



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2649  
Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement  
and Reclamation Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on April 30, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2649 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to help plan, design, and construct projects to treat, reclaim, and reuse water from Lake Hodges in San Diego County, California.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2649 would cost \$14 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2649 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. 2649 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 |      |      |      |      |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|
|   | 2009                                   | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |  |      |      |      |      |
| Estimated Authorization Level                       | 4                                      | 5    | 5    | 0    | 0    |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 2                                      | 4    | 6    | 2    | 0    |

**BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted by the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year.

H.R. 2649 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to help plan, design, and construct projects to treat, reclaim, and reuse water from Lake Hodges in San Diego County, California. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the total cost of those projects would be \$56 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of those costs would be limited to the lesser of 25 percent or \$14 million. Federal funds would not be available for operating and maintaining the projects.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$14 million over the 2009-2013 period.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2649 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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