities may not be delivered for use in the irrigation of lands held in excess of the ownership limitations imposed by Federal reclamation law, including this title, unless and until the owners thereof shall have executed a recordable contract with the Secretary, in accordance with the terms and conditions required by Federal reclamation law, requiring the disposal of their interest in such excess lands within a reasonable time to be established by the Secretary. In the case of recordable contracts entered into prior to the date of enactment of this Act, such reasonable time shall not exceed ten years after the recordable contract is executed by the Secretary. In the case of recordable contracts entered into after the date of enactment of this Act, except as provided in section 218, such reasonable time shall not exceed five years after the recordable contract is executed by the Secretary.

43 USC 390ii.

(b) Lands held in excess of the ownership limitations imposed by Federal reclamation law, including this title, which, on the date of enactment of this Act, are, or are capable of, receiving delivery of irrigation water made available by the operation of existing reclamation project facilities may receive such deliveries only—

(1) if the disposal of the owner's interest in such lands is required by an existing recordable contract with the Secretary, or

(2) if the owners of such lands have requested that a recordable contract be executed by the Secretary.

(c) Recordable contracts existing on the date of enactment of this Act shall be amended at the request of the landowner to conform with the ownership limitations contained in this title: *Provided*, That the time period for disposal of excess lands specified in the existing recordable contract shall not be extended except as provided in subsection (e).

(d) Any recordable contract covering excess lands sales shall provide that a power of attorney shall vest in the Secretary to sell any excess lands not disposed of by the owners thereof within the period of time specified in the recordable contract. In the exercise of that power, the Secretary shall sell such lands through an impartial selection process only to qualified purchasers according to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Secretary may establish:

*Provided*, That the Secretary shall recover for the owner the fair market value of the land unrelated to irrigation water deliveries plus the fair market value of improvements thereon.

(e) In the event that the owner of any lands in excess of the ownership limitations of Federal reclamation law has heretofore entered into a recordable contract with the Secretary for the disposition of such excess lands and has been prevented from disposing of them because the Secretary may have withheld the processing or approval of the disposition of the lands (whether he may have been compelled to do so by court order or for other reasons), the period of time for the disposal of such lands by the owner thereof pursuant to the contract shall be extended from the date on which the Secretary again commences the processing or the approval of the disposition of such lands for a period which shall be equal to the remaining period of time under the recordable contract for the disposal thereof by the owner at the time the decision of the Secretary to withhold the processing or approval of such disposition first became effective.

(f) Excess lands which have been or may be disposed of in compliance with Federal reclamation law, including this title, shall not be considered eligible to receive irrigation water unless—

(1) they are held by nonexcess owners; and

(2) in the case of disposals made after the date of enactment of this Act, their title is burdened by a covenant prohibiting their sale, for a period of ten years after their original disposal to comply with Federal reclamation law, including this title, for values exceeding the sum of the value of newly added improvements and the value of the land as increased by market appreciation unrelated to the delivery of irrigation water. Upon expiration of the terms of such covenant, the title to such lands shall be freed of the burden of any limitations on subsequent sale values which might otherwise be imposed by the operation of section 46 of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust water rights charges, to grant certain relief on the Federal irrigation projects, and for other purposes", approved May 25, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 423e).

#### WATER CONSERVATION

43 USC 390jj.

SEC. 210. (a) The Secretary shall, pursuant to his authorities under otherwise existing Federal reclamation law, encourage the full consideration and incorporation of prudent and responsible water conservation measures in the operations of non-Federal recipients of irrigation water from Federal reclamation projects, where such measures are shown to be economically feasible for such non-Federal recipients.

(b) Each district that has entered into a repayment contract or water service contract pursuant to Federal reclamation law or the Water Supply Act of 1958, as amended (43 U.S.C. 390b), shall develop a water conservation plan which shall contain definite goals, appropriate water conservation measures, and a time schedule for meeting the water conservation objectives.

(c) The Secretary is authorized and directed to enter into memorandums of agreement with those Federal agencies having capability to assist in implementing water conservation measures to assure coordination of ongoing programs. Such memorandums should provide for involvement of non-Federal entities such as States, Indian tribes, and water user organizations to assure full public participation in water conservation efforts.

## RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED

SEC. 211. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, irrigation water made available from the operation of reclamation project facilities shall not be withheld from delivery to any project lands for the reason that the owners, lessees, or operators do not live on or near them. 43 USC 390kk.

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS

SEC. 212. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the ownership or pricing limitation provisions nor the other provisions of Federal reclamation law, including this title, shall be applicable to lands receiving benefits from Federal water resources projects constructed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, unless— 43 USC 390ll.

(1) the project has, by Federal statute, explicitly been designated, made a part of, or integrated with a Federal reclamation project; or

(2) the Secretary, pursuant to his authority under Federal reclamation law, has provided project works for the control or conveyance of an agricultural water supply for the lands involved.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, obligations that require water users, pursuant to contracts with the Secretary, to repay the share of construction costs and to pay the share of the operation and maintenance and contract administrative costs of a Corps of Engineers project which are allocated to conservation storage or irrigation storage shall remain in effect.

## REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

SEC. 213. (a) The ownership and full cost pricing limitations of this title and the ownership limitations provided in any other provision of Federal reclamation law shall not apply to lands in a district after the obligation of a district for the repayment of the construction costs of the project facilities used to make project water available for delivery to such lands shall have been discharged by a district (or by a person within the district pursuant to a contract existing on the date of enactment of this Act), by payment of periodic installments throughout a specified contract term, including individual or district accelerated payments where so provided in contracts existing on the date of enactment of this Act. 43 USC 390mm.

(b)(1) The Secretary shall provide, upon request of any owner of a landholding for which repayment has occurred, a certificate acknowledging that the landholding is free of the ownership or full cost pricing limitation of Federal reclamation law. Such certificate shall be in a form suitable for entry in the land records of the county in which such landholding is located. Certificate.

(2) Any certificate issued by the Secretary prior to the date of enactment of this Act acknowledging that the landholding is free of the acreage limitation of Federal reclamation law is hereby ratified. Ratification.

(c) Nothing in this title shall be construed as authorizing or permitting lump sum or accelerated repayment of construction costs, except in the case of a repayment contract which is in effect upon the date of enactment of this Act and which provides for such lump sum or accelerated repayment by an individual or district.

## TRUSTS

43 USC 390nn.

**SEC. 214.** The ownership and full cost pricing limitations of this title and the ownership limitations provided in any other provision of Federal reclamation law shall not apply to lands in a district which are held by an individual or corporate trustee in a fiduciary capacity for a beneficiary or beneficiaries whose interests in the lands served do not exceed the ownership and pricing limitations imposed by Federal reclamation law, including this title.

## TEMPORARY SUPPLIES OF WATER

43 USC 390oo.

**SEC. 215. (a)** Neither the ownership limitations of this title nor the ownership limitations of any other provision of Federal reclamation law shall apply to lands which receive only a temporary, not to exceed one year, supply of water made possible as a result of—

- (1) an unusually large water supply not otherwise storable for project purposes; or
- (2) infrequent and otherwise unmanaged flood flows of short duration.

Waiver.

(b) The Secretary shall have the authority to waive payments for a supply of water described in subsection (a).

## INVOLUNTARY FORECLOSURE

43 USC 390pp.

**SEC. 216.** Neither the ownership limitations of this title nor the ownership limitations of any other provision of Federal reclamation law shall apply to lands when the lands are acquired by involuntary foreclosure, or similar involuntary process of law, by bona fide conveyance in satisfaction of a debt (including, but not limited to, a mortgage, real estate contract, or deed of trust), by inheritance, or by devise: *Provided*, That such lands were eligible to receive irrigation water prior to such transfer of title or the mortgaged lands became ineligible to receive water after the mortgage is recorded but before it is acquired by involuntary foreclosure or similar involuntary process of law or by bona fide conveyance in satisfaction of mortgage: *Provided further*, That if, after acquisition, such lands are not qualified under Federal reclamation law, including this title, they shall be furnished temporarily with an irrigation water supply for a period not exceeding five years from the effective date of such an acquisition, delivery of irrigation water thereafter ceasing until the transfer thereof to a landowner qualified under such laws: *Provided further*, That the provisions of section 205 of this title shall be applicable separately to each acquisition under this section if the lands are otherwise subject to the provisions of section 205.

## ISOLATED TRACTS

43 USC 390qq.

**SEC. 217.** Neither the ownership limitations of this title nor the ownership limitations of any other provision of Federal reclamation law shall apply to lands which are isolated tracts found by the Secretary to be economically farmable only if they are included in a larger farming operation but which may, as a result of their inclusion in that operation, cause it to exceed such ownership limitations.

**CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT**

**SEC. 218.** Lands receiving irrigation water pursuant to a contract with the Secretary as authorized under title III of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (82 Stat. 887; 43 U.S.C. 1521 et seq.) which are placed under recordable contract shall be eligible to receive irrigation water upon terms and conditions related to pricing established by the Secretary pursuant to Federal reclamation law in effect immediately prior to the date of enactment of this Act, for a period of time not to exceed ten years from the date such lands are capable of being served with irrigation water, as determined by the Secretary. 43 USC 390rr.

**RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

**SEC. 219.** An individual religious or charitable entity or organization (including but not limited to a congregation, parish, school, ward, or chapter) which is exempt from taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and which owns, operates, or leases any lands within a district shall be treated as an individual under the provisions of this title regardless of such entity or organization's affiliation with a central organization or its subjugation to a hierarchical authority of the same faith and regardless of whether or not the individual entity is the owner of record if— 43 USC 390sa.  
26 USC 501.

- (1) the agricultural produce and the proceeds of sales of such produce are directly used only for charitable purposes;
- (2) said land is operated by said individual religious or charitable entity or organization (or subdivisions thereof); and
- (3) no part of the net earnings of such religious or charitable entity or organization (or subdivision thereof) shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

**CONTRACT REQUIRED**

**SEC. 220.** Irrigation water temporarily made available from reclamation facilities in excess of ordinary quantities not otherwise storable for project purposes or at times when such irrigation water would not have been available without the operations of those facilities, may be used for irrigation, municipal, or industrial purposes only to the extent covered by a contract requiring payment for the use of such irrigation water, executed in accordance with the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, or other applicable provisions of Federal reclamation law. 43 USC 390tt.  
43 USC 485k.

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

**SEC. 221.** Consent is given to join the United States as a necessary party defendant in any suit to adjudicate, confirm, validate, or decree the contractual rights of a contracting entity and the United States regarding any contract executed pursuant to Federal reclamation law. The United States, when a party to any suit, shall be deemed to have waived any right to plead that it is not amenable thereto by reason of its sovereignty, and shall be subject to judgments, orders, and decrees of the court having jurisdiction, and may obtain review thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as a private individual under like circumstances. Any suit pursuant 43 USC 390uu.

to this section may be brought in any United States district court in the State in which the land involved is situated.

#### EXCESS CROP RESTRICTIONS

Report to  
Congress.  
43 USC 390vv.

**SEC. 222.** (a) Within one year of the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the Interior, shall transmit to the Congress a report on the production of surplus crops on acreage served by irrigation water. The report shall include—

(1) data delineating the production of surplus crops on lands served by irrigation water;

(2) the percentage of participation of farms served by irrigation water in set-aside programs, by acreage, crop, and State;

(3) the feasibility and appropriateness of requiring the participation in acreage set-aside programs of farms served by irrigation water and the costs of such a requirement; and

(4) any recommendations concerning how to coordinate national reclamation policy with agriculture policy to help alleviate recurring problems of surplus crops and low commodity prices.

(b) In addition, notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of any Federal reclamation project authorized before the date of enactment of this Act, any restriction prohibiting the delivery of irrigation water for the production of excess basic agricultural commodities shall extend for a period no longer than ten years after the date of the initial authorization of such project.

#### SMALL RECLAMATION PROJECTS ACT

**SEC. 223.** Section 5(c)(2) of the Act of August 6, 1956 (43 U.S.C. 422e), is amended by striking out "by any one owner in excess of one hundred and sixty irrigable acres," and inserting in lieu thereof "by a qualified recipient, as such term is defined in section 202 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, in excess of nine hundred and sixty irrigable acres, or by a limited recipient, as such term is defined in section 202 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, in excess of three hundred and twenty irrigable acres;"

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

43 USC 390ww.

**SEC. 224.** (a) The provisions of Federal reclamation law shall remain in full force and effect, except to the extent such law is amended by, or is inconsistent with, this title.

(b) Nothing in this title shall repeal or amend any existing statutory exemptions from the ownership or pricing limitations of Federal reclamation law.

Regulations.

(c) The Secretary may prescribe regulations and shall collect all data necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and other provisions of Federal reclamation law.

(d) Section 3 of the Act of July 7, 1970 (43 U.S.C. 425b) is amended by striking the phrase "for a period not to exceed twenty-five years" following the term "project water".

(e) Any nonexcess land which is acquired into excess status pursuant to involuntary foreclosure or similar involuntary process of law, conveyance in satisfaction of a debt (including, but not limited to, a mortgage, real estate contract, or deed of trust), inheritance, or

devise, may be sold at its fair market value without regard to any other provision of this title or to section 46 of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust water rights charges, to grant certain relief on the Federal irrigation projects, and for other purposes", approved May 25, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 423e): *Provided*, That if the status of mortgaged land changes from nonexcess into excess after the mortgage is recorded and is subsequently acquired by the lender by involuntary foreclosure or similar involuntary process of law, by bona fide conveyance in satisfaction of the mortgage, such land may be sold at its fair market value.

(f) The first proviso in the third paragraph of section 1 of the Act of April 4, 1910 (36 Stat. 269, 270), as amended by the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 866, 867), is hereby repealed.

25 USC 383.

#### VALIDATION

SEC. 225. The provisions of any contract entered into prior to October 1, 1981, by the Secretary with a district, which define project or nonproject water, or describe the delivery of project water through nonproject facilities or nonproject water through project facilities to lands within the district, are hereby authorized and validated on the part of the United States.

43 USC 390xx.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SEC. 226. Section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(f) No less than sixty days before entering into or amending any repayment contract or any contract for the delivery of irrigation water (except any contract for the delivery of surplus or interim irrigation water whose duration is for one year or less) the Secretary shall—

"(1) publish notice of the proposed contract or amendment in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area and shall make reasonable efforts to otherwise notify interested parties which may be affected by such contract or amendment, together with information indicating to whom comments or inquiries concerning the proposed actions can be addressed; and

Notice.

"(2) provide an opportunity for submission of written data, views and arguments, and shall consider all substantive comments so received."

#### LEASING REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 227. Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal reclamation law, including this title, lands which receive irrigation water may be leased only if the lease instrument is—

43 USC 390yy.

(1) written; and

(2) for a term not to exceed ten years, including any exercisable options: *Provided, however*, That leases of lands for the production of perennial crops having an average life of more than ten years may be for periods of time equal to the average life of the perennial crop but in any event not to exceed twenty-five years.

## REPORTING

Recordkeeping.  
43 USC 390zz.

**SEC. 228.** Any contracting entity subject to the ownership or pricing limitations of Federal reclamation law shall compile and maintain such records and information as the Secretary deems reasonably necessary to implement this title and Federal reclamation law. On a date set by the Secretary following the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, every such contracting entity shall provide in a form suitable to the Secretary such reports on the above matters as the Secretary may require.

## COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION

43 USC 373a.

**SEC. 229.** The Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 657), is amended by adding the words "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate" after the word "President".

## SEVERABILITY

43 USC 390zz-1.

**SEC. 230.** If any provision of this title or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this title and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Southern  
Arizona  
Water Rights  
Settlement  
Act of 1982.

## TITLE III

## CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Papago Tribe,  
water rights  
claims.

**SEC. 301.** The Congress finds that—

(1) water rights claims of the Papago Tribe with respect to the San Xavier Reservation and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation are the subject of existing and prospective lawsuits against numerous parties in southern Arizona, including major mining companies, agricultural interests, and the city of Tucson;

(2) these lawsuits not only will prove expensive and time consuming for all participants, but also could have a profound adverse impact upon the health and development of the Indian and non-Indian economies of southern Arizona;

(3) the parties to the lawsuits and others interested in the settlement of the water rights claims of the Papago Indians within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within that area have diligently attempted to settle these claims and the Federal Government, by providing the assistance specified in this title, will make possible the execution and implementation of a permanent settlement agreement;

(4) it is in the long-term interest of the United States, the State of Arizona, its political subdivisions, the Papago Indian Tribe, and the non-Indian community of southern Arizona that the United States Government assist in the implementation of a fair and equitable settlement of the water rights claims of the Papago Indians respecting certain portions of the Papago Reservation; and

(5) the settlement contained in this title will—

(A) provide the necessary flexibility in the management of water resources and will encourage allocation of those resources to their highest and best uses; and

(B) insure conservation and management of water resources in a manner consistent with the goals and programs of the State of Arizona and the Papago Tribe.

#### DEFINITIONS

SEC. 302. For purposes of this title—

(1) The term “acre-foot” means the amount of water necessary to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

(2) The term “Central Arizona Project” means the project authorized under title III of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (82 Stat. 887; 43 U.S.C. 1521, et seq.).

(3) The term “Papago Tribe” means the Papago Tribe of Arizona organized under section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 987; 25 U.S.C. 476).

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

(5) The term “subjugate” means to prepare land for the growing of crops through irrigation.

(6) The term “Tucson Active Management Area” means the area of land corresponding to the area initially designated as the Tucson Active Management Area pursuant to the Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980, laws 1980, fourth special session, chapter 1.

(7) The term “December 11, 1980, agreement” means the Central Arizona Project water delivery contract between the United States and the Papago Tribe.

(8) The term “replacement costs” means the reasonable costs of acquiring and delivering water from sources within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within that area. Such costs shall include costs of necessary construction amortized in accordance with standard Bureau of Reclamation Procedures.

(9) The term “value” means the value attributed to the water based on the Tribe’s anticipated or actual use of the water, or its fair market value, whichever is greater.

#### WATER DELIVERIES TO TRIBE FROM CAP; MANAGEMENT PLAN; REPORT ON WATER AVAILABILITY; CONTRACT WITH TRIBE

SEC. 303. (a) As soon as is possible but not later than ten years after the enactment of this title, if the Papago Tribe has agreed to the conditions set forth in section 306, the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall—

(1) in the case of the San Xavier Reservation—

(A) deliver annually from the main project works of the Central Arizona Project twenty-seven thousand acre-feet of water suitable for agricultural use to the reservation in accordance with the provisions of section 304(a); and

(B) improve and extend the existing irrigation system on the San Xavier Reservation and design and construct within the reservation such additional canals, laterals, farm ditches, and irrigation works as are necessary for the efficient distribution for agricultural purposes of the water referred to in subparagraph (A); and

(2) in the case of the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation—

(A) deliver annually from the main project works of the Central Arizona Project ten thousand eight hundred acre-foot of water suitable for agricultural use to the reservation in accordance with the provisions of section 304(a); and

(B) design and construct an irrigation system in the Eastern Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation, including such canals, laterals, farm ditches, and irrigation works, as are necessary for the efficient distribution for agricultural purposes of the water referred to in subparagraph (A); and

Water management plan, establishment.

(3) establish a water management plan for the San Xavier Reservation and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation which, except as is necessary to be consistent with the provisions of this title, will have the same effect as any management plan developed under Arizona law.

Appropriation authorization.

(4) There are authorized to be appropriated up to \$3,500,000, plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indices applicable to the type of construction involved for those features of the irrigation system described in paragraph (1)(B) or (2)(B) of section 303(a) which are not authorized to be constructed under any other provision of law.

Study.

(b)(1) In order to encourage the Papago Tribe to develop sources of water on the Sells Papago Reservation, the Secretary shall, if so requested by the tribe, carry out a study to determine the availability and suitability of water resources within the Sells Papago Reservation but outside the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within that area.

Study.

(2) The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the Secretary of Energy, or, with the appropriate agency or officials, carry out a study to determine—

(A) the availability of energy and the energy requirements which result from the enactment of the provisions of this title, and

(B) the feasibility of constructing a solar power plant or other alternative energy producing facility to meet such requirements.

(c) The Papago Tribe shall have the right to withdraw ground water from beneath the San Xavier Reservation and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation subject to the limitations of section 306(a).

(d) Nothing contained in this title shall diminish or abrogate any obligations of the Secretary to the Papago Tribe under the December 11, 1980, agreement.

(e) Nothing contained in sections 303(c) and 306(c) shall be construed to establish whether or not the Federal reserved rights doctrine applies, or does not apply, to ground water.

**DELIVERIES UNDER EXISTING CONTRACT; ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES; OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SEC. 304.** (a) The water delivered from the main project works of the Central Arizona Project to the San Xavier Reservation and to the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation as provided

in section 303(a), shall be delivered in such amounts, and according to such terms and conditions, as are set forth in the December 11, 1980, agreement, except as otherwise provided under this section.

(b) Where the Secretary, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement referred to in subsection (a), is unable, during any year, to deliver from the main project works of the Central Arizona Project any portion of the full amount of water specified in section 303(a)(1)(A) and section 303(a)(2)(A), the Secretary shall acquire and deliver an equivalent quantity of water from the following sources or any combination thereof:

(1) agricultural water from the Central Arizona Project which has been contracted for but has been released or will be unused by the contractor during the period in which the Secretary will acquire the water;

(2) any water available for delivery through the Central Arizona Project which exists by reason of the augmentation of the water supply available for use and distribution through the Central Arizona Project by subsequent Acts of Congress; and

(3) water from any of the following sources or any combination thereof within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within that area in the State of Arizona:

(A) private lands or interests therein having rights in surface or ground water recognized under State law; or

(B) reclaimed water to which the seller has a specific right.

Deliveries of water from lands or interests referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be made only to the extent such water may be transported within the Tucson Active Management Area pursuant to State law.

(c) If the Secretary is unable to acquire and deliver quantities of water adequate to fulfill his obligations under this section or paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) of section 303(a), he shall pay damages in an amount equal to—

(1) the actual replacement costs of such quantities of water as are not acquired and delivered, where a delivery system has not been completed within ten years after the date of enactment of this title, or

(2) the value of such quantities of water as are not acquired and delivered, where the delivery system is completed.

(d) No land, water, water rights, contract rights, or reclaimed water may be acquired under subsection (b) without the consent of the owner thereof. No private lands may be acquired under subsection (b)(3)(A) unless the lands have a recent history of receiving or being capable of actually receiving all or substantially all of the water right the use of which is recognized by State law. In acquiring any private lands under subsection (b)(3)(A), the Secretary shall give preference to the acquisition of lands upon which water has actually been put to beneficial use in any one of the five years preceding the date of acquisition. Nothing in this section shall authorize the Secretary to acquire or disturb the water rights of any Indian tribe, band, group, or community.

(e)(1) To meet the obligation referred to in paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) of section 303(a), the Secretary shall, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, as part of the main project works of the Central Arizona Project—

(A) design, construct and, without cost to the Papago Tribe, operate, maintain, and replace such facilities as are appropriate including any aqueduct and appurtenant pumping facilities, powerplants, and electric power transmission facilities which may be necessary for such purposes; and

(B) deliver the water to the southern boundary of the San Xavier Reservation, and to the boundary of the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation, at points agreed to by the Secretary and the tribe which are suitable for delivery to the reservation distribution systems.

Appropriation  
authorization.

(2) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated by this title in addition to other sums authorized to be appropriated by this title, a sum equal to that portion of the total costs of phase B of the Tucson Aqueduct of the Central Arizona Project which the Secretary determines to be properly allocable to construction of facilities for the delivery of water to Indian lands as described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1). Sums allocable to the construction of such facilities shall be reimbursable as provided by the Act of July 1, 1932 (Public Law 72-240; 25 U.S.C. 386(a)), as long as such water is used for irrigation of Indian lands.

25 USC 386a.

(f) To facilitate the delivery of water to the San Xavier and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation under this title, the Secretary is authorized—

(1) to enter into contracts or agreements for the exchange of water, or for the use of aqueducts, canals, conduits, and other facilities for water delivery, including pumping plants, with the State of Arizona or any of its subdivisions, with any irrigation district or project, or with any authority, corporation, partnership, individual, or other legal entity; and

(2) to use facilities constructed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

#### RECLAIMED WATER; ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES

SEC. 305. (a) As soon as possible, but not later than ten years after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall acquire reclaimed water in accordance with the agreement described in section 307(a)(1) and deliver annually twenty-three thousand acre-feet of water suitable for agricultural use to the San Xavier Reservation and deliver annually five thousand two hundred acre-feet of water suitable for agricultural use to the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation.

(b)(1) The obligation of the Secretary referred to in subsection (a) to deliver water suitable for agricultural use may be fulfilled by voluntary exchange of that reclaimed water for any other water suitable for agricultural use or by other means. To make available and deliver such water, the Secretary acting through the Bureau of Reclamation shall design, construct, operate, maintain, and replace such facilities as are appropriate. The costs of design, construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of on-reservation systems for the distribution of the water referred to in subsection (a) are the responsibility of the Papago Tribe.

(2) The Secretary shall not construct a separate delivery system to deliver reclaimed water referred to in subsection (a) to the San Xavier Reservation and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation.

(3) To facilitate the delivery of water under this title, the Secretary shall, to the extent possible, utilize unused capacity of the main project works of the Central Arizona Project without reallocation of costs.

(c) The Secretary may, as an alternative to, and in satisfaction of the obligation to deliver the quantities of water to be delivered under subsection (a), acquire and deliver pursuant to agreements authorized in section 307(b), an equivalent quantity of water from the following sources or any combination thereof—

(1) agricultural water from the Central Arizona Project which has been contracted for but has been released or will be unused by the contractor during the period in which the Secretary will acquire the water;

(2) any water available for delivery through the Central Arizona Project which exists by reason of the augmentation of the water supply available for use and distribution through the Central Arizona Project by subsequent Acts of Congress; and

(3) water from any of the following sources or any combination thereof within the Tucson Active Management Area in the State of Arizona and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within that area—

(A) private lands or interests therein having rights in surface or ground water recognized under State law; or

(B) reclaimed water to which the seller has a specific right.

Deliveries of water from lands referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be made only to the extent such water may be transported within the Tucson Active Management Area pursuant to State law.

(d) If the Secretary is unable to acquire and deliver quantities of water adequate to fulfill his obligations under this section, he shall pay damages in an amount equal to—

(1) the actual replacement costs of such quantities of water as are not acquired and delivered, where a delivery system has not been completed within ten years after the date of enactment of this title, or

(2) the value of such quantities of water as are not acquired and delivered, where a delivery system is completed.

(e) No land, water, water rights, contract rights, or reclaimed water may be acquired under subsection (c) without the consent of the owner thereof. No private lands may be acquired under subsection (c)(3)(A) unless the lands have a recent history of receiving or being capable of actually receiving all or substantially all of the water the right to the use of which is recognized by State law. In acquiring said private lands, the Secretary shall give preference to the acquisition of lands upon which water has actually been put to beneficial use in any one of the five years preceding the date of acquisition. Nothing in this section shall authorize the Secretary to acquire or disturb the water rights of any Indian tribe, band, group, or community.

Payment of  
damages.

#### LIMITATION ON PUMPING FACILITIES FOR WATER DELIVERIES; DISPOSITION OF WATER

SEC. 306. (a) The Secretary shall be required to carry out his obligation under subsections (b), (c), and (e) of section 304 and under section 305 only if the Papago Tribe agrees to—

(1) limit pumping of ground water from beneath the San Xavier Reservation to not more than ten thousand acre-feet per year;

(2) limit the quantity of ground water pumped from beneath the eastern Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation which lies within the Tucson Active Management Area to those quantities being withdrawn on January 1, 1981; and

(3) comply with the management plan established by the Secretary under section 303(a)(3).

Nothing contained in paragraph (1) shall restrict the tribe from drilling wells and withdrawing ground water therefrom on the San Xavier Reservation if such wells have a capacity of less than thirty-five gallons per minute and are used only for domestic and livestock purposes. Nothing contained in paragraph (2) shall restrict the tribe from drilling wells and withdrawing ground water therefrom in the eastern Schuk Toak District of the Sells Papago Reservation which lies within the Tucson Active Management Area if such wells have a capacity of less than thirty-five gallons per minute and which are used only for domestic and livestock purposes.

(b) The Secretary shall be required to carry out his obligations with respect to distribution systems under paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B) of section 303(a) only if the Papago Tribe agrees to—

(1) subjugate, at no cost to the United States, the land for which those distribution systems are to be planned, designed, and constructed by the Secretary; and

(2) assume responsibility, through the tribe or its members or an entity designated by the tribe, as appropriate, following completion of those distribution systems and upon delivery of water under this title, for the operation, maintenance, and replacement of those systems in accordance with the first section of the Act of August 1, 1914 (38 Stat. 583; 25 U.S.C. 385).

(c)(1) The Papago Tribe shall have the right to devote all water supplies under this title, whether delivered by the Secretary or pumped by the tribe, to any use, including but not limited to agricultural, municipal, industrial, commercial, mining, or recreational use whether within or outside the Papago Reservation so long as such use is within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within such area.

(2) The Papago Tribe may sell, exchange, or temporarily dispose of water, but the tribe may not permanently alienate any water right. In the event the tribe sells, exchanges, or temporarily disposes of water, such sale, exchange, or temporary disposition shall be pursuant to a contract which has been accepted and ratified by a resolution of the Papago Tribal Council and approved and executed by the Secretary as agent and trustee for the tribe. Such contract shall specifically provide that an action may be maintained by the contracting party against the United States and the Secretary for the breach thereof. The net proceeds from any sale, exchange, or disposition of water by the Papago Tribe shall be used for social or economic programs or for tribal administrative purposes which benefit the Papago Tribe.

(d) Nothing in section 306(c) shall be construed to establish whether or not reserved water may be put to use, or sold for use, off of any reservation to which reserved water rights attach.

**OBLIGATION OF THE SECRETARY; CONTRACT FOR RECLAIMED WATER;  
DISMISSAL AND WAIVER OR CLAIMS OF PAPAGO TRIBE AND ALLOTTEES**

**SEC. 307.** (a) The Secretary shall be required to carry out his obligations under subsections (b), (c), and (e) of section 304 and under section 305 only if—

(1) within one year of the date of enactment of this title—

(A) the city of Tucson and the Secretary agree that the city will make immediately available, without payment to the city, such quantity of reclaimed water treated to secondary standards as is adequate, after evaporative losses, to deliver annually, as contemplated in section 305(a), twenty-eight thousand two hundred acre-feet of water for the Secretary to dispose of as he sees fit; such agreement may provide terms and conditions under which the Secretary may relinquish to the city of Tucson such quantities of water as are not needed to satisfy the Secretary's obligations under this title;

(B) the Secretary and the city of Tucson, the State of Arizona, the Anamax Mining Company, the Cyprus-Pima Mining Company, the American Smelting and Refining Company, the Duval Corporation, and the Farmers Investment Company agree that funds will be contributed, in accordance with the paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 313, to the Cooperative Fund established under subsection (a) of such section.

(C) the Papago Tribe agrees to file with the United States District Court for the District of Arizona a stipulation for voluntary dismissal with prejudice, in which the Attorney General is authorized and directed to join on behalf of the United States, and the allottee class representatives' petition for dismissal of the class action with prejudice in the United States, the Papago Indian Tribe, and others against the city of Tucson, and others, civil numbered 75-39 TUC (JAW); and

(D) the Papago Tribe executes a waiver and release in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of—

(i) any and all claims of water rights or injuries to water rights (including water rights in both ground water and surface water) within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within said area, from time immemorial to the date of the execution by the tribe of such waiver, which the Papago Tribe has against the United States, the State of Arizona and any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other person, corporation, or municipal corporation, arising under the laws of the United States or the State of Arizona; and

(ii) any and all future claims of water rights (including water rights in both ground water and surface water) within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within said area, from and after the date of execution of such waiver, which the Papago Tribe has against the United States, the State of Arizona and any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other person, corporation,

Waiver and  
release.

or municipal corporation, under the laws of the United States or the State of Arizona; and

(2) the suit referred to in paragraph (1)(C) is finally dismissed;

(b) After the conditions referred to in subsection (a) have been met the Secretary shall be authorized and required, if necessary or desirable, to enter into agreements with other individuals or entities to acquire and deliver water from such sources set forth in section 305(c) if through such contracts as exercised in conjunction with the contract required in subsection (a)(1)(A) it is possible to deliver the quantities of water required in section 305(a).

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a waiver or release by the Papago Tribe of any claim where such claim arises under this title.

Effective  
date.

(d) The waiver and release referred to in this section shall not take effect until such time as the trust fund referred to in section 309 is in existence, the conditions set forth in subsection (a) have been met, and the full amount authorized to be appropriated to the trust fund under section 309 has been appropriated by the Congress.

(e) The settlement provided in this title shall be deemed to fully satisfy any and all claims of water rights or injuries to water rights (including water rights in both ground water and surface water) of all individual members of the Papago Tribe that have a legal interest in lands of the San Xavier Reservation and the Schuk Toak District of the Sells Reservation located within the Tucson Active Management Area and that part of the Upper Santa Cruz Basin not within said area, as of the date the waiver and release referred to in this section take effect. Any entitlement to water of any individual member of the Papago Tribe shall be satisfied out of the water resources provided in this title.

**STUDY OF LANDS WITHIN THE GILA BEND RESERVATION; EXCHANGE OF LANDS AND ADDITION OF LANDS TO THE RESERVATION; AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS**

Studies and  
analysis.

SEC. 308. (a) The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to carry out such studies and analysis as he deems necessary to determine which lands, if any, within the Gila Bend Reservation have been rendered unsuitable for agriculture by reason of the operation of the Painted Rock Dam. Such study and analysis shall be completed within one year after the date of the enactment of this title.

(b) If, on the basis of the study and analysis conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary determines that lands have been rendered unsuitable for agriculture for the reasons set forth in subsection (a), and if the Papago Tribe consents, the Secretary is authorized to exchange such lands for an equivalent acreage of land under his jurisdiction which are within the Federal public domain and which, but for their suitability for agriculture, are of like quality.

(c) The lands exchanged under this section shall be held in trust for the Papago Tribe and shall be part of the Gila Bend Reservation for all purposes. Such lands shall be deemed to have been reserved as of the date of the reservation of the lands for which they are exchanged.

Management.

(d) Lands exchanged under this section which, prior to the exchange, were part of the Gila Bend Reservation, shall be managed

by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management.

(e) The Secretary may require the Papago Tribe to reimburse the United States for moneys paid, if any, by the Federal Government for flood easements on lands which the Secretary replaces by exchange under subsection (b).

Reimburse-  
ment.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND; EXPENDITURES FROM FUND

SEC. 309. (a) Pursuant to appropriations the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the authorized governing body of the Papago Tribe the sum of \$15,000,000 to be held in trust for the benefit of such Tribe and invested in interest bearing deposits and securities including deposits and securities of the United States.

(b) The authorized governing body of the Papago Tribe, as trustee for such Tribe, may only spend each year the interest and dividends accruing on the sum held and invested pursuant to subsection (a). Such amount may only be used by the Papago Tribe for the subjugation of land, development of water resources, and the construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of related facilities on the Papago Reservation which are not the obligation of the United States under this or any other Act of Congress.

#### APPLICATION OF INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

SEC. 310. The functions of the Bureau of Reclamation under this title shall be subject to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (88 Stat. 2203; 25 U.S.C. 450) to the same extent as if performed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

#### EXTENSION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

SEC. 311. Except as otherwise provided in section 107 of this title, notwithstanding section 2415 of title 28, United States Code, any action relating to water rights of the Papago Indian Tribe or any member of such tribe brought by the United States for, or on behalf of, such tribe or member of such tribe, or by such tribe on its own behalf, shall not be barred if the complaint is filed prior to January 1, 1985.

#### ARID LAND RENEWABLE RESOURCE ASSISTANCE

SEC. 312. If a Federal entity is established to provide financial assistance to undertake arid land renewable resources projects and to encourage and assure investment in the development of domestic sources of arid land renewable resources, such entity shall give first priority to the needs of the Papago Tribe in providing such assistance. Such entity shall make available to the Papago Tribe—

- (1) price guarantees, loan guarantees, or purchase agreements,
- (2) loans, and
- (3) joint venture projects,

at a level to adequately cultivate a minimum number of acres as determined by such entity to be necessary to the economically successful cultivation of arid land crops and a level to contribute significantly to the economy of the Papago Tribe.

## COOPERATIVE FUND

Establishment.

**SEC. 313. (a)** There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the "Cooperative Fund" for purposes of carrying out the obligations of the Secretary under sections 303, 304, and 305 of this title, including—

(A) operation, maintenance, and repair costs related to the delivery of water under sections 303, 304, 305;

(B) any costs of acquisition and delivery of water from alternative sources under section 304(b) and 305(c); and

(C) any damages payable by the Secretary under section 304(c) or 305(d) of this title.

(b)(1) The Cooperative Fund shall consist of—

(A) amounts appropriated to the Fund under paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(B) \$5,250,000 to be contributed as follows:

(i) \$2,750,000 (adjusted as provided in paragraph (2)) contributed by the State of Arizona;

(ii) \$1,500,000 (adjusted as provided in paragraph (2)) contributed by the City of Tucson; and

(iii) \$1,000,000 (adjusted as provided in paragraph (2)) contributed jointly by the Anamax Mining Company, the Cyprus-Pine Mining Company, the American Smelting and Refining Company, the Duval Corporation, and the Farmers Investment Company; and

(C) interest accruing to the Fund under subsection (a) which is not expended as provided in subsection (c).

(2) The amounts referred to in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) shall be contributed before the expiration of the three-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this title. To the extent that any portion of such amounts is contributed after the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this title, the contribution shall include an adjustment representing the additional interest which would have been earned by the Cooperative Fund if that portion had been contributed before the end of the one-year period.

(3) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Cooperative Fund the following:

(A) \$5,250,000; and

(B) Such sums up to \$16,000,000 (adjusted as provided in paragraph 2) which the Secretary determines, by notice to the Congress, are necessary to meet his obligations under this title; and

(C) Such additional sums as may be provided by Act of Congress.

(c)(1) Only interest accruing to the Cooperative Fund may be expended and no such interest may be expended prior to the earlier of—

(A) 10 years after the date of the enactment of this title; or

(B) the date of completion of the main project works of the Central Arizona Project.

(2) Interest accruing to the Fund during the twelve-month period before the date determined under paragraph (1) and interest accruing to Fund thereafter shall, without further appropriation, be available for expenditure after the date determined under paragraph (1).

Appropriation authorization.

(d) The Secretary of the Treasury shall be the trustee of the Cooperative Fund. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to invest such portion of the Fund as is not, in his judgment, required to meet current withdrawals. Such investments shall be in public debt securities with maturities suitable for the needs of such Fund and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities.

Trustee.  
Investments.

(e) If, before the date three years after the date of the enactment of this title—

Termination.

(1) the waiver and release referred to in section 307 does not take effect by reason of section 307(d); or

(2) the suit referred to in section 307(a)(1)(C) is not finally dismissed

the Cooperative Fund under this section shall be terminated and the Secretary of the Treasury shall return all amounts contributed to the Fund (together with a ratable share of accrued interest) to the respective contributors. Upon such termination, the share contributed by the United States under subsection (b)(3) shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Treasury.

(f) Payments for damages arising under 304(c) and 305(d) shall not exceed in any given year the amounts available for expenditure in any given year from the Cooperative Fund established under this section.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET ACT

SEC. 314. No authority under this title to enter into contracts or to make payments shall be effective except to the extent and in such amounts as provided in advance in appropriations Acts. Any provision of this title which, directly or indirectly, authorizes the enactment of new budget authority shall be effective only for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1982.

Effective  
date.

#### SHORT TITLE

SEC. 315. This title may be cited as the "Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982".

Approved October 12, 1982.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1409 (H.R. 5118):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 97-422 accompanying H.R. 5118 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs), No. 97-855 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 97-375 accompanying H.R. 5118 (Comm. on Indian Affairs), 97-420 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources), No. 97-568 (Comm. of Conference).

#### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 128 (1982):

Mar. 4, H.R. 5118 considered and passed House.

May 11, H.R. 5118 considered and passed Senate, amended.

May 12, H.R. 5118 House concurred in Senate amendment with amendments.

May 13, Senate concurred in House amendments.

June 1, H.R. 5118 vetoed by President.

June 22, considered and passed Senate.

Aug. 17, considered and passed House, amended.

Aug. 20, Senate concurred in House amendments with amendments.

Sept. 24, Senate agreed to conference report.

Sept. 29, House agreed to conference report.