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refuge, consistent with management of the refuge for the purpose for which such refuge was established, and in accordance with laws applicable to the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**SEC. 302. NO EFFECT ON UPPER BASIN.**

Nothing in titles I, II, or III of this Act shall amend, construe, supersede, or preempt any State law, Federal law, interstate compact, or international treaty pertaining to the Colorado River (including its tributaries) in the Upper Basin, including, but not limited to, the appropriation, use, development, storage, regulation, allocation, conservation, exportation, or quality of those waters.

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**TITLE IV—FORT McDOWELL INDIAN COMMUNITY WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT**

**SECTION 401. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the "Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990".

**SEC. 402. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) it is the policy of the United States, in fulfillment of its trust responsibility to Indian tribes, to promote Indian self-determination and economic self-sufficiency, and to settle, wherever possible, the water rights claims of Indian tribes without lengthy and costly litigation;

(2) meaningful Indian self-determination and economic self-sufficiency depend on development of viable Indian reservation economies;

(3) quantification of rights to water and development of facilities needed to utilize tribal water supplies effectively is essential to the development of viable Indian reservation economies, particularly in arid western States;

(4) on September 15, 1908, the United States Government established a reservation for the Fort McDowell Indian Community in Arizona north of the confluence of the Salt and Verde Rivers tributary to the Gila River;

(5) the United States, as trustee for the Community, obtained water entitlements for the Community pursuant to the Kent Decree of 1910; however, continued uncertainty as to the full extent of the Community's entitlement to water has severely limited the Community's access to water and the financial resources necessary to develop its valuable agricultural lands and frustrated its efforts to reduce its dependence on Federal program funding and achieve meaningful self-determination and economic self-sufficiency;

(6) proceedings to determine the full extent and nature of the Community's water rights and damages thereto are currently pending before the United States District Court in Arizona, the United States Claims Court, the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for Maricopa County, as part of the General Adjudication of the Gila River System and Source, and before various Federal agencies under the Federal Tort Claims Act;

(7) recognizing that final resolution of pending litigation will take many years and entail great expense to all parties, continue economically and socially damaging limits to the Community's access to water, prolong uncertainty as to the availability

of water supplies and seriously impair the long-term economic planning and development of all parties, the Community and neighboring non-Indian communities have sought to settle disputes over water and reduce the burdens of litigation;

(8) after more than five years of negotiation, which included participation by representatives of the United States Government, the Community and neighboring non-Indian communities of the Salt River Valley, who are all party to the General Adjudication of the Gila River System and Source, the parties have entered into an agreement to resolve all water rights claims between and among themselves, to quantify the Community's entitlement to water, and to provide for the orderly development of the Community's lands;

(9) pursuant to the agreement, the neighboring non-Indian communities will transfer rights to approximately twelve thousand acre-feet of surface water to the Community; provide for the means of firming existing water supplies of the Community, and make substantial additional contributions to carry out the agreement's provisions; and

(10) to advance the goals of Federal Indian policy and to fulfill the trust responsibility of the United States to the Community, it is appropriate that the United States participate in the implementation of the agreement and contribute funds for the rehabilitation and expansion of existing reservation irrigation facilities so as to enable the Community to utilize fully its water entitlements in developing a diverse, efficient reservation economy.

(b) Therefore, the Congress declares that the purposes of this Act are: (1) to approve, ratify and confirm the agreement entered into by the Community and its neighboring non-Indian communities, (2) to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform such agreement, and (3) to authorize the actions and appropriations necessary for the United States to fulfill its legal and trust obligations to the Community as provided in the agreement and this Act.

#### SEC. 403. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act—

(a) "Agreement" means that agreement among the Fort McDowell Indian Community, the State of Arizona, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, the Arizona cities of Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe, and the Arizona Town of Gilbert, and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, together with all exhibits thereto, as the same is approved and executed by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to sections 411(d) and 412(a)(8) of this Act.

(b) "CAP" means the Central Arizona Project, a reclamation project authorized under title III of the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (43 U.S.C. 1521 et seq.).

(c) "CAWCD" means the Central Arizona Water Conservation District organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, which is the contractor under a contract with the United States, dated December 15, 1972, for the delivery of water and repayment of costs of the Central Arizona Project.

(d) "Community" means the Fort McDowell Indian Community, a community of Yavapai Indians organized under section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 987, 25 U.S.C. 476), and duly recognized by the Secretary.

(e) "HVID" means the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District, an irrigation district organized under the laws of the State of Arizona.

(f) "Kent Decree" means the decree dated March 1, 1910, entered in Patrick T. Hurley versus Charles F. Abbott, and others, Case Numbered 4564, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Maricopa, and all decrees supplemental thereto.

(g) "RWCD" means the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, an irrigation district organized under the laws of the State of Arizona.

(h) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.

(i) "SRP" means the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, an Arizona corporation.

#### SEC. 404. KENT DECREE REREGULATION.

(a) To permit the Community to more fully utilize its water rights under the Kent Decree as provided in the Agreement and subsection (b) of this section, the agreement between the United States and the SRP dated June 3, 1935, as amended on November 26, 1935, relating to the Verde River Storage Works, and the agreement among the SRP, Phelps Dodge Corporation, and the Defense Plant Corporation dated March 1, 1944, including, but not limited to, the provisions of such agreements by which SRP saves and holds harmless the United States, and the rights of the United States and SRP to Verde River storage, are hereby ratified, confirmed and declared to be valid: *Provided, however,* That the priority date and quantification of these storage rights, and such other storage rights as may exist, shall be determined in an appropriate state proceeding in the State of Arizona. Nothing in this Act or the Agreement shall affect the validity or invalidity of any permit, right-of-way, license or grant held by Phelps Dodge Corporation for the utilization of land or water within the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

(b) The Secretary is authorized and directed to contract with SRP, for a period of not more than twenty-five years from the date the authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act become effective, for the utilization of up to three thousand acre-feet of the existing storage right of the United States and SRP behind Bartlett and Horseshoe Dams on the Verde River for the reregulation of the Community's rights to water under the Kent Decree. This storage space shall be for seasonal regulation only, with no annual carry-over past October 1.

#### SEC. 405. RATIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACTS.

(a) The contract between the SRP and RWCD dated October 24, 1924, together with all amendments thereto and any extension thereof entered into pursuant to the Agreement, is ratified, confirmed, and declared to be valid.

(b) The Secretary is authorized and directed to revise the sub-contract of the RWCD agricultural water service from the CAP to

include an addendum substantially in the form of exhibit "10.3.2" to the Agreement and to execute the subcontract as revised. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall approve the conversions of agricultural water to municipal and industrial uses authorized by the addendum at such time as the conditions authorizing such conversions, as set forth in the addendum, are found to exist.

(c) The lands within the RWCD and the lands within the SRP shall be free from the ownership limitations of Federal reclamation law and all full cost pricing provisions of Federal law.

(d) Neither SRP nor the RWCD shall become subject to the provisions of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.) by virtue of either of their participation in the settlement or their execution and performance of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, any exchanges provided for in the Agreement.

#### SEC. 406. OTHER WATER.

(a) The Secretary is authorized and directed to acquire for the Community thirteen thousand nine hundred thirty-three acre-feet of water from one or a combination of the following sources:

(1) CAP water permanently relinquished by the HVID pursuant to contract with the Secretary.

(2) CAP municipal and industrial water and CAP Indian priority water permanently relinquished by the City of Prescott, the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe, the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community of the Camp Verde Reservation, the Cottonwood Water Company or the Camp Verde Water Company pursuant to contract with the Secretary. Any water acquired by the Secretary pursuant to this section shall be acquired with the consent of the contracting entity and shall be assigned to the Community in partial satisfaction of the Secretary's obligation under this section.

(3) In the event that the Secretary cannot acquire thirteen thousand nine hundred and thirty-three acre-feet of water, solely or in combination, from the sources identified in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, then the Secretary is authorized to acquire, from all water resources within the State of Arizona at the disposal of the United States, water in amounts necessary to meet the requirements of this section.

#### HARQUAHALA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

(b) The Secretary is authorized to contract with the HVID for the permanent relinquishment of any portion of HVID's rights to CAP agricultural water.

(1) The Secretary may use HVID water with its original CAP agricultural priority or may convert it, at the rate of one acre-foot per CAP-eligible acre, to a maximum of thirty-three thousand two hundred and sixty-three acre-feet of CAP Indian priority water. Up to thirteen thousand nine hundred and thirty-three acre-feet of such water shall be made available to the Community by contract with the Secretary.

(2) As consideration for the fair value of water relinquished under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary is authorized:

(i) to credit the HVID with an appropriate share of its outstanding CAP distribution system debt, with such share reflecting the relationship between the amount of HVID

CAP rights acquired by the Secretary and the total CAP allocation of the HVID; and

(ii) to offset the annual repayment requirements of the CAWCD under repayment contract numbered 14-06-W-245 in amounts which total the balance of the fair value of the water acquired and not accounted for under (i) above until such value is exhausted.

(3) In the event that the Secretary acquires all or a part of the CAP water rights of the HVID, the following shall apply:

(i) The Secretary is authorized to transfer title to existing Federal facilities within HVID that are no longer needed for CAP purposes to the CAWCD or to other non-Federal entities.

(ii) The Secretary is authorized to approve or execute any agreements that are necessary to accomplish the transfer of HVID's CAP agricultural water rights to the Secretary for Indian water rights settlement purposes. As a condition of the transfer of such entitlement, the lands which are purchased by non-Federal interests within HVID must be excluded from HVID. Except as provided for in Article 8.7 of the December 1, 1988, contract between the United States and CAWCD, the excluded lands shall not be entitled to a supply of CAP water for agricultural purposes and shall not be subject to the ownership limitations of Federal reclamation law and all full cost pricing provisions of Federal law.

(iii) The agreement implementing the transfer of HVID's CAP agricultural water rights to the Secretary shall provide that any lands which remain in HVID or its successor shall continue to be subject to the ownership limitations of Federal reclamation law and all full cost pricing provisions of Federal law as long as HVID, or its successor, has a Federal repayment obligation for the cost of the CAP distribution system. The agreement implementing the transfer shall provide that lands remaining in HVID, or its successor, will not bear costs of operation, maintenance, and replacement for the CAP distribution system greater than that which they would have in the absence of the transfer of HVID's CAP agricultural water rights.

(4) Water acquired by the Secretary for the Fort McDowell Indian Community pursuant to this subsection shall be delivered to the Community as provided for in the Agreement. Any remaining water acquired by the Secretary pursuant to this subsection (b) shall be used only in the settlement of water rights claims of other Indian tribes having claims to the water in the Salt and Verde River system.

#### VERDE RIVER WATERSHED

(c) Providing that the Secretary first acquires at least seven thousand acre-feet of CAP water from one or more of the entities named in subsection (a)(2), of this section, the Secretary is authorized to acquire, by purchase from willing sellers, land and water rights in the Big Chino Valley of the Verde River watershed, in an amount sufficient to replace all such water so acquired.

(1) The Secretary shall not acquire any land or water rights in the Big Chino Valley of the Verde River watershed until he has completed a study to determine whether, through the construc-

tion of water diversion, collection, and conveyance facilities to deliver water to a point near Sullivan Lake in Yavapai County, Arizona (hereinafter referred to as the "Sullivan Lake delivery point"), the exercise of such water rights will not have an adverse effect on the flow or the biota of the Verde River and that such exercise is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of *Meda fulgida* (spikedace) or any other threatened or endangered species. The Secretary shall make the study required by this paragraph available to the public for inspection and comment upon its completion.

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(2) The Secretary is authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Prescott to reimburse the city for not to exceed \$800,000 advanced to the Secretary by the city for the purpose of expediting completion of the study required in subsection (c)(1) of this section.

(3) If the Secretary determines, based upon the findings of the study, that the exercise of water rights will not have an adverse effect on the flow or the biota of the Verde River and is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of *Meda fulgida* (spikedace) or any other threatened or endangered species, the Secretary shall be authorized to acquire land in the Big Chino Valley and to construct diversion, collection, and conveyance facilities sufficient to deliver the water to the Sullivan Lake delivery point.

(4) The Secretary shall develop and implement a continuous monitoring program to ensure that groundwater pumping from land acquired pursuant to this subsection (c) shall not adversely affect the flow or the biota of the Verde River and to ensure that it will not jeopardize the continued existence of *Meda fulgida* (spikedace) or any other threatened or endangered species. The program shall be developed prior to and implemented concurrent with the construction of the facilities described in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

(d) If the Secretary acquires the CAP contract or subcontracts of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community of the Camp Verde Reservation, the Cottonwood Water Company or the Camp Verde Water Company, the Secretary is authorized to construct water conveyance facilities from the Sullivan Lake delivery point to a point downstream on the Verde River. Subject to the study required in subsection (d)(1) of this section and all applicable law, the Secretary is further authorized to place into the Verde River at the point downstream an amount of water sufficient, including all losses, to replace the water assigned by such entity or entities pursuant to this subsection.

(1) The Secretary shall not construct any water conveyance facilities from the Sullivan Lake delivery point to any point downstream on the Verde River to replace water assigned pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section, until he has completed a study to determine whether the flow of the Verde River may be augmented without jeopardizing the continued existence of *Meda fulgida* (spikedace) or any other threatened or endangered species and, if the flow of the Verde may be so augmented, at what point or points downstream from the Sullivan Lake delivery point such augmentation would be most appropriate.

(2) The Secretary shall, in conjunction with arrangements for the delivery of water pursuant to this subsection (d), develop and implement a monitoring program to ensure that the aug-

mentation of the Verde River will not jeopardize the continued existence of *Meda fulgida* (spikedace) or any other threatened or endangered species.

(e) If the Secretary acquires the CAP contract or subcontract of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe or the City of Prescott, the Secretary is authorized to construct water conveyance facilities from the Sullivan Lake delivery point to the City of Prescott's existing pumping facilities in the Little Chino Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona. If the Secretary constructs such water conveyance facilities, the City of Prescott shall repay the Secretary for the costs thereof. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the City of Prescott from constructing such conveyance facilities itself.

(1) The Secretary shall deliver water to the City of Prescott's existing pumping facilities or to such other point as the Secretary and the City of Prescott may agree, in an amount sufficient, including all losses, to replace the water acquired from the City of Prescott and the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe.

(2) The Secretary is authorized and directed to enter into such agreements as are necessary to ensure that the Yavapai-Prescott Tribe will receive its share of the water to be developed by the Secretary pursuant to this subsection (e). Such agreement shall set forth the cost and other terms of delivery of such water.

(3) The Secretary is authorized and directed, at the request of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, to enter into and renew agreements granting the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe long-term grazing privileges on the land acquired by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section: *Provided*, That the exercise of such privileges by the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe shall not interfere with the exercise of water rights upon such land except for water reasonably needed by the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe in connection with grazing.

(f) The Secretary is authorized to contract to deliver replacement water to the entities identified in subsections (d) and (e) of this section which relinquish CAP water to the Secretary for the benefit of the Community. The replacement water shall be delivered by the Secretary at the Sullivan Lake delivery point unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary and the entity to receive the water. No replacement water may be delivered to any entity other than those identified in subsection (a)(2) of their section or their agents, and no replacement water may be used directly or indirectly outside Yavapai County, Arizona.

(g) The entities which relinquish CAP water to the Community pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section shall not be required to repay costs incurred by the United States pursuant to subsections (c) and (c)(3) of this section. The entities identified in subsection (d) of this section, except for any entity which is an Indian tribe, shall repay the United States so much of the cost of the undertaking identified in subsection (d) as the entities and the United States shall agree. The costs of any undertaking pursuant to this subsection (g) allocated to an Indian tribe shall be nonreimbursable.

(h) The Secretary is authorized and directed to study the sources and cost of the water supplies, other than those identified in this section, that can be used to satisfy the water rights of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and of the Yavapai-Apache Indian Community of the Camp Verde Reservation. A separate study shall be made for each tribe. Each study shall be commenced within one hundred



and eighty days after the enactment of this Act and shall be completed within one year after it is commenced. Copies of such studies shall be provided to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the United States Senate.

(i) If the Secretary acquires water for the Community pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of this section, then the Secretary shall exclude, for the purpose of determining the allocation and repayment of costs of the CAP as provided in Article 9.3 of Contract No. 14-06-W-245 between the United States and CAWCD dated December 15, 1972, and any amendment or revision thereof, the costs associated with such water from CAWCD's repayment obligation and such costs shall be non-reimbursable.

(j) The Secretary shall, in the exercise of the authorities provided in subsection (a) of this section, comply with all applicable environmental law.

(k) If the Secretary acquires at least seven thousand acre-feet of CAP water from the entities identified in subsection (a)(2) of this section, there is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$80,000,000 to pay the costs of acquiring the land and water resources identified in subsection (c) of this section and the costs allocable to the construction of diversion, collection, and conveyance facilities described in subsection (c); costs allocable to the construction or diversion, collection, and conveyance facilities shall be adjusted by 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 types of construction involved therein.

(l) There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to provide for the studies required in subsections (c)(1), (d)(1), and (h) of this section and for the monitoring programs described in subsections (c)(4) and (d)(2) of this section.

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#### SEC. 407. WATER DELIVERY CONTRACT AMENDMENTS; WATER LEASE.

(a) The Secretary is authorized and directed to amend the CAP water delivery contract between the United States and the community dated December 11, 1980 (herein referred to as the "Community CAP Delivery Contract"), as follows:

(1) to extend the term of such contract to December 31, 2099, and to provide for its subsequent renewal upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon by the parties prior to the expiration of the extended term thereof;

(2) to authorize the Community to lease the CAP water to which the Community is entitled under the Community CAP Delivery Contract to the City of Phoenix under the terms and conditions of the Project Water lease set forth in exhibit "20.2.2" to the Agreement for a term commencing January 1, 2001, and ending December 31, 2099.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amendments to the Community CAP Delivery Contract set forth in exhibit "20.2.1" to the Agreement and the terms and conditions of the Project Water Lease set forth in exhibit "20.2.2" to the Agreement are hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed.

(c) The United States shall not impose upon the Community the operation, maintenance and replacement charges described and set forth in section "6(b)" of the Community CAP Delivery Contract or any other charge with respect to CAP water delivered or required to

be delivered to the City of Phoenix as lessee of the Project Water Lease herein authorized.

(d) The Community and the Secretary shall lease to the City of Phoenix, for a term commencing on January 1, 2001, and ending December 2099, for consideration in an amount agreed to by the Community and the City to be paid by the City to the Community, upon those reflected in the Project Water Lease set forth in exhibit "20.2.2" to the Agreement, the four thousand three hundred acre-feet of CAP water to which the Community is entitled under the Community CAP Delivery Contract. The Project Water Lease shall specifically provide that—

(1) the City of Phoenix, in accordance with its obligations under the Project Water Leases, shall pay all operation, maintenance and replacement costs of such water to the United States, or, if directed by the Secretary, to the CAWCD: *Provided*, That such payments shall not be commenced earlier than October 1, 1999;

(2) except as otherwise provided in the Project Water Lease, the City of Phoenix shall not be obligated to pay water service capital charges or municipal and industrial subcontract charges or any other charges or payment for such CAP water other than the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs and lease payments as set forth in this subsection.

(e) For the purpose of determining the allocation and repayment of costs of the CAP as provided in Article 9.3 of Contract Numbered 14-06-W-245 shall be United States of America and the CAWCD dated December 15, 1972, and any amendment or revision thereof, the costs associated with the delivery of CAP water pursuant to the Project Water Lease referred to in subsection (d) shall be nonreimbursable, and such costs shall be excluded from CAWCD's repayment obligation.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision statutory of or common law, the Community may, with the approval of the Secretary, lease water provided to the Community under section 406 of this Act for its fair market value for a term not to exceed 100 years as provided in the Agreement but in no event for use outside Pima, Pinal or Maricopa Counties, State of Arizona. If some or all of the water provided to the Community under section 406 of this Act is CAP water, the provisions of subsections of (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section 407 shall apply to any lease of such water.

(g) Except as authorized by this section, no water made available to the Community or its members pursuant to the Agreement may be sold, leased, transferred, or in any way used off the Community's reservation.

(h) If water is acquired from the Salt and Verde watershed pursuant to section (406)(a)(3), no such water may be sold, leased, transferred, or in any way be used off of the Community's reservation.

**SEC. 408. FORT McDOWELL INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND;  
LOAN.**

(a) As soon as practicable, the Community shall establish the Fort McDowell Indian Community Development Fund into which shall be deposited—

(1) by the Secretary, the funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) by the State of Arizona, \$2,000,000 required by paragraph 21.4 of the Agreement.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, together with interest accruing from one year after the date of enactment of this Act at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury taking into account the average market yield on outstanding Federal obligations of comparable maturity, \$23,000,000 which the Secretary shall deposit into the Community Development Fund for the Community to use in the design and construction of facilities to put to beneficial use the Community's water entitlement and for other economic and community development on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation.

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(c) As of the date the authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act become effective, the Community, in its discretion, may use the Development Fund, principal and income, to fulfill the purposes of the Agreement and this title: *Provided*, That no amount of the Federal or State appropriations deposited into the Development Fund may be used to make per capita payments to members of the Community.

(d) As of the date the authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act become effective—

(1) the Secretary shall have no further duties or responsibilities with respect to the administration of, or expenditures from, the Development Fund, and

(2) the United States shall not be liable for any claim or cause of action arising from the Community's use and expenditure of moneys from the Development Fund.

(e) The Secretary is authorized and directed to provide to the Community a loan pursuant to the Small Reclamation Projects Act (Ch. 972, 70 Stat. 1044, 43 U.S.C. 422a, as amended), in the amount of \$13,000,000, to be repaid over a term of fifty years without interest, for the purpose of constructing facilities for the conveyance and delivery of water on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation: *Provided*, That any requirements for qualifying for the loan are hereby waived, including, but not limited to, the provisions of section 3, 4(b)(2), 5(a) and 5(c) of the Small Reclamation Projects Act.

(1) The Community shall establish an account into which the Community shall deposit \$1,000,000. The principal and all accrued income shall be retained in such fund until such time as the Community's obligation to repay the loan under subsection (e) is fulfilled.

(2) No appropriations for the construction of the CAP made after the date of enactment of this Act shall be used to plan, design, construct, or operate any facilities on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation.

#### SEC. 409. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.

(a) The benefits realized by the Community's members under this Act shall constitute full and complete satisfaction of all members' claims for water rights or injuries to water rights under Federal and State laws (including claims for water rights in ground water, surface water, and effluent) from time immemorial to the effective date of this Act, and for any and all future claims of water rights (including claims for water rights in ground water, surface water, and effluent) from and after the effective date of this Act.

(b) The Community and the Secretary on behalf of the United States are authorized, as part of the performance of the obligations

under the Agreement, to execute a waiver and release of all present and future claims of water rights or injuries to water rights (including water rights in ground water, surface water, and effluent), from time immemorial to the effective date of this Act, and any and all future claims of water rights (including water rights in ground water, surface water, and effluent), from and after the effective date of this Act, which the Community and its members may have, against the United States, the State of Arizona or 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.

(c) Except as provided in paragraphs 19.2 and 19.5 of the Agreement, the United States shall not assert any claim against the State of Arizona or any political subdivision thereof, or any other person, corporation, or municipal corporation, arising under the laws of the United States or the State of Arizona in its own right or on behalf of the Community based upon—

(1) water rights or injuries to water rights of the Community and its members; or

(2) water rights or injuries to water rights held by the United States on behalf of the Community and its members.

(d) In the event the authorizations contained in subsection (b) of this section do not become effective pursuant to section 412(a), the Community shall retain the right to assert past and future water rights claims as to all reservation lands.

#### SEC. 410. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.

(a) Execution of the settlement Agreement by the Secretary as provided for in section 411(d) shall not constitute major Federal action under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The Secretary is directed to carry out all necessary environmental compliance, except as specifically directed otherwise herein, during the implementation phase of this settlement.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out all necessary environmental compliance associated with this settlement, including mitigation measures adopted by the Secretary.

(c) With respect to this settlement, the Bureau of Reclamation shall be designated as the lead agency in regard to environmental compliance, and shall coordinate and cooperate with the other affected Federal agencies as required under applicable environmental laws.

(d) Except as specifically set forth herein, the Secretary shall comply with all aspects of NEPA and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and other applicable environmental acts and regulations in proceeding through the implementation phase of this settlement: *Provided, however,* That in regard to NEPA compliance, the Secretary is precluded from studying or considering alternatives to the Community's on-reservation agriculture development plans which will be facilitated by the settlement, or performed under the Small Reclamation Projects loan made pursuant to section 408(e).

#### SEC. 411. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(a) In the event any party to the Agreement should file a lawsuit in Federal District Court relating only and directly to the

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interpretation or enforcement of this title or the Agreement, naming the United States of America or the Community as parties, authorization is hereby granted to join the United States of America and/or the Community in any such litigation, and any claim by the United States of America or the Community to sovereign immunity from such suit is hereby waived.

(b) The United States of America shall make no claims for reimbursement of costs arising out of the implementation of this title or the Agreement against any lands within the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation, and no assessment shall be made with regard to such costs against such lands.

(c) Water received by entities other than the Community pursuant to the Agreement shall not affect any future allocation or reallocation of the CAP supply.

(d) To the extent the Agreement does not conflict with the provisions of this title, such Agreement is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed. The Secretary is authorized and directed to execute and perform such Agreement. The Secretary is further authorized to execute any amendments to the Agreement and perform any action required by any amendments to the Agreement which may be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

(e) As of the date the authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act become effective, section 302(a) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act (43 U.S.C. 1522(a)) shall no longer apply to the Community.

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note.

(f) An easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Community's water diversion system on and within the lands identified in the Community's special permit extension application dated July 12, 1990, filed with the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, is hereby granted in perpetuity.

(g) As of the date the authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act and in section 10(b) of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act (102 Stat. 2549) become effective, subsection 404(a) of this Act shall become effective as to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the United States.

Effective date.

(h) Section 7(a) of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Water Rights Act (102 Stat. 2549) is hereby amended by striking the date "1990" and inserting in lieu thereof "1991."

102 Stat. 2553.

#### SEC. 412. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) The authorizations contained in section 409(b) of this Act shall become effective as of the date the Secretary causes to be published in the Federal Register a statement of findings that:

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(1) the Secretary has signed a contract with the SRP for the storage and reregulation of the Community's Kent Decree water pursuant to section 404;

(2) the RWCD subcontract for agricultural water service from CAP has been revised and executed as provided in section 405(b);

(3) the Secretary has acquired water pursuant to section 406 and made it available for delivery for the benefit of the Community;

(4) the funds authorized by section 408(b) have been appropriated and deposited into the Community Development Fund;

(5) the loan authorized by section 408(e) has been provided to the Community;

(6) the State of Arizona has appropriated and deposited into the Community Development Fund the \$2,000,000 required by paragraph 21.4 of the Agreement;

(7) the stipulation which is attached to the Agreement as exhibit "19.5" has been approved; and

(8) the Agreement has been modified to the extent it is in conflict with this title and has been executed by the Secretary.

(b) If the actions described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of subsection (a) of this section have not occurred by December 31, 1993, sections 4, 5(a), and 5(b), if they have not theretofore become effective pursuant to the provisions of the Act of October 20, 1988 (Public Law 100-512), and sections 407, 408(a), 408(b), 408(e), 409(b), 409(c), 411(a), 411(b), 411(c), 411(d), 411(e) and 411(f) of this Act and any contracts entered into pursuant to those provisions shall not thereafter be effective, and any funds appropriated pursuant to section 408(b) of this Act shall revert to the Treasury, and any funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph 21.4 of the Agreement shall revert to the State of Arizona.

#### SEC. 413. OTHER CLAIMS.

Nothing in the Agreement or this title shall be construed in any way to quantify or otherwise adversely affect the land and water rights, claims or entitlements to water of any Arizona Indian tribe, band or community, other than the Community.

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### TITLE V—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM UNITS IN TEXAS

#### SEC. 501. EXPANSION OF SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) EXPANSION.—Section 201(a) of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Act of 1972; to provide for the establishment of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park; and other purposes" (16 U.S.C. 410ee(a)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: "The park shall also consist of the lands and interests therein within the area bounded by the line depicted as 'Proposed Boundary Extension' on the maps entitled 'San Antonio Missions National Historical Park', numbered 472-80,075, 472-80,076, 472-80,077, 472-80,078, 472-80,079, 472-80,080, and 472-80,081 and dated June 7, 1990, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the same manner as is such drawing."

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES.—Section 201(f)(2) of such Act is amended by striking "not more than \$500,000." and inserting "not more than \$15,000,000."

16 USC 460eee.

#### SEC. 502. LAKE MEREDITH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to provide for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment of the lands and waters associated with Lake Meredith in the State of Texas, and to protect the scenic, scientific, cultural, and other values contributing to the public enjoyment of such lands and waters, there is hereby established the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "recreation area").

(b) AREA INCLUDED.—The recreation area shall consist of the lands, waters, and interests therein within the area generally depicted on the map entitled "Lake Meredith National Recreation Area Boundary Map, 'Fee-Take Line'", numbered SWRO-80,023-A,