



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 21, 2007

## H.R. 2614

### **An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California**

*As passed by the House of Representatives on November 13, 2007*

#### SUMMARY

H.R. 2614 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement two projects to reclaim and reuse groundwater in California. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2614 would cost \$21 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2614 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. 2614 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	4	6	6	5	0
Estimated Outlays	3	6	6	4	2

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the start of calendar year 2008 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each fiscal year. Estimates of outlays are based on information provided by the Bureau of Reclamation.

H.R. 2614 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to design, plan, and construct two projects to reclaim and reuse groundwater in California. The projects would be done in coordination with the Yucaipa Valley Water District and the City of Corona Water Utility.

CBO estimates that the Yucaipa project would cost about \$67 million, while the Corona project would cost \$16 million. Under the legislation, the federal share of all costs would be limited to 25 percent, and the Secretary would be prohibited from providing funds for operation and maintenance of the projects. CBO estimates that implementing the projects would cost \$21 million over the 2008-2012 period.

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

H.R. 2614 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the two public water districts.

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