



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 23, 2002

H.R. 5399 **Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems** **Conveyance Act of 2002**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 8, 2002

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5399 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. This bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey all right, title, and interest of the federal government in the Carpinteria Distribution System to the Carpinteria Valley Water District, and in the Montecito Water Distribution System to the Montecito Water District. Both of these water distribution systems are part of the Cachuma Project in Santa Barbara County, California.

The Carpinteria Valley Water District has made all required payments on its contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for construction of the Carpinteria Distribution System. The Montecito Water District still owes about \$9,000 for construction of the Montecito Water Distribution System and would be required to pay that sum as a condition of conveyance. Currently, the bureau spends less than \$5,000 every three years to inspect these water distribution systems. Once these systems are conveyed, all operations and maintenance, including inspections, would be the responsibility of the districts.

Enacting H.R. 5399 would not affect direct spending or revenues. This legislation 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.

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