

Public Works of the Senate” for “Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Public Works of the Senate”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Public Works and Transportation of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress.

§ 701b-8. Submission of report by Chief of Engineers

It is declared to be the policy of the Congress that the following provisions shall be observed:

No project or any modification not authorized, of a project for flood control or rivers and harbors, shall be authorized by the Congress unless a report for such project or modification has been previously submitted by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, in conformity with existing law.

(Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1264, title II, §202, 68 Stat. 1256.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section comprises last two paragraphs of section 202 of act Sept. 3, 1954. First paragraph of section 202 is set out as a note under section 701-1 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior acts:

- May 17, 1950, ch. 188, title II, §202, 64 Stat. 170.
- June 30, 1948, ch. 771, title II, §202, 62 Stat. 1175.
- July 24, 1946, ch. 596, §2, 60 Stat. 641.

§ 701b-8a. Discontinuance of preliminary examination reports

For preliminary examinations and surveys authorized in previous river and harbor and flood control Acts, the Secretary of the Army is directed to cause investigations and reports for flood control and allied purposes, to be prepared under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers in the form of survey reports, and that preliminary examination reports shall no longer be required to be prepared.

(Pub. L. 85-500, title II, §208, July 3, 1958, 72 Stat. 319.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Previous river and harbor and flood-control Acts, referred to in text, means those acts prior to the River and Harbor Act of 1958 and the Flood Control Act of 1958, titles I and II of Pub. L. 85-500.

§ 701b-9. Availability of appropriations for expenses incident to operation of power boats or vessels; expenses defined; certification of expenditures

On and after July 31, 1947, no appropriation under the Corps of Engineers shall be available for any expenses incident to operating any

power-driven boat or vessel on other than Government business, and that Government business shall be construed to include transportation, lodging, and subsistence on inspection trips of Federal and State officials, having a public interest in authorized or proposed improvements for river and harbor and flood control, and any expenses incurred therefor shall be chargeable to river and harbor and flood control appropriations heretofore or hereafter made under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Chief of Engineers: *Provided*, That such expenditures shall be certified by the Division Engineer as necessary and proper expenditures.

(July 31, 1947, ch. 411, §1, 61 Stat. 688.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out as section 575 of this title.

Section was formerly classified to sections 190a and 199 of Title 10 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 10, Armed Forces, by act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 1.

§ 701b-10. Omitted

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 27, 1953, ch. 245, §101, 67 Stat. 199; Pub. L. 114-322, title I, §1160, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1667, related to a revolving fund for expenses of the Corps of Engineers.

Section is set out as section 576 of this title.

§ 701b-11. Flood protection projects

(a) General considerations; nonstructural alternatives

In the survey, planning, or design by any Federal agency of any project involving flood protection, consideration shall be given to nonstructural alternatives to prevent or reduce flood damages, with a view toward formulating the most economically, socially, and environmentally acceptable means of reducing or preventing flood damage, including—

- (1) floodproofing of structures, including through elevation;
- (2) floodplain regulation;
- (3) acquisition of floodplain land for recreational, fish and wildlife, and other public purposes;
- (4) relocation; and
- (5) the use of a feature described in section 2289a(a) of this title.

(b) Non-Federal participation through nonstructural alternatives; limitation

Where a nonstructural alternative is recommended, non-Federal participation shall be comparable to the value of lands, easements, and rights-of-way which would have been required of non-Federal interests under section 701c of this title, for structural protection measures, but in no event shall exceed 20 per centum of the project costs.

(Pub. L. 93-251, title I, §73, Mar. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 32; Pub. L. 116-260, div. AA, title I, §115(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2627.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260 substituted “, with a view toward formulating the most economically, socially, and environmentally acceptable means of reducing or preventing flood damage, including—” and pars. (1) to (5) for “including, but not limited to, floodproofing of structures; flood plain regulation; acquisition of flood plain lands for recreational, fish and wildlife, and other public purposes; and relocation with a view toward formulating the most economically, socially, and environmentally acceptable means of reducing or preventing flood damages.”

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NONSTRUCTURAL FLOOD CONTROL POLICY

Pub. L. 104-303, title II, §202(d), Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3675, provided that:

“(1) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall conduct a review of policies, procedures, and techniques relating to the evaluation and development of flood control measures with a view toward identifying impediments that may exist to justifying nonstructural flood control measures as alternatives to structural measures.

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 12, 1996], the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the findings of the review conducted under this subsection, together with any recommendations for modifying existing law to remove any impediments identified under such review.”

§ 701b-12. Floodplain management requirements**(a) Compliance with floodplain management and insurance programs**

Before construction of any project for local flood protection, or any project for hurricane or storm damage reduction, that involves Federal assistance from the Secretary, the non-Federal interest shall agree to participate in and comply with applicable Federal floodplain management and flood insurance programs.

(b) Floodplain management plans

Within 1 year after the date of signing a project cooperation agreement for construction of a project to which subsection (a) applies, the non-Federal interest shall prepare a floodplain management plan designed to reduce the impacts of future flood events in the project area. Such plan shall be implemented by the non-Federal interest not later than 1 year after completion of construction of the project.

(c) Guidelines**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall develop guidelines for preparation of floodplain management plans by non-Federal interests under subsection (b).

(2) Required elements

The guidelines developed under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) address potential measures, practices, and policies to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to to¹ reduce loss of life, injuries, damages to property and facilities, public expenditures, and other adverse impacts associated with flooding and to preserve and enhance natural floodplain values; and

(B) address those measures to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to preserve

the level of flood protection provided by a project to which subsection (a) applies.

(3) Limitation on statutory construction

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to confer any regulatory authority upon the Secretary or the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(d) Technical support

The Secretary may provide technical support to a non-Federal interest for a project to which subsection (a) applies for the development and implementation of plans prepared under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 99-662, title IV, §402, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4133; Pub. L. 100-676, §14, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 4026; Pub. L. 104-303, title II, §202(c)(1), Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3674; Pub. L. 106-541, title II, §209(a), (c), Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2591; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, §612(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1410.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-541, §209(c), substituted “Floodplain” for “Flood plain” in heading and “floodplain” for “flood plain” in first sentence.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-541, §209(a), in first sentence substituted “The” for “Within 6 months after October 12, 1996, the”, designated second sentence as par. (2), inserted heading, substituted “The guidelines developed under paragraph (1) shall—” for “Such guidelines shall”, designated remainder of sentence as subpar. (A), inserted “to be undertaken by non-Federal interests to” after “policies”, added subpar. (B), and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

1996—Pub. L. 104-303 substituted “Floodplain management requirements” for “Compliance with flood plain management and insurance programs” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Before construction of any project for local flood protection or any project for hurricane or storm damage reduction, the non-Federal interests shall agree to participate in and comply with applicable Federal flood plain management and flood insurance programs.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-676 inserted “or any project for hurricane or storm damage reduction” after “local flood protection”.

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CHANGE OF NAME

“Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” substituted for “Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” in subsec. (c)(3) on authority of section 612(c) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6, Domestic Security. Any reference to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in title VI of Pub. L. 109-295 or an amendment by title VI to be considered to refer and apply to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency until Mar. 31, 2007, see section 612(f)(2) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-541, title II, §209(b), Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2591, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to any project or separable element of a project with respect to which the Secretary [of the Army] and the non-Federal interest have not entered a project cooperation agreement on or before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 11, 2000].”

¹ So in original.