

1 **DIVISION H—WATER**
 2 **RESOURCES**
 3 **TITLE LXXXI—WATER RE-**
 4 **SOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**
 5 **OF 2022**

4 **SEC. 8311. ACEQUIAS IRRIGATION SYSTEMS.**

5 Section 1113 of the Water Resources Development
 6 Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4232; 110 Stat. 3719) is amend-
 7 ed—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) by striking “(b) Subject to section
 10 903(a) of this Act, the Secretary is authorized
 11 and directed to undertake” and inserting the
 12 following:

13 “(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall carry
 14 out”; and

15 (B) by striking “canals” and all that fol-
 16 lows through “100 percent.” and inserting the
 17 following: “channels attendant to the operations
 18 of the community ditch and Acequia systems in
 19 New Mexico that—

20 “(1) are declared to be a political subdivision of
 21 the State; or

22 “(2) belong to an Indian Tribe (as defined in
 23 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
 24 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 2 section (f);

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 4 lowing:

5 “(c) INCLUSIONS.—The measures described in sub-
 6 section (b) shall, to the maximum extent practicable—

7 “(1) ensure greater resiliency of diversion struc-
 8 tures, including to flow variations, prolonged
 9 drought conditions, invasive plant species, and

10 threats from changing hydrological and climatic con-
11 ditions; or
12 “(2) support research, development, and train-
13 ing for innovative management solutions, including
14 those for controlling invasive aquatic plants that af-
15 fect acequias.
16 “(d) COST SHARING.—The non-Federal share of the
17 cost of carrying out the measures described in subsection
18 (b), including study costs, shall be 25 percent, except that
19 in the case of a measure benefitting an economically dis-
20 advantaged community (as defined by the Secretary under
21 section 160 of the Water Resources Development Act of
22 2020 (33 U.S.C. 2201 note)), including economically dis-
23 advantaged communities located in urban and rural areas,
24 the Federal share of the cost of carrying out such measure
25 shall be 90 percent.

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1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the measures
3 described in subsection (b) \$80,000,000.”; and
4 (4) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated)—
5 (A) in the first sentence—
6 (i) by striking “(f) The Secretary is
7 further authorized and directed to” and in-
8 serting the following:
9 “(f) PUBLIC ENTITY STATUS.—
10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”; and
11 (ii) by inserting “or belong to an In-
12 dian Tribe within the State of New Mex-
13 ico” after “that State”; and
14 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
15 “This public entity status will allow the officials
16 of these Acequia systems” and inserting the fol-
17 lowing:
18 “(2) EFFECT.—The public entity status pro-
19 vided under paragraph (1) shall allow the officials of
20 the Acequia systems described in such paragraph”.