

**§ 2213. Loans**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make loans to water users for the purposes of undertaking construction, management, conservation activities, or the acquisition and transportation of water consistent with State law, that can be expected to have an effect in mitigating losses and damages, including those suffered by fish and wildlife, resulting from drought conditions. Such loans shall be made available under such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems appropriate: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall not approve any loan unless the applicant can demonstrate an ability to repay such loan within the term of the loan: *Provided further*, That for all loans approved by the Secretary under the authority of this section, the interest rate shall be the rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on average market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with periods to maturity comparable to the repayment period of the loan. The repayment period for loans issued under this section shall not exceed fifteen years. The repayment period for such loans shall begin when the loan is executed. Sections 390cc(a) and 390tt of this title and sections 105 and 106 of Public Law 99-546 shall not apply to any contract to repay such loan. The Secretary shall notify the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives in writing of any loan which the Secretary intends to approve not less than thirty days prior to granting final approval.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title I, §103, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 55; Pub. L. 103-437, §16(a)(6), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4594.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 105 and 106 of Public Law 99-546, referred to in text, are sections 105 and 106 of Pub. L. 99-546, title I, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3051, 3052, relating to the automatic adjustment of rates for contracts for delivery of water from the Central Valley project in California, and provisions of such contracts requiring repayment by project water contractors of any deficits in payments of operation and maintenance costs, respectively, and are not classified to the Code.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs” before “of the House”.

## TERMINATION OF AUTHORITIES

For provisions directing that authorities established under this subchapter shall terminate ten years after Mar. 5, 1992, see section 2214(c) of this title.

**§ 2214. Applicable period of drought program****(a) In general**

The programs and authorities established under this subchapter shall become operative in any Reclamation State and in the State of Hawaii only after the Governor or Governors of the affected State or States, or on a reservation, when the governing body of the affected tribe has made a request for temporary drought assistance and the Secretary has determined that such temporary assistance is merited, or upon

the approval of a drought contingency plan as provided in subchapter II of this chapter.

**(b) Coordination with BPA**

If a Governor referred to in subsection (a) is the Governor of the State of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana, the Governor shall coordinate with the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration before making a request under subsection (a).

**(c) Termination of authority**

The authorities established under this subchapter shall terminate on September 30, 2017.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title I, §104, Mar. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 56; Pub. L. 106-566, title II, §201(a), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2820; Pub. L. 109-234, title II, §2306(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 456; Pub. L. 111-212, title I, §404(a), July 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 2313; Pub. L. 113-76, div. D, title II, §206, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 164.)

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-76 substituted “2017” for “2012”.

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-212 substituted “September 30, 2012” for “September 30, 2010”.

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-234 substituted “September 30, 2010” for “September 30, 2005”.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-566, §201(a)(1), inserted “and in the State of Hawaii” after “Reclamation State”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-566, §201(a)(2), substituted “on September 30, 2005” for “ten years after March 5, 1992”.

**§ 2215. Assistance for drought-related planning in reclamation States****(a) In general**

The Secretary may provide financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements in States that are eligible to receive drought assistance under this subchapter to promote the development of drought contingency plans under subchapter II.

**(b) Report**

Not later than one year after December 23, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report and recommendations on the advisability of providing financial assistance for the development of drought contingency plans in all entities that are eligible to receive assistance under subchapter II.

(Pub. L. 102-250, title I, §105, as added Pub. L. 106-566, title II, §201(b), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2820.)

## SUBCHAPTER II—DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING

**§ 2221. Identification of opportunities for water supply conservation, augmentation and use**

The Secretary is authorized to conduct studies to identify opportunities to conserve, augment, and make more efficient use of water supplies available to Federal Reclamation projects and Indian water resource developments in order to be prepared for and better respond to drought conditions. The Secretary is authorized to provide technical assistance to States and to local and tribal government entities to assist in the development, construction, and operation of