



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 9, 2007

**H.R. 1503**

**Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 1503 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, and construction of water recycling facilities and to enhance and restore riparian habitat in the Black Wash Sonoran Desert ecosystem in Avra Valley, Arizona.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1503 would cost \$14 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1503 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Pima County, Arizona, would benefit from federal assistance authorized by the bill.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1503 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	4	5	5	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	6	6	0	0

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2007 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year.

H.R. 1503 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, and construction of water recycling facilities and to enhance and restore riparian habitat in the Black Wash Sonoran Desert ecosystem in Avra Valley, Arizona. The project would be constructed with the cooperation of Pima County, Arizona. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the project cost would total about \$56 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of the cost of the project would be limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the total cost or \$14 million. In addition, federal funds would not be available for operation and maintenance of the project once it is completed.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$14 million (25 percent of \$56 million) over the 2008-2012 period.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 1503 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Pima County, Arizona, would benefit from federal assistance authorized by the bill.

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