

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 self-sustaining, 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
- (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—

- (A) 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