

**CHAPTER 32B—COLORADO RIVER  
FLOODWAY**

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**§ 1600. Findings and purposes**

**(a) Findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) there are multiple purposes established by law for the dams and other control structures administered by the Secretary of the Interior on the Colorado River;

(2) the maintenance of the Colorado River Floodway established in this chapter is essential to accomplish these multiple purposes;

(3) developments within the Floodway are and will continue to be vulnerable to damaging flows such as the property damage which occurred in 1983 and may occur in the future;

(4) certain Federal programs which subsidize or permit development within the Floodway threaten human life, health, property, and natural resources; and

(5) there is a need for coordinated Federal, State, and local action to limit Floodway development.

**(b) Purpose**

The Congress declares that the purposes of this chapter are to—

(1) establish the Colorado River Floodway, as designated and described further in this chapter, so as to provide benefits to river users and to minimize the loss of human life, protect health and safety, and minimize damage to property and natural resources by restricting future Federal expenditures and financial assistance, except public health funds, which have the effect of encouraging development within the Colorado River Floodway; and

(2) establish a task force to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress on establishment of the Floodway and on managing existing and future development within the Floodway, including the appropriateness of compensation in specified cases of extraordinary hardship.

(Pub. L. 99-450, § 2, Oct. 8, 1986, 100 Stat. 1129.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 99-450, Oct. 8, 1986, 100 Stat. 1129, known as the Colorado River Floodway Protection Act, which enacted this chapter and section 4029 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-450, § 1, Oct. 8, 1986, 100 Stat. 1129, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter and section 4029

of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the 'Colorado River Floodway Protection Act'."

**§ 1600a. Definitions**

(a) The term "Committees" refers to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate.

(b) The term "financial assistance" means any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance, payment, rebate, subsidy, or any other form of direct or indirect Federal assistance other than—

(1) general revenue-sharing grants made under section 6702<sup>1</sup> of title 31;

(2) deposit or account insurance for customers of banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, or similar institutions;

(3) the purchase of mortgages or loans by the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;

(4) assistance for environmental studies, plans, and assessments that are required incident to the issuance of permits or other authorizations under Federal law; and

(5) assistance pursuant to programs entirely unrelated to development, such as any Federal or federally assisted public assistance program or any Federal old-age, survivors, or disability insurance program.

Such term also includes flood insurance described in sections<sup>2</sup> 4029(a) and (b) of title 42 on and after the dates on which the provisions of those sections<sup>2</sup> become effective.

(c) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(d) The term "water district" means any public agency providing water service, including water districts, county water districts, public utility districts, and irrigation districts.

(e) The term "Floodway" means the Colorado River Floodway established in section 1600c of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-450, § 3, Oct. 8, 1986, 100 Stat. 1129; Pub. L. 103-437, § 16(a)(4), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4594.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Chapter 67 of title 31, including section 6702, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 99-272, title XIV, § 1400(a)(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 327. See also Codification note below.

The dates on which the provisions of sections 4029(a) and (b) of title 42 become effective, referred to in subsec. (b), is Oct. 8, 1986, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 99-450 which enacted section 4029(a), (b) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b)(1), "section 6702 of title 31" substituted for "section 102 of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Amendments of 1972 (31 U.S.C. 1221)" on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be in the singular.