



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 482 **American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 23, 2007*

H.R. 482 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain federal land and a water pumping facility that is under construction on the American River to the Placer County Water Agency in California. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 482 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

The bureau is constructing a water pumping station to replace the station that it acquired and dismantled in the early 1970s to build the planned Auburn Dam. To date, however, the Auburn Dam has not been built and there are no current plans to build it. Currently, the Placer County Water Agency expects that construction of the water pumping facility will be completed in the spring of 2008. Under this act, once the pumping station is constructed, the Secretary would convey it and some adjacent land and facilities to the Placer County Water Agency.

The bureau installs a temporary water pump each spring so that the agency can access its water rights. The pump must be removed every fall due to high flood waters during the winter months. The bureau spends between \$220,000 to \$450,000 annually to operate and maintain this temporary pumping station. CBO estimates that the federal government could save those operation and maintenance costs once the new station is finished.

H.R. 482 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The facilities and land conveyance authorized by this act would be accepted voluntarily by the Placer County Water Agency. Thus, any costs it might incur to comply with the conditions of conveyance would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Tyler Kruzich. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.