

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 2473  
OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Securing Access for  
3 the central Valley and Enhancing Water Resources Act”  
4 or the “SAVE Water Resources Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.**

6       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
7 Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the  
8 “Water Infrastructure and Drought Solutions Fund” (re-  
9 ferred to in this section as the “Fund”), consisting of—

10           (1) such amounts as are deposited in the Fund  
11       under subsection (b); and

12           (2) any interest earned on investment of  
13       amounts in the Fund under subsection (c)(1)(B).

14       (b) DEPOSITS TO FUND.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years  
16       2031 through 2061, the Secretary of the Treasury  
17       shall deposit in the Fund \$300,000,000 of the reve-  
18       nues that would otherwise be deposited for the fiscal

1 year in the reclamation fund established by the first  
2 section of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388,  
3 chapter 1093), of which—

4 (A) \$100,000,000 shall be expended by the  
5 Secretary of the Interior for new surface or  
6 ground water storage projects provided that—

7 (i) expenditures are made for nonre-  
8 imburseable public benefits under Federal  
9 reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902  
10 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts  
11 supplemental to and amendatory of that  
12 Act); and

13 (ii) Federal expenditures account for  
14 no more than 50 percent of total costs for  
15 any project;

16 (B) \$100,000,000 shall be expended by the  
17 Secretary of the Interior for water reclamation  
18 and reuse projects authorized under title XVI  
19 of Public Law 102–575 and section 4009 of  
20 Public Law 114–322; and

21 (C) \$100,000,000 shall be expended by the  
22 Secretary of the Interior for WaterSMART  
23 grants authorized under the Omnibus Public  
24 Lands Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C.  
25 10364).

1           (2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts de-  
2           posited in the Fund under this section shall—

3                   (A) be made available in accordance with  
4                   this section, without further appropriation; and

5                   (B) be in addition to amounts appropriated  
6                   for such purposes under any other provision of  
7                   law.

8           (c) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b),  
10                  for each of fiscal years 2031 through 2061, the re-  
11                  spective Secretary may expend from the Fund, in ac-  
12                  cordance with this section, not more than an amount  
13                  equal to the sum of—

14                   (A) the amounts deposited in the Fund  
15                   that year under subsection (b); and

16                   (B) the amount of interest accrued in the  
17                   Fund for the fiscal year in which the expendi-  
18                   tures are made.

19           (2) ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES.—

20                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may ex-  
21                   pend more in any fiscal year than the amounts  
22                   described in subsection (a) if the additional  
23                   amounts are available in the Fund as a result  
24                   of a failure of the Secretary to expend all of the

1 amounts available under subsection (a) in 1 or  
2 more prior fiscal years.

3 (B) RETENTION IN ACCOUNTS.—Any addi-  
4 tional amounts referred to in paragraph (1)  
5 shall—

6 (i) accrue interest in accordance with  
7 this section; and

8 (ii) only be expended for the purposes  
9 for which expenditures from the Fund are  
10 authorized.

11 **SEC. 3. GROUND WATER RECHARGE PLANNING.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) CRITICALLY OVERDRAFTED BASINS.—The  
14 term “Critically Overdrafted Basins” means those  
15 basins identified by the California Department of  
16 Water Resources pursuant to part 2.74 of the Cali-  
17 fornia Water Code (commonly known as the “Cali-  
18 fornia’s Sustainable Groundwater Management  
19 Act”).

20 (2) RECLAMATION STATE.—The term “Rec-  
21 lamation State” means a State or territory described  
22 in the first section of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32  
23 Stat. 388, chapter 1093; 43 U.S.C. 391).

1           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
3           rector of the United States Geological Survey.

4           (b) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after  
6           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7           shall complete an evaluation and report to Congress  
8           that identifies potential ground water storage and  
9           recharge opportunities in each Reclamation State in-  
10          cluding recharge opportunities in critically over-  
11          drafted basins to help inform future Federal, State,  
12          local, and other investment in ground water storage  
13          projects.

14          (2) REPORT.—The report to Congress shall in-  
15          clude—

16                  (A) an assessment of potentially beneficial  
17                  storage and recharge locations based on the  
18                  Secretary’s assessment of—

- 19                          (i) hydrologic attributes;  
20                          (ii) geologic attributes;  
21                          (iii) engineering attributes;  
22                          (iv) water supply benefits;  
23                          (v) environmental benefits;

1 (vi) infrastructure benefits related to  
2 mitigation of subsidence-related infrastruc-  
3 ture damage; and

4 (vii) sustainability benefits for criti-  
5 cally overdrafted basins; and

6 (B) an assessment of potential conveyance  
7 infrastructure needs to move excess runoff to  
8 the recharge locations identified by the Sec-  
9 retary under this section.

10 (3) COORDINATION.—To the maximum extent  
11 practicable, the Secretary shall coordinate research  
12 activities with Reclamation State agencies, ground  
13 water sustainability agencies, universities and non-  
14 profit organizations in a manner designed to assist  
15 with implementation of State-led initiatives such as  
16 part 2.74 of the California Water Code (commonly  
17 known as the “Sustainable Groundwater Manage-  
18 ment Act”).

19 **SEC. 4. RECLAMATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND IN-**  
20 **NOVATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

21 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
22 “Reclamation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation  
23 Act”.

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior  
25 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall estab-

1 lish and carry out a pilot program under which the Sec-  
2 retary shall provide to eligible entities described in section  
3 5025 of the Water Resources Reform and Development  
4 Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3904) financial assistance in ac-  
5 cordance with this section to carry out eligible projects de-  
6 scribed in subsection (c).

7 (c) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—A project eligible to receive  
9 assistance under the pilot program under this sec-  
10 tion is a water supply or water conservation project  
11 that, as determined by the Secretary—

12 (A) is located in—

13 (i) the State of Alaska;

14 (ii) the State of Hawaii; or

15 (iii) a State or territory described in  
16 the first section of the Act of June 17,  
17 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093; 43  
18 U.S.C. 391);

19 (B) would—

20 (i) contribute directly or indirectly (in-  
21 cluding through ground water recharge) to  
22 a safe, adequate water supply for domestic,  
23 agricultural, environmental, municipal, or  
24 industrial use; or

1 (ii) promote water conservation or  
2 water use efficiency;

3 (C) complies with all applicable State and  
4 Federal laws;

5 (D) would quantifiably demonstrate net  
6 ecosystem benefits in excess of required envi-  
7 ronmental mitigation measures or compliance  
8 obligations pursuant to State and Federal law  
9 if the eligible project is a dam or water storage  
10 project, unless—

11 (i) the dam or water storage project  
12 would be located within the State of Cali-  
13 fornia and has been evaluated for State  
14 storage funding awards by the California  
15 Water Commission pursuant to the Cali-  
16 fornia Water Quality, Supply, and Infra-  
17 structure Improvement Act, approved by  
18 California voters on November 4, 2014;  
19 and

20 (ii) has been found by the California  
21 Water Commission to have sufficient public  
22 benefits to warrant a maximum conditional  
23 eligibility determination of at least \$200  
24 million;

25 (E) is economically feasible; and



1 (F) is otherwise eligible for assistance  
2 under this section.

3 (2) SMALL COMMUNITY PROJECTS.—For  
4 projects eligible for assistance under this section and  
5 section 5028(a)(2)(B) of the Water Resources Re-  
6 form and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C.  
7 3907(a)(2)(B)), the Secretary may assist applicants  
8 in combining 1 or more projects into a single appli-  
9 cation in order to meet the minimum project cost of  
10 \$5,000,000 required under that section.

11 (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities are  
12 eligible to receive assistance under this section:

13 (1) An entity described in section 5025 of the  
14 Water Resources Reform and Development Act of  
15 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3904).

16 (2) A conservancy district, reclamation district,  
17 irrigation district, or water district.

18 (3) A canal company or mutual water company.

19 (4) A water users' association.

20 (5) An agency established by an interstate com-  
21 pact.

22 (6) Any other individual or entity that has the  
23 capacity to contract with the United States under  
24 the reclamation laws.

25 (e) REQUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) PROJECT SELECTION.—In selecting eligible  
2 projects to receive assistance under the pilot pro-  
3 gram under this section, the Secretary shall ensure  
4 diversity with respect to—

5                   (A) project type; and

6                   (B) geographical location within the States  
7 referred to in subsection (c)(1).

8           (2) IMPORTATION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—  
9 The following shall apply to the pilot program under  
10 this section:

11                   (A) Sections 5022, 5024, 5027, 5028,  
12 5029, 5030, 5031, 5032, 5034 and 5035 of the  
13 Water Resources Reform and Development Act  
14 of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3903, 3906, 3907, 3908,  
15 3909, 3910, 3911), except that—

16                           (i) any reference contained in those  
17 sections to the Secretary of the Army shall  
18 be considered to be a reference to the Sec-  
19 retary of the Interior;

20                           (ii) any reference contained in those  
21 sections to an eligible project shall be con-  
22 sidered to be a reference to an eligible  
23 project described in subsection (b);

24                           (iii) paragraphs (1)(E) and (6)(B) of  
25 subsection (a), and subsection (b)(3), of

1 section 5028 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 3907)  
2 shall not apply with respect to this section;

3 (iv) subsections (e) and (f) of section  
4 5030 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 3909) shall  
5 not apply with respect to this section; and

6 (v) any reference contained in those  
7 sections to the Committee on Environment  
8 and Public Works of the Senate and the  
9 Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
10 structure of the House of Representatives  
11 shall be considered to be a reference to the  
12 Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
13 sources of the Senate and the Committee  
14 on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives with respect to this section.

16 (B) The agreement between the Adminis-  
17 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
18 and the Commissioner of Reclamation required  
19 under section 4301 of the America's Water In-  
20 frastructure Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-  
21 270).

22 (C) Other applicable environmental laws,  
23 including the National Environmental Policy  
24 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

25 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
2           appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the pilot  
3           program under this section \$150,000,000 for fiscal  
4           years 2021 through 2025, to remain available until  
5           expended.

6           (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the funds  
7           made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
8           may use for administrative costs of carrying out the  
9           pilot program under this section (including for the  
10          provision of technical assistance to project sponsors  
11          pursuant to paragraph (3) and in obtaining nec-  
12          essary approvals and transfer to the Administrator  
13          of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide  
14          assistance in administering and servicing Federal  
15          credit instruments under the pilot program) not  
16          more than \$5,000,000 for each applicable fiscal  
17          year.

18          (3) SMALL COMMUNITY PROJECTS.—

19                (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
20                graph (B), the Commissioner may use the  
21                funds made available under paragraph (2) to  
22                provide assistance, including assistance to pay  
23                the costs of acquiring the rating opinion letters  
24                under section 5028(a)(1)(D) of the Water Re-  
25                sources Reform and Development Act of 2014

1 (33 U.S.C. 3907(a)(1)(D)), to assist project  
2 sponsors in obtaining the necessary approval for  
3 small community projects that are eligible for  
4 assistance under section 5028(a)(2)(B) of the  
5 Water Resources Reform and Development Act  
6 of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3907(a)(1)(D)) or sub-  
7 section (b)(3).

8 (B) LIMITATION.—Assistance provided to  
9 a project sponsor under subparagraph (A) may  
10 not exceed an amount equal to 75 percent of  
11 the total administrative costs incurred by the  
12 project sponsor in securing financial assistance  
13 under this section.

14 (g) LIMITATION.—No project that receives financial  
15 assistance under this section may be financed (directly or  
16 indirectly), in whole or in part, with proceeds of any obli-  
17 gation the interest on which is exempt from the tax im-  
18 posed under chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
19 1986.

20 (h) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—

21 (1) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—The following  
22 projects may be carried out using assistance made  
23 available under this section:

24 (A) A project for the reclamation and  
25 reuse of municipal, industrial, domestic, and ag-

1            agricultural wastewater, and naturally impaired  
2            ground water, which the Secretary, acting  
3            through the Commissioner of Reclamation, is  
4            authorized to support.

5            (B) Any water infrastructure project not  
6            specifically authorized by law that—

7                    (i) the Secretary determines, through  
8                    the completion of an appraisal investiga-  
9                    tion and feasibility study, would contribute  
10                   to a safe, adequate water supply for do-  
11                   mestic, agricultural, environmental, or mu-  
12                   nicipal and industrial use; and

13                   (ii) is otherwise eligible for assistance  
14                   under this section.

15            (C) A new water infrastructure facility  
16            project, including a water conduit, pipeline,  
17            canal, pumping, power, and associated facilities.

18            (D) A project for enhanced energy effi-  
19            ciency in the operation of a water system.

20            (E) A project for accelerated repair and re-  
21            placement of all or a portion of an aging water  
22            distribution facility.

23            (F) A brackish or sea water desalination  
24            project.

1 (G) Acquisition of real property or an in-  
2 terest in real property for water storage, re-  
3 claimed or recycled water, or wastewater, if the  
4 acquisition is integral to a project described in  
5 subparagraphs (A) through (F).

6 (H) A project to deliver water to wildlife  
7 refuges.

8 (I) A combination of projects, each of  
9 which is eligible under subparagraphs (A)  
10 through (H), for which an eligible entity sub-  
11 mits a single application.

12 (2) ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.—  
13 For the purposes of this section, an eligible activity  
14 with respect to an eligible project under subsection  
15 (a) includes the cost of—

16 (A) development-phase activities, including  
17 planning, feasibility analysis, revenue fore-  
18 casting, environmental review, permitting,  
19 transaction costs, preliminary engineering and  
20 design work, and other preconstruction activi-  
21 ties;

22 (B) construction, reconstruction, rehabili-  
23 tation, and replacement activities;

24 (C) the acquisition of real property (includ-  
25 ing water rights, land relating to the project,

1 and improvements to land), environmental miti-  
2 gation, construction contingencies, and acquisi-  
3 tion of equipment;

4 (D) capitalized interest necessary to meet  
5 market requirements, reasonably required re-  
6 serve funds, capital issuance expenses, and  
7 other carrying costs during construction;

8 (E) refinancing interim construction fund-  
9 ing, long-term project obligations, or a secured  
10 loan, loan guarantee, or other credit enhance-  
11 ment made under this section;

12 (F) refinancing long-term project obliga-  
13 tions or Federal credit instruments, if that refi-  
14 nancing provides additional funding capacity for  
15 the completion, enhancement, or expansion of  
16 any project selected for assistance under this  
17 Act;

18 (G) reimbursement or success payments to  
19 any public or private entity that achieves pre-  
20 determined outcomes on a pay-for-performance  
21 or pay-for-success basis; and

22 (H) grants, loans, or credit enhancement  
23 for community development financial institu-  
24 tions, green banks, and other financial inter-



1           mediaries providing ongoing finance for projects  
2           that meet the purposes of this section.

3 **SEC. 5. FEASIBILITY STUDIES.**

4       As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act, in compliance with all environmental and other  
6 applicable laws, the Secretary of the Interior shall com-  
7 plete all remaining feasibility studies associated with the  
8 following projects:

9           (1) North-Of-Delta Offstream Storage (Sites  
10       Reservoir Project) in Colusa County, California.

11          (2) Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir, located in the  
12       foothills of the Coast Range mountains west of Pat-  
13       terson, California.

14          (3) Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa  
15       County, California.

16          (4) San Luis Reservoir expansion in the San  
17       Joaquin Valley, California.

18          (5) Pacheco Reservoir expansion in Santa Clara  
19       County, California.

20 **SEC. 6. RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZA-**  
21 **TION.**

22       The Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 (Public Law  
23 109–451) is amended—

24           (1) in section 109(a) (43 U.S.C. 2408(a)), by  
25       striking “2016” and inserting “2026”; and

1 (2) in section 110 (43 U.S.C. 2409), by striking  
2 “2016” and inserting “2026”.

3 **SEC. 7. COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING**  
4 **OF WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE**  
5 **PROJECTS.**

6 (a) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FUND-  
7 ING OF WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE PROJECTS.—Sec-  
8 tion 1602(f) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Ground-  
9 water Study and Facilities Act (title XVI of Public Law  
10 102–575; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by striking  
11 paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

12 “(2) PRIORITY.—When funding projects under  
13 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give funding pri-  
14 ority to projects that meet one or more of the fol-  
15 lowing criteria:

16 “(A) Projects that are likely to provide a  
17 more reliable water supply for States and local  
18 governments.

19 “(B) Projects that are likely to increase  
20 the water management flexibility and reduce  
21 impacts on environmental resources from  
22 projects operated by Federal and State agen-  
23 cies.

24 “(C) Projects that are regional in nature.

25 “(D) Projects with multiple stakeholders.

1           “(E) Projects that provide multiple bene-  
2           fits, including water supply reliability, eco-  
3           system benefits, groundwater management and  
4           enhancements, and water quality improve-  
5           ments.”.

6           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
7           1602(g) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater  
8           Study and Facilities Act (title XVI of Public Law 102–  
9           575; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended—

10           (1) by striking “\$50,000,000” and inserting  
11           “\$500,000,000 through fiscal year 2025”; and

12           (2) by striking “if enacted appropriations legis-  
13           lation designates funding to them by name,”.

14           (c) DURATION.—Section 4013 of the WIIN Act (43  
15           U.S.C. 390b(2)) is amended—

16           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and”;

17           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and  
18           inserting “; and”; and

19           (3) by adding at the end the following:

20           “(3) section 4009(c).”.

21           (d) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—Section 1631(d) of  
22           the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and  
23           Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h–13(d)) is amended by  
24           striking “\$20,000,000 (October 1996 prices)” and insert-  
25           ing “\$30,000,000 (January 2019 prices)”.

1 **SEC. 8. WATER TECHNOLOGY AWARD PROGRAM AND IN-**  
2 **VESTMENT PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) AWARD PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary  
4 of the Interior, working through the Bureau of Reclama-  
5 tion, shall establish a program to award prizes to eligible  
6 persons described in subsection (b) for achievement in 1  
7 or more of the following applications of water technology:

8 (1) Demonstration of wastewater and industrial  
9 process water purification for reuse or desalination  
10 of brackish or sea water with significantly less en-  
11 ergy than current municipally and commercially  
12 adopted technologies.

13 (2) Demonstration of portable or modular de-  
14 salination units that can process 1 to 5,000,000 gal-  
15 lons per day that could be deployed for temporary  
16 emergency uses in coastal communities or commu-  
17 nities with brackish ground water supplies.

18 (3) Demonstration of significant advantages  
19 over current municipally and commercially adopted  
20 reverse osmosis technologies as determined by the  
21 board established under subsection (c).

22 (4) Reducing open water evaporation.

23 (5) Improving methods to treat and reuse agri-  
24 cultural drainage waters.

25 (6) Reducing the loss of threatened and endan-  
26 gered fish due to fish predation.

1           (7) Reducing the entrainment of fish larvae on  
2 screens and intakes.

3           (b) ELIGIBLE PERSON.—An eligible person described  
4 in this subsection is—

5           (1) an individual who is—

6           (A) a citizen or legal resident of the  
7 United States; or

8           (B) a member of a group that includes  
9 citizens or legal residents of the United States;

10          (2) an entity that is incorporated and maintains  
11 its primary place of business in the United States;

12 or

13          (3) a public water agency.

14          (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—

15          (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
16 rior shall establish a board to administer the pro-  
17 gram established under subsection (a).

18          (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The board shall be com-  
19 posed of not less than 15 and not more than 21  
20 members appointed by the President, of whom—

21           (A) not less than 1 shall—

22           (i) be a representative of the interests  
23 of academic, business, and nonprofit orga-  
24 nizations; and

25           (ii) have expertise in—

1 (I) the field of water technology;

2 or

3 (II) administering award com-  
4 petitions; and

5 (B) not less than 1 shall be—

6 (i) a representative of agricultural  
7 water users;

8 (ii) a representative of municipal and  
9 industrial water users;

10 (iii) a representative of the Bureau of  
11 Reclamation of the Department of the In-  
12 terior; and

13 (iv) a representative of the National  
14 Science Foundation.

15 (d) AWARDS.—Subject to the availability of appro-  
16 priations, the board established under subsection (c) may  
17 make awards under the program established under sub-  
18 section (a) as follows:

19 (1) FINANCIAL PRIZE.—The board may hold a  
20 financial award competition and award a financial  
21 award in an amount determined before the com-  
22 mencement of the competition to the first competitor  
23 to meet such criteria as the board shall establish.

24 (2) RECOGNITION PRIZE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The board may recog-  
2 nize an eligible person for superlative achieve-  
3 ment in 1 or more applications described in  
4 subsection (a).

5 (B) NO FINANCIAL REMUNERATION.—An  
6 award under this paragraph shall not include  
7 any financial remuneration.

8 (C) NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVA-  
9 TION MEDAL RECOMMENDATIONS.—For each  
10 eligible person recognized under this paragraph,  
11 the board shall recommend to the Secretary of  
12 Commerce that the Secretary recommend to the  
13 President under section 16(b) of the Stevenson-  
14 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15  
15 U.S.C. 3711) that the President award the Na-  
16 tional Technology and Innovation Medal estab-  
17 lished under section 16(a) of such Act to such  
18 eligible person.

19 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

20 (1) CONTRACTING.—The board established  
21 under subsection (e) may contract with a private or-  
22 ganization to administer a financial award competi-  
23 tion described in subsection (d)(1).

24 (2) SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.—A member of  
25 the board or any administering organization with

1       which the board has a contract under paragraph (1)  
2       may solicit gifts from private and public entities to  
3       be used for a financial award under subsection  
4       (d)(1).

5           (3) LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION OF DO-  
6       NORS.—The board may allow a donor who is a pri-  
7       vate person described in paragraph (2) to participate  
8       in the determination of criteria for an award under  
9       subsection (d), but such donor may not solely deter-  
10      mine the criteria for such award.

11          (4) NO ADVANTAGE FOR DONATION.—A donor  
12      who is a private person described in paragraph (3)  
13      shall not be entitled to any special consideration or  
14      advantage with respect to participation in a financial  
15      award competition under subsection (d)(1).

16          (f) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—The Federal Gov-  
17      ernment may not acquire an intellectual property right in  
18      any product or idea by virtue of the submission of such  
19      product or idea in any competition under subsection  
20      (d)(1).

21          (g) LIABILITY.—The board established under sub-  
22      section (c) may require a competitor in a financial award  
23      competition under subsection (d)(1) to waive liability  
24      against the Federal Government for injuries and damages  
25      that result from participation in such competition.



1 (h) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each year, the board estab-  
2 lished under subsection (c) shall submit to Congress a re-  
3 port on the program established under subsection (a).

4 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
6 appropriated sums for the program established  
7 under subsection (a) as follows:

8 (A) For administration of prize competi-  
9 tions under subsection (d), \$750,000 for each  
10 fiscal year.

11 (B) For the awarding of a financial prize  
12 award under subsection (d)(1), in addition to  
13 any amounts received under subsection (e)(2),  
14 \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year.

15 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-  
16 suant to the authorization of appropriations under  
17 paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

18 (j) WATER TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM  
19 ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of the Interior, working  
20 through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall establish a pro-  
21 gram, pursuant to the Reclamation Wastewater and  
22 Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102–  
23 575, title XVI), the Water Desalination Act of 1996 (Pub-  
24 lic Law 104–298), and other applicable laws, to promote  
25 the expanded use of technology for improving availability

1 and resiliency of water supplies and power deliveries,  
2 which shall include—

3 (1) investments to enable expanded and acceler-  
4 ated deployment of desalination technology;

5 (2) investments to enable expanded and acceler-  
6 ated use of recycled water; and

7 (3) investments that improve water manage-  
8 ment, using best available science, and include real-  
9 time monitoring of wildlife and water deliveries.

10 (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each fis-  
12 cal year for the Secretary to carry out the purposes and  
13 provisions of subsection (j). Funds made available under  
14 this subsection shall be considered a nonreimbursable Fed-  
15 eral expenditure and shall remain available until expended.

