



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 236**  
**North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 16, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 236 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with state entities in California to carry out water reclamation and reuse projects in the North San Pablo Bay watershed. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 236 would cost \$25 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 236 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. 236 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-
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013

**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Estimated Authorization Level	10	15	0	0	0	25
Estimated Outlays	8	12	5	0	0	25

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

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

H.R. 236 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with local governments in California for the planning, design, and construction of phase I of a project to reclaim and reuse water in the North San Pablo Bay watershed in California. The project would be carried out in two phases, and the second phase would require a subsequent authorization from the Congress.

Under the legislation, the federal share of this phase of the project would be limited to 25 percent. In addition, federal funds would not be available for operating and maintaining the project once it is completed. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$25 million over the 2009-2013 period.

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

H.R. 236 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The state of California and certain county governments would benefit from the project authorized in this act. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On November 30, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 236, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 15, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, as are their estimated costs.

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