



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 30
Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System
Pressurization and Expansion Project**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 30 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to help design, plan, and construct facilities to recycle water in the Eastern Municipal Water District of California.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 30 would cost \$12 million over the 2008-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 30 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 30 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	2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	5	4	2	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	4	5	2	0	0

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that necessary amounts will be appropriated during fiscal year 2008 and near the start of subsequent fiscal years. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities.

H.R. 30 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Eastern Municipal Water District of California, to help design, plan, and construct facilities needed to establish pressure zones that would be used to provide recycled water to the district. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that the total cost of the project would be \$48 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of the project would be 25 percent, and federal funds would not be available for operation and maintenance. The authority of the Secretary to carry out the projects would sunset 10 years after the date of the enactment of the act.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts necessary to proceed with the project, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$12 million over the 2008-2013 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 30 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Funds authorized in the act to design, plan, and construct a system for recycling water would benefit the Eastern Municipal Water District in southern California. Any costs the district might incur would result from complying with conditions for receiving federal assistance.

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