read as follows: "There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to provide financial and technical assistance under this section—

- (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
- "(2) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
- "(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
- "(4) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and
- "(5) \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2005."

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### CHAPTER 18A—COOPERATIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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# §1015. Definitions

In this chapter:

# (1) Affected stakeholder

The term "affected stakeholder" means an entity that significantly affects, or is significantly affected by, the quality or quantity of water in a watershed, as determined by the Secretary.

# (2) Grant recipient

The term "grant recipient" means a watershed group that the Secretary has selected to receive a grant under section 1015a(c)(2) of this title.

## (3) Program

The term "program" means the Cooperative Watershed Management Program established by the Secretary under section 1015a(a) of this title.

#### (4) Secretary

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

# (5) Watershed group

The term "watershed group" means a selfsustaining, cooperative watershed-wide group that—

(A) is comprised of representatives of the affected stakeholders of the relevant watershed;

(B) incorporates the perspectives of a diverse array of stakeholders, including, to the maximum extent practicable—

(i) representatives of-

(I) hydroelectric production;

(II) livestock grazing;

(III) timber production;

(IV) land development;

(V) recreation or tourism;

(VI) irrigated agricultural production;

(VII) the environment;

(VIII) potable water purveyors and industrial water users; and

(IX) private property owners within the watershed;

(ii) any Federal agency that has authority with respect to the watershed; (iii) any State agency that has authority with respect to the watershed;

(iv) any local agency that has authority with respect to the watershed; and

(v) any Indian tribe that—

(I) owns land within the watershed; or (II) has land in the watershed that is held in trust;

(C) is a grassroots, nonregulatory entity that addresses water availability and quality issues within the relevant watershed;

(D) is capable of promoting the sustainable use of the water resources of the relevant watershed and improving the functioning condition of rivers and streams through—

(i) water conservation;

(ii) improved water quality;

(iii) ecological resiliency; and

 $(\ensuremath{\text{iv}})$  the reduction of water conflicts; and

(E) makes decisions on a consensus basis, as defined in the bylaws of the watershed group.

#### (6) Watershed management project

The term "watershed management project" means any project (including a demonstration project) that—

(A) enhances water conservation, including alternative water uses;

(B) improves water quality;

(C) improves ecological resiliency of a river or stream;

(D) reduces the potential for water conflicts: or

(E) advances any other goals associated with water quality or quantity that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title VI, §6001, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1165.)

# §1015a. Program

#### (a) Establishment

Not later than 180 days after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall establish a program, to be known as the "Cooperative Watershed Management Program", under which the Secretary shall provide grants—

(1)(A) to form a watershed group; or

(B) to enlarge a watershed group; and

(2) to conduct 1 or more projects in accordance with the goals of a watershed group.

#### (b) Application

# (1) Establishment of application process; criteria

Not later than 1 year after March 30, 2009, the Secretary shall establish—

 $\left( A\right)$  an application process for the program; and

(B) in consultation with the States, prioritization and eligibility criteria for considering applications submitted in accordance with the application process.

# (c) Distribution of grant funds

# (1) In general

In distributing grant funds under this section, the Secretary—

(A) shall comply with paragraph (2); and