

# **Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act**

## **Section-by-Section Summary**

**Sec. 1: Short Title.** States that the short title for this bill is the “Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act”.

**Sec. 2: Definitions.** Defines key terms, including who is eligible to apply for this new grant program.

- Eligible entities include: a state, Tribe, municipality, irrigation district, water district, wastewater district, or a combination of these or other entities with water or power delivery authority.

**Sec. 3: Competitive Grant Program for Large-Scale Water Recycling and Reuse Projects.** Establishes a competitive grant program within the Department of the Interior for large-scale water recycling projects that have a total estimated cost of at least \$500 million.

- Must be within one of Reclamations 17 Western States.
- Authorizes \$750 million for the program through fiscal year 2027.
- Limits federal funding to 25% of the total cost with no dollar cap
- Allows an increase in the federal cost share up to 75% if the project advances a proportionate share of non-reimbursable benefits, as defined under Reclamation law
- Prioritizes grant funding for projects that provide multiple benefits for drought-stricken states and communities and advance multi-state water management plans such as the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.
- Includes requirements for congressional notification and approval, as well as public reporting of projects receiving financial assistance (*The congressional notification and approval process is modeled on the Department of Transportation’s Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant program*).