



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

June 18, 2004

**H.R. 1648  
Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems  
Conveyance Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on June 16, 2004*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1648 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. This act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey all rights, 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 system. The Montecito Water District still owes about \$7,000 for construction of its 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. The next inspections will take place in 2005. Once these systems are conveyed, all operations and maintenance (including inspections) would be the responsibility of the districts.

H.R. 1648 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. Enacting H.R. 1648 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

On November 7, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1648 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are our cost estimates.

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