



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 1107** **Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on October 8, 2015*

H.R. 1107 would require the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to assess the maintenance needs of its facilities, develop a ranking system to prioritize the rehabilitation needs of facilities that it operates, and work with nonfederal partners that have taken over the operation of certain other facilities to develop similar systems. Under current law, BOR gathers and analyzes data on its facilities, and makes the results available to the Congress and the public through its budget documents and various other reports throughout the year. Under the bill, BOR would need to consolidate those results into one report every two years including the ranking information and the estimated costs of necessary rehabilitation projects. Based on information from BOR, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would cost \$2 million over the 2016-2020 period.

Enacting H.R. 1107 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1107 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

H.R. 1107 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Any costs incurred by public entities to comply with the bill's reporting requirements would result from participating in a voluntary federal program.

On September 3, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 593, the Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 30, 2015. H.R. 1107 is similar to provisions in S. 593, although S. 593 includes a provision that would reduce the authorization level for the Central Valley Water Recycling Project in Salt Lake County, Utah, by \$2 million. The CBO cost estimates reflect that difference.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Aurora Swanson. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.