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To authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water  
6       Rights Settlement Act”.

7       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
8       this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purposes.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Approval of the Pechanga Settlement Agreement.
- Sec. 5. Tribal Water Right.

Sec. 6. Satisfaction of claims.  
Sec. 7. Waiver of claims.  
Sec. 8. Water facilities.  
Sec. 9. Pechanga Settlement Fund.  
Sec. 10. Miscellaneous provisions.  
Sec. 11. Authorization of appropriations.  
Sec. 12. Repeal on failure of enforceability date.  
Sec. 13. Antideficiency.

**1 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 The purposes of this Act are—

3 (1) to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settle-  
4 ment of claims to water rights and certain claims for  
5 injuries to water rights in the Santa Margarita

6 River Watershed for—

7 (A) the Band; and

8 (B) the United States, acting in its capac-  
9 ity as trustee for the Band and Allottees;

10 (2) to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settle-  
11 ment of certain claims by the Band and Allottees  
12 against the United States;

13 (3) to authorize, ratify, and confirm the  
14 Pechanga Settlement Agreement to be entered into  
15 by the Band, RCWD, and the United States;

16 (4) to authorize and direct the Secretary—

17 (A) to execute the Pechanga Settlement  
18 Agreement; and

19 (B) to take any other action necessary to  
20 carry out the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
21 in accordance with this Act; and

1                             (5) to authorize the appropriation of amounts  
2                             necessary for the implementation of the Pechanga  
3                             Settlement Agreement and this Act.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5                             In this Act:

6                             (1) **ADJUDICATION COURT.**—The term “Adju-  
7                             dication Court” means the United States District  
8                             Court for the Southern District of California, which  
9                             exercises continuing jurisdiction over the Adjudica-  
10                             tion Proceeding.

11                             (2) **ADJUDICATION PROCEEDING.**—The term  
12                             “Adjudication Proceeding” means litigation initiated  
13                             by the United States regarding relative water rights  
14                             in the Santa Margarita River Watershed in United  
15                             States v. Fallbrook Public Utility District et al., Civ.  
16                             No. 3:51-cv-01247 (S.D.C.A.), including any litiga-  
17                             tion initiated to interpret or enforce the relative  
18                             water rights in the Santa Margarita River Water-  
19                             shed pursuant to the continuing jurisdiction of the  
20                             Adjudication Court over the Fallbrook Decree.

21                             (3) **ALLOTTEE.**—The term “Allottee” means an  
22                             individual who holds a beneficial real property inter-  
23                             est in an Indian allotment that is—

24                                 (A) located within the Reservation; and  
25                                 (B) held in trust by the United States.

1                             (4) BAND.—The term “Band” means Pechanga  
2                             Band of Luiseño Mission Indians, a federally recog-  
3                             nized sovereign Indian tribe that functions as a cus-  
4                             tom and tradition Indian tribe, acting on behalf of  
5                             itself and its members, but not acting on behalf of  
6                             members in their capacities as Allottees.

7                             (5) CLAIMS.—The term “claims” means rights,  
8                             claims, demands, actions, compensation, or causes of  
9                             action, whether known or unknown.

10                            (6) EMWD.—The term “EMWD” means East-  
11                             ern Municipal Water District, a municipal water dis-  
12                             trict organized and existing in accordance with the  
13                             Municipal Water District Law of 1911, Division 20  
14                             of the Water Code of the State of California, as  
15                             amended.

16                            (7) EMWD CONNECTION FEE.—The term  
17                             “EMWD Connection Fee” has the meaning set forth  
18                             in the Extension of Service Area Agreement.

19                            (8) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—The term “en-  
20                             forceability date” means the date on which the Sec-  
21                             retary publishes in the Federal Register the state-  
22                             ment of findings described in section 7(e).

23                            (9) ESAA CAPACITY AGREEMENT.—The term  
24                             “ESAA Capacity Agreement” means the “Agree-  
25                             ment to Provide Capacity for Delivery of ESAA

1       Water”, among the Band, RCWD and the United  
2       States.

3                     (10) ESAA WATER.—The term “ESAA Water”  
4       means imported potable water that the Band re-  
5       ceives from EMWD and MWD pursuant to the Ex-  
6       tension of Service Area Agreement and delivered by  
7       RCWD pursuant to the ESAA Water Delivery  
8       Agreement.

9                     (11) ESAA WATER DELIVERY AGREEMENT.—  
10      The term “ESAA Water Delivery Agreement”  
11      means the agreement among EMWD, RCWD, and  
12      the Band, establishing the terms and conditions of  
13      water service to the Band.

14                     (12) EXTENSION OF SERVICE AREA AGREE-  
15      MENT.—The term “Extension of Service Area  
16      Agreement” means the “Agreement for Extension of  
17      Existing Service Area”, among the Band, EMWD,  
18      and MWD, for the provision of water service by  
19      EMWD to a designated portion of the Reservation  
20      using water supplied by MWD.

21                     (13) FALLBROOK DECREE.—

22                         (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Fallbrook  
23      Decree” means the “Modified Final Judgment  
24      And Decree”, entered in the Adjudication Pro-  
25      ceeding on April 6, 1966.

(14) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Pechanga Settlement Fund established by section 9.

(15) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(19) INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT NO. 41.—The term “Interlocutory Judgment No. 41” means Inter-

1 locutory Judgment No. 41 issued in the Adjudication  
2 Proceeding on November 8, 1962, including all  
3 court orders, judgments and decisions supplemental  
4 to that interlocutory judgment.

5 (20) MWD.—The term “MWD” means the  
6 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,  
7 a metropolitan water district organized and incor-  
8 porated under the Metropolitan Water District Act  
9 of the State of California (Stats. 1969, Chapter 209,  
10 as amended).

11 (21) MWD CONNECTION FEE.—The term  
12 “MWD Connection Fee” has the meaning set forth  
13 in the Extension of Service Area Agreement.

14 (22) PECHANGA ESAA DELIVERY CAPACITY AC-  
15 COUNT.—The term “Pechanga ESAA Delivery Ca-  
16 pacity account” means the account established by  
17 section 9(c)(2).

18 (23) PECHANGA RECYCLED WATER INFRA-  
19 STRUCTURE ACCOUNT.—The term “Pechanga Recy-  
20 cled Water Infrastructure account” means the ac-  
21 count established by section 9(c)(1).

22 (24) PECHANGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—  
23 The term “Pechanga Settlement Agreement” means  
24 the Pechanga Settlement Agreement, dated June 17,  
25 2014, together with the exhibits to that agreement,

1       entered into by the Band, the United States on be-  
2       half of the Band, its members and Allotees, MWD,  
3       EMWD, and RCWD, including—

(B) the ESAA Capacity Agreement; and

7 (C) the ESAA Water Delivery Agreement.

(25) PECHANGA WATER CODE.—The term “Pechanga Water Code” means a water code to be adopted by the Band in accordance with section 5(f).

(26) PECHANGA WATER FUND ACCOUNT.—The term “Pechanga Water Fund account” means the account established by section 9(c)(3).

(29) PERMANENT CAPACITY NOTICE.—The term “Permanent Capacity Notice” has the meaning set forth in the ESAA Capacity Agreement.

23 (30) RCWD =

1 organized pursuant to section 34000 et seq. of  
2 the California Water Code.

### (33) RESERVATION.—

(B) APPLICABILITY OF TERM.—The term “Reservation” shall be used solely for the purposes of the Pechanga Settlement Agreement, this Act, and any judgment or decree issued by

the Adjudication Court approving the Pechanga Settlement Agreement.

(35) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

19 SEC. 4. APPROVAL OF THE PECHANGA SETTLEMENT  
20 AGREEMENT.

21       (a) RATIFICATION OF PECHANGA SETTLEMENT  
22 AGREEMENT.—

23                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as modified by this  
24                         Act, and to the extent that the Pechanga Settlement  
25                         Agreement does not conflict with this Act, the

1 Pechanga Settlement Agreement is authorized, rati-  
2 fied, and confirmed.

3 (2) AMENDMENTS.—Any amendment to the  
4 Pechanga Settlement Agreement is authorized, rati-  
5 fied, and confirmed, to the extent that the amend-  
6 ment is executed to make the Pechanga Settlement  
7 Agreement consistent with this Act.

8 (b) EXECUTION OF PECHANGA SETTLEMENT AGREE-  
9 MENT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the  
11 Pechanga Settlement Agreement does not conflict  
12 with this Act, the Secretary is directed to and  
13 promptly shall execute—

14 (A) the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
15 (including any exhibit to the Pechanga Settle-  
16 ment Agreement requiring the signature of the  
17 Secretary); and

18 (B) any amendment to the Pechanga Set-  
19 tlement Agreement necessary to make the  
20 Pechanga Settlement Agreement consistent with  
21 this Act.

22 (2) MODIFICATIONS.—Nothing in this Act pre-  
23 cludes the Secretary from approving modifications to  
24 exhibits to the Pechanga Settlement Agreement not  
25 inconsistent with this Act, to the extent those modi-

1       fifications do not otherwise require congressional ap-  
2       proval pursuant to section 2116 of the Revised Stat-  
3       utes (25 U.S.C. 177) or other applicable Federal  
4       law.

5       (c) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—In implementing the  
7       Pechanga Settlement Agreement, the Secretary shall  
8       promptly comply with all applicable requirements  
9       of—

10              (A) the National Environmental Policy Act  
11       of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

12              (B) the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
13       (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

14              (C) all other applicable Federal environ-  
15       mental laws; and

16              (D) all regulations promulgated under the  
17       laws described in subparagraphs (A) through  
18       (C).

19           (2) EXECUTION OF THE PECHANGA SETTLE-  
20       MENT AGREEMENT.—

21              (A) IN GENERAL.—Execution of the  
22       Pechanga Settlement Agreement by the Sec-  
23       retary under this section shall not constitute a  
24       major Federal action under the National Envi-

1           ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
2           et seq.).

3           (B) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary is di-  
4           rected to carry out all Federal compliance nec-  
5           essary to implement the Pechanga Settlement  
6           Agreement.

7           (3) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Reclama-  
8           tion shall be designated as the lead agency with re-  
9           spect to environmental compliance.

10 **SEC. 5. TRIBAL WATER RIGHT.**

11           (a) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the intent of Con-  
12 gress to provide to each Allottee benefits that are equal  
13 to or exceed the benefits Allottees possess as of the date  
14 of enactment of this Act, taking into consideration—

15           (1) the potential risks, cost, and time delay as-  
16 sociated with litigation that would be resolved by the  
17 Pechanga Settlement Agreement and this Act;

18           (2) the availability of funding under this Act;

19           (3) the availability of water from the Tribal  
20 Water Right and other water sources as set forth in  
21 the Pechanga Settlement Agreement; and

22           (4) the applicability of section 7 of the Act of  
23 February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), and this Act to  
24 protect the interests of Allottees.

25           (b) CONFIRMATION OF TRIBAL WATER RIGHT.—

1                         (1) IN GENERAL.—A Tribal Water Right of up  
2 to 4,994 acre-feet of water per year that, under nat-  
3 ural conditions, is physically available on the Res-  
4 ervation is confirmed in accordance with the Find-  
5 ings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in In-  
6 terlocutory Judgment No. 41, as affirmed by the  
7 Fallbrook Decree.

8                         (2) USE.—Subject to the terms of the  
9 Pechanga Settlement Agreement, this Act, the  
10 Fallbrook Decree and applicable Federal law, the  
11 Band may use the Tribal Water Right for any pur-  
12 pose on the Reservation.

13                         (c) HOLDING IN TRUST.—The Tribal Water Right,  
14 as set forth in subsection (b), shall—

15                         (1) be held in trust by the United States on be-  
16 half of the Band and the Allottees in accordance  
17 with this section;

18                         (2) include the priority dates described in Inter-  
19 locutory Judgment No. 41, as affirmed by the  
20 Fallbrook Decree; and

21                         (3) not be subject to forfeiture or abandonment.

22                         (d) ALLOTTEES.—

23                         (1) APPLICABILITY OF ACT OF FEBRUARY 8,  
24 1887.—The provisions of section 7 of the Act of Feb-  
25 ruary 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), relating to the use

1       of water for irrigation purposes shall apply to the  
2       Tribal Water Right.

3                     (2) ENTITLEMENT TO WATER.—Any entitlement  
4       to water of allotted land located within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation under Federal  
5       law shall be satisfied from the Tribal Water Right.

6                     (3) ALLOCATIONS.—Allotted land located within  
7       the exterior boundaries of the Reservation shall be entitled to a just and equitable allocation of water  
8       for irrigation and domestic purposes from the Tribal  
9       Water Right.

10                  (4) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—Before asserting any claim against the United States under section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), or any other applicable law, an Allottee shall exhaust remedies available under the Pechanga Water Code or other applicable tribal law.

11                  (5) CLAIMS.—Following exhaustion of remedies available under the Pechanga Water Code or other applicable tribal law, an Allottee may seek relief under section 7 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (25 U.S.C. 381), or other applicable law.

12                  (6) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall have the authority to protect the rights of Allottees as specified in this section.

## 1       (e) AUTHORITY OF BAND.—

2                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
3                 graph (2), the Band shall have authority to use, al-  
4                 locate, distribute, and lease the Tribal Water Right  
5                 on the Reservation in accordance with—

6                         (A) the Pechanga Settlement Agreement;

7                         and

8                         (B) applicable Federal law.

9                 (2) LEASES BY ALLOTTEES.—

10                         (A) IN GENERAL.—An Allottee may lease  
11                 any interest in land held by the Allottee, to-  
12                 gether with any water right determined to be  
13                 appurtenant to that interest in land.

14                         (B) WATER RIGHT APPURTEMENT.—Any  
15                 water right determined to be appurtenant to an  
16                 interest in land leased by an Allottee shall be  
17                 used on the Reservation.

18        (f) PECHANGA WATER CODE.—

19                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
20                 after the enforceability date, the Band shall enact a  
21                 Pechanga Water Code, that provides for—

22                         (A) the management, regulation, and gov-  
23                 ernance of all uses of the Tribal Water Right  
24                 in accordance with the Pechanga Settlement  
25                 Agreement; and

(B) establishment by the Band of conditions, permit requirements, and other limitations relating to the storage, recovery, and use of the Tribal Water Right in accordance with the Pechanga Settlement Agreement.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—The Pechanga Water Code shall provide—

15 (C) a process by which an Allottee (or any  
16 successor in interest to an Allottee) may re-  
17 quest that the Band provide water for irrigation  
18 or domestic purposes in accordance with this  
19 Act;

(i) appeal and adjudication of any de-

nied or disputed distribution of water; and

(ii) resolution of any contested admin-

istrative decision; and

(E) a requirement that any Allottee (or

any successor in interest to an Allottee) with a

claim relating to the enforcement of rights of

the Allottee (or any successor in interest to an

Allottee) under the Pechanga Water Code or re-

lating to the amount of water allocated to land

of the Allottee must first exhaust remedies

available to the Allottee under tribal law and

the Pechanga Water Code before initiating an

action against the United States or petitioning

the Secretary pursuant to subsection (d)(4).

(3) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ad-

minister the Tribal Water Right until the

Pechanga Water Code is enacted and approved

under this section.

(B) APPROVAL.—Any provision of the

Pechanga Water Code and any amendment to

the Pechanga Water Code that affects the

### **rights of Allottees—**

(i) shall be subject to the approval of  
the Secretary; and

11 (g) EFFECT.—Except as otherwise specifically pro-  
12 vided in this section, nothing in this Act—

13                         (1) authorizes any action by an Allottee (or any  
14                         successor in interest to an Allottee) against any indi-  
15                         vidual or entity, or against the Band, under Federal,  
16                         State, tribal, or local law; or

17                   (2) alters or affects the status of any action  
18                  pursuant to section 1491(a) of title 28, United  
19                  States Code.

## 20 SEC. 6. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—The benefits provided to the Band  
22 under the Pechanga Settlement Agreement and this Act  
23 shall be in complete replacement of, complete substitution  
24 for, and full satisfaction of all claims of the Band against

1 the United States that are waived and released pursuant  
2 to section 7.

3 (b) ALLOTTEE CLAIMS.—The benefits realized by the  
4 Allottees under this Act shall be in complete replacement  
5 of, complete substitution for, and full satisfaction of—

6 (1) all claims that are waived and released pur-  
7 suant to section 7; and

8 (2) any claims of the Allottees against the  
9 United States that the Allottees have or could have  
10 asserted that are similar in nature to any claim de-  
11 scribed in section 7.

12 (c) NO RECOGNITION OF WATER RIGHTS.—Except  
13 as provided in section 5(d), nothing in this Act recognizes  
14 or establishes any right of a member of the Band or an  
15 Allottee to water within the Reservation.

16 (d) CLAIMS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF WATER  
17 FOR RESERVATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts authorized to  
19 be appropriated pursuant to section 11 shall be used  
20 to satisfy any claim of the Allottees against the  
21 United States with respect to the development or  
22 protection of water resources for the Reservation.

23 (2) SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.—Upon the com-  
24 plete appropriation of amounts authorized pursuant  
25 to section 11, any claim of the Allottees against the

1       United States with respect to the development or  
2       protection of water resources for the Reservation  
3       shall be deemed to have been satisfied.

4 **SEC. 7. WAIVER OF CLAIMS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—

6               (1) WAIVER OF CLAIMS BY THE BAND AND THE  
7               UNITED STATES ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUST-  
8               EE FOR THE BAND.—

9               (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the retention  
10          of rights set forth in subsection (c), in return  
11          for recognition of the Tribal Water Right and  
12          other benefits as set forth in the Pechanga Set-  
13          tlement Agreement and this Act, the Band, on  
14          behalf of itself and the members of the Band  
15          (but not on behalf of a tribal member in the ca-  
16          pacity of Allottee), and the United States, act-  
17          ing as trustee for the Band, are authorized and  
18          directed to execute a waiver and release of all  
19          claims for water rights within the Santa Mar-  
20          garita River Watershed that the Band, or the  
21          United States acting as trustee for the Band,  
22          asserted or could have asserted in any pro-  
23          ceeding, including the Adjudication Proceeding,  
24          except to the extent that such rights are recog-

1 nized in the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
2 and this Act.

3 (B) CLAIMS AGAINST RCWD.—Subject to  
4 the retention of rights set forth in subsection  
5 (c) and notwithstanding any provisions to the  
6 contrary in the Pechanga Settlement Agree-  
7 ment, the Band and the United States, on be-  
8 half of the Band and Allottees, fully release, ac-  
9 quit, and discharge RCWD from—

10 (i) claims for injuries to water rights  
11 in the Santa Margarita River Watershed  
12 for land located within the Reservation  
13 arising or occurring at any time up to and  
14 including June 30, 2009;

15 (ii) claims for injuries to water rights  
16 in the Santa Margarita River Watershed  
17 for land located within the Reservation  
18 arising or occurring at any time after June  
19 30, 2009, resulting from the diversion or  
20 use of water in a manner not in violation  
21 of the Pechanga Settlement Agreement or  
22 this Act;

23 (iii) claims for subsidence damage to  
24 land located within the Reservation arising

1                   or occurring at any time up to and includ-  
2                   ing June 30, 2009;

3                         (iv) claims for subsidence damage  
4                         arising or occurring after June 30, 2009,  
5                         to land located within the Reservation re-  
6                         sulting from the diversion of underground  
7                         water in a manner consistent with the  
8                         Pechanga Settlement Agreement or this  
9                         Act; and

10                         (v) claims arising out of, or relating in  
11                         any manner to, the negotiation or execu-  
12                         tion of the Pechanga Settlement Agree-  
13                         ment or the negotiation or execution of  
14                         this Act.

15                         (2) CLAIMS BY THE UNITED STATES ACTING IN  
16                         ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR ALLOTTEES.—Sub-  
17                         ject to the retention of claims set forth in subsection  
18                         (c), in return for recognition of the water rights of  
19                         the Band and other benefits as set forth in the  
20                         Pechanga Settlement Agreement and this Act, the  
21                         United States, acting as trustee for Allottees, is au-  
22                         thorized and directed to execute a waiver and release  
23                         of all claims for water rights within the Santa Mar-  
24                         garita River Watershed that the United States, act-  
25                         ing as trustee for the Allottees, asserted or could

1 have asserted in any proceeding, including the Adju-  
2 dication Proceeding.

3 (3) CLAIMS BY THE BAND AGAINST THE  
4 UNITED STATES.—Subject to the retention of rights  
5 set forth in subsection (c), the Band, on behalf of  
6 itself and the members of the Band (but not on be-  
7 half of a tribal member in the capacity of Allottee),  
8 is authorized to execute a waiver and release of—

9 (A) all claims against the United States  
10 (including the agencies and employees of the  
11 United States) relating to claims for water  
12 rights in, or water of, the Santa Margarita  
13 River Watershed that the United States, acting  
14 in its capacity as trustee for the Band, as-  
15 sserted, or could have asserted, in any pro-  
16 ceeding, including the Adjudication Proceeding,  
17 except to the extent that those rights are recog-  
18 nized in the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
19 and this Act;

20 (B) all claims against the United States  
21 (including the agencies and employees of the  
22 United States) relating to damages, losses, or  
23 injuries to water, water rights, land, or natural  
24 resources due to loss of water or water rights  
25 (including damages, losses or injuries to hunt-

1                         ing, fishing, gathering, or cultural rights due to  
2                         loss of water or water rights, claims relating to  
3                         interference with, diversion, or taking of water  
4                         or water rights, or claims relating to failure to  
5                         protect, acquire, replace, or develop water,  
6                         water rights, or water infrastructure) in the  
7                         Santa Margarita River Watershed that first ac-  
8                         crued at any time up to and including the en-  
9                         forceability date;

10                         (C) all claims against the United States  
11                         (including the agencies and employees of the  
12                         United States) relating to the pending litigation  
13                         of claims relating to the water rights of the  
14                         Band in the Adjudication Proceeding; and

15                         (D) all claims against the United States  
16                         (including the agencies and employees of the  
17                         United States) relating to the negotiation or  
18                         execution of the Pechanga Settlement Agree-  
19                         ment or the negotiation or execution of this  
20                         Act.

21                         (b) EFFECTIVENESS OF WAIVERS AND RELEASES.—  
22                         The waivers under subsection (a) shall take effect on the  
23                         enforceability date.

24                         (c) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND RETENTION OF  
25                         CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases au-

1 thorized in this Act, the Band, on behalf of itself and the  
2 members of the Band, and the United States, acting in  
3 its capacity as trustee for the Band and Allottees, retain—

4           (1) all claims for enforcement of the Pechanga  
5 Settlement Agreement and this Act;

6           (2) all claims against any person or entity other  
7 than the United States and RCWD, including claims  
8 for monetary damages;

9           (3) all claims for water rights that are outside  
10 the jurisdiction of the Adjudication Court;

11           (4) all rights to use and protect water rights ac-  
12 quired on or after the enforceability date; and

13           (5) all remedies, privileges, immunities, powers,  
14 and claims, including claims for water rights, not  
15 specifically waived and released pursuant to this Act  
16 and the Pechanga Settlement Agreement.

17       (d) EFFECT OF PECHANGA SETTLEMENT AGREE-  
18 MENT AND ACT.—Nothing in the Pechanga Settlement

19 Agreement or this Act—

20           (1) affects the ability of the United States, act-  
21 ing as sovereign, to take actions authorized by law,  
22 including any laws relating to health, safety, or the  
23 environment, including—

- 1                     (A) the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
2                     sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
3                     1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);  
4                     (B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
5                     U.S.C. 300f et seq.);  
6                     (C) the Federal Water Pollution Control  
7                     Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and  
8                     (D) any regulations implementing the Acts  
9                     described in subparagraphs (A) through (C);  
10                 (2) affects the ability of the United States to  
11                 take actions acting as trustee for any other Indian  
12                 tribe or an Allottee of any other Indian tribe;  
13                 (3) confers jurisdiction on any State court—  
14                     (A) to interpret Federal law regarding  
15                     health, safety, or the environment;  
16                     (B) to determine the duties of the United  
17                     States or other parties pursuant to Federal law  
18                     regarding health, safety, or the environment; or  
19                     (C) to conduct judicial review of Federal  
20                     agency action;  
21                 (4) waives any claim of a member of the Band  
22                 in an individual capacity that does not derive from  
23                 a right of the Band;  
24                 (5) limits any funding that RCWD would other-  
25                 wise be authorized to receive under any Federal law,

1       including, the Reclamation Wastewater and Ground-  
2       water Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h et  
3       seq.) as that Act applies to permanent facilities for  
4       water recycling, demineralization, and desalination,  
5       and distribution of nonpotable water supplies in  
6       Southern Riverside County, California;

7                 (6) characterizes any amounts received by  
8       RCWD under the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
9       or this Act as Federal for purposes of section 1649  
10      of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater  
11      Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h–32); or

12                 (7) affects the requirement of any party to the  
13       Pechanga Settlement Agreement or any of the exhib-  
14       its to the Pechanga Settlement Agreement to comply  
15       with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969  
16       (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or the California Environ-  
17       mental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code 21000 et  
18       seq.) prior to performing the respective obligations  
19       of that party under the Pechanga Settlement Agree-  
20       ment or any of the exhibits to the Pechanga Settle-  
21       ment Agreement.

22                 (e) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—The enforceability date  
23       shall be the date on which the Secretary publishes in the  
24       Federal Register a statement of findings that—

- 1                         (1) the Adjudication Court has approved and  
2                         entered a judgment and decree approving the  
3                         Pechanga Settlement Agreement in substantially the  
4                         same form as Appendix 2 to the Pechanga Settle-  
5                         ment Agreement;
- 6                         (2) all amounts authorized by this Act have  
7                         been deposited in the Fund;
- 8                         (3) the waivers and releases authorized in sub-  
9                         section (a) have been executed by the Band and the  
10                         Secretary;
- 11                         (4) the Extension of Service Area Agreement—  
12                             (A) has been approved and executed by all  
13                         the parties to the Extension of Service Area  
14                         Agreement; and
- 15                             (B) is effective and enforceable in accord-  
16                         ance with the terms of the Extension of Service  
17                         Area Agreement; and
- 18                         (5) the ESAA Water Delivery Agreement—  
19                             (A) has been approved and executed by all  
20                         the parties to the ESAA Water Delivery Agree-  
21                         ment; and
- 22                             (B) is effective and enforceable in accord-  
23                         ance with the terms of the ESAA Water Deliv-  
24                         ery Agreement.

25                         (f) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—

1                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Each applicable period of  
2 limitation and time-based equitable defense relating  
3 to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for  
4 the period beginning on the date of enactment of  
5 this Act and ending on the earlier of—

6                             (A) April 30, 2030, or such alternate date  
7 after April 30, 2030, as is agreed to by the  
8 Band and the Secretary; or  
9                             (B) the enforceability date.

10                         (2) EFFECTS OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this  
11 subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of  
12 limitation or time-based equitable defense that ex-  
13 pired before the date of enactment of this Act.

14                         (3) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section pre-  
15 cludes the tolling of any period of limitations or any  
16 time-based equitable defense under any other appli-  
17 cable law.

18                         (g) TERMINATION.—

19                         (1) IN GENERAL.—If all of the amounts author-  
20 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary pursuant to  
21 this Act have not been made available to the Sec-  
22 retary by April 30, 2030—

23                             (A) the waivers authorized by this section  
24 shall expire and have no force or effect; and

(B) all statutes of limitations applicable to  
any claim otherwise waived under this section  
shall be tolled until April 30, 2030.

(2) VOIDING OF WAIVERS.—If a waiver authorized by this section is void under paragraph (1)—

1           pended or withdrawn, together with any interest  
2           accrued, against any claims against the United  
3           States relating to water rights asserted by the  
4           Band or Allottees in any future settlement of  
5           the water rights of the Band or Allottees.

6 **SEC. 8. WATER FACILITIES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, subject to the  
8 availability of appropriations, using amounts from the des-  
9 ignated accounts of the Fund, provide the amounts nec-  
10 essary to fulfill the obligations of the Band under the Re-  
11 cycled Water Infrastructure Agreement and the ESAA Ca-  
12 pacity Agreement, in an amount not to exceed the  
13 amounts deposited in the designated accounts for such  
14 purposes plus any interest accrued on such amounts from  
15 the date of deposit in the Fund to the date of disburse-  
16 ment from the Fund, in accordance with this Act and the  
17 terms and conditions of those agreements.

18       (b) NONREIMBURSABILITY OF COSTS.—All costs in-  
19 curred by the Secretary in carrying out this section shall  
20 be nonreimbursable.

21       (c) RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, using  
23 amounts from the Pechanga Recycled Water Infra-  
24 structure account, provide amounts for the Storage  
25 Pond in accordance with this section.

## 1                   (2) STORAGE POND.—

2                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,  
3                   subject to the availability of appropriations,  
4                   provide the amounts necessary to fulfill the ob-  
5                   ligations of the Band under the Recycled Water  
6                   Infrastructure Agreement for the design and  
7                   construction of the Storage Pond, in an amount  
8                   not to exceed \$2,656,374.

9                   (B) PROCEDURE.—The procedure for the  
10                  Secretary to provide amounts pursuant to this  
11                  section shall be as set forth in the Recycled  
12                  Water Infrastructure Agreement.

13                  (C) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Rec-  
14                  lamation shall be the lead agency for purposes  
15                  of the implementation of this section.

16                  (D) LIABILITY.—The United States shall  
17                  have no responsibility or liability for the Stor-  
18                  age Pond.

19                  (d) ESAA DELIVERY CAPACITY.—

20                  (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, using  
21                  amounts from the Pechanga ESAA Delivery Capac-  
22                  ity account, provide amounts for Interim Capacity  
23                  and Permanent Capacity in accordance with this  
24                  section.

25                  (2) INTERIM CAPACITY.—

1                             (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,  
2                             subject to the availability of appropriations,  
3                             using amounts from the ESAA Delivery Capac-  
4                             ity account, provide amounts necessary to fulfill  
5                             the obligations of the Band under the ESAA  
6                             Capacity Agreement for the provision by  
7                             RCWD of Interim Capacity to the Band in an  
8                             amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

9                             (B) PROCEDURE.—The procedure for the  
10                           Secretary to provide amounts pursuant to this  
11                           section shall be as set forth in the ESAA Ca-  
12                           pacity Agreement.

13                             (C) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Rec-  
14                             lamation shall be the lead agency for purposes  
15                             of the implementation of this section.

16                             (D) LIABILITY.—The United States shall  
17                             have no responsibility or liability for the In-  
18                             terim Capacity to be provided by RCWD.

19                             (E) TRANSFER TO BAND.—If RCWD does  
20                             not provide the Interim Capacity Notice re-  
21                             quired pursuant to the ESAA Capacity Agree-  
22                             ment by the date that is 60 days after the date  
23                             required under the ESAA Capacity Agreement,  
24                             the amounts in the Pechanga ESAA Delivery  
25                             Capacity account for purposes of the provision

1           of Interim Capacity and Permanent Capacity,  
2           including any interest that has accrued on those  
3           amounts, shall be available for use by the Band  
4           to provide alternative interim capacity in a  
5           manner that is similar to the Interim Capacity  
6           and Permanent Capacity that the Band would  
7           have received had RCWD provided such Interim  
8           Capacity and Permanent Capacity.

9           (3) PERMANENT CAPACITY.—

10           (A) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of the Per-  
11           manent Capacity Notice pursuant to section  
12           5(b) of the ESAA Capacity Agreement, the Sec-  
13           retary, acting through the Bureau of Reclama-  
14           tion, shall enter into negotiations with RCWD  
15           and the Band to establish an agreement that  
16           will allow for the disbursement of amounts from  
17           the Pechanga ESAA Delivery Capacity account  
18           in accordance with subparagraph (B).

19           (B) SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENT.—Sub-  
20           ject to the availability of amounts under section  
21           9(e), on execution of the ESAA Capacity Agree-  
22           ment, the Secretary shall, subject to the avail-  
23           ability of appropriations and using amounts  
24           from the ESAA Delivery Capacity account, pro-  
25           vide amounts necessary to fulfill the obligations

1           of the Band under the ESAA Capacity Agree-  
2       ment for the provision by RCWD of Permanent  
3       Capacity to the Band in an amount not to ex-  
4       ceed the amount available in the ESAA Deliv-  
5       ery Capacity account as of the date on which  
6       the ESAA Capacity Agreement is executed.

7           (C) PROCEDURE.—The procedure for the  
8       Secretary to provide funds pursuant to this sec-  
9       tion shall be as set forth in the ESAA Capacity  
10      Agreement.

11           (D) LEAD AGENCY.—The Bureau of Rec-  
12       lamation shall be the lead agency for purposes  
13       of the implementation of this section.

14           (E) LIABILITY.—The United States shall  
15       have no responsibility or liability for the Perma-  
16       nent Capacity to be provided by RCWD.

17           (F) TRANSFER TO BAND.—If RCWD does  
18       not provide the Permanent Capacity Notice re-  
19       quired pursuant to the ESAA Capacity Agree-  
20       ment by the date that is 5 years after the en-  
21       forceability date, the amounts in the Pechanga  
22       ESAA Delivery Capacity account for purposes  
23       of the provision of Permanent Capacity, includ-  
24       ing any interest that has accrued on those  
25       amounts, shall be available for use by the Band

1           to provide alternative permanent capacity in a  
2           manner that is similar to the Permanent Ca-  
3           pacity that the Band would have received had  
4           RCWD provided such Permanent Capacity.

5 **SEC. 9. PECHANGA SETTLEMENT FUND.**

6       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
7 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the  
8 “Pechanga Settlement Fund”, to be managed, invested,  
9 and distributed by the Secretary and to be available until  
10 expended, and, together with any interest earned on those  
11 amounts, to be used solely for the purpose of carrying out  
12 this Act.

13     (b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—The Fund shall consist  
14 of such amounts as are deposited in the Fund under sec-  
15 tion 11(a) of this Act, together with any interest earned  
16 on those amounts, which shall be available in accordance  
17 with subsection (e).

18     (c) ACCOUNTS OF PECHANGA SETTLEMENT FUND.—  
19 The Secretary shall establish in the Fund the following  
20 accounts:

21           (1) Pechanga Recycled Water Infrastructure ac-  
22 count, consisting of amounts authorized pursuant to  
23 section 11(a)(1).

1                         (2) Pechanga ESAA Delivery Capacity account,  
2     consisting of amounts authorized pursuant to section  
3     11(a)(2).

4                         (3) Pechanga Water Fund account, consisting  
5     of amounts authorized pursuant to section 11(a)(3).

6                         (4) Pechanga Water Quality account, consisting  
7     of amounts authorized pursuant to section 11(a)(4).

8                         (d) MANAGEMENT OF FUND.—The Secretary shall  
9     manage, invest, and distribute all amounts in the Fund  
10    in a manner that is consistent with the investment author-  
11    ity of the Secretary under—

12                         (1) the first section of the Act of June 24,  
13     1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a);

14                         (2) the American Indian Trust Fund Manage-  
15     ment Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.);  
16     and

17                         (3) this section.

18                         (e) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts appro-  
19     priated to, and deposited in, the Fund, including any in-  
20     vestment earnings accrued from the date of deposit in the  
21     Fund through the date of disbursement from the Fund,  
22     shall be made available to the Band by the Secretary be-  
23     ginning on the enforceability date.

1       (f) WITHDRAWALS BY BAND PURSUANT TO THE  
2 AMERICAN INDIAN TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT REFORM  
3 ACT.—

4                 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Band may withdraw all  
5                 or part of the amounts in the Fund on approval by  
6                 the Secretary of a tribal management plan sub-  
7                 mitted by the Band in accordance with the American  
8                 Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of  
9                 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

10                 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

11                         (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the re-  
12                 quirements under the American Indian Trust  
13                 Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25  
14                 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the tribal management  
15                 plan under paragraph (1) shall require that the  
16                 Band shall spend all amounts withdrawn from  
17                 the Fund in accordance with this Act.

18                         (B) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may  
19                 carry out such judicial or administrative actions  
20                 as the Secretary determines to be necessary to  
21                 enforce the tribal management plan to ensure  
22                 that amounts withdrawn by the Band from the  
23                 Fund under this subsection are used in accord-  
24                 ance with this Act.

1       (g) WITHDRAWALS BY BAND PURSUANT TO AN EX-  
2 PENDITURE PLAN.—

3                 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Band may submit an  
4 expenditure plan for approval by the Secretary re-  
5 questing that all or part of the amounts in the Fund  
6 be disbursed in accordance with the plan.

7                 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The expenditure plan  
8 under paragraph (1) shall include a description of  
9 the manner and purpose for which the amounts pro-  
10 posed to be disbursed from the Fund will be used,  
11 in accordance with subsection (h).

12                 (3) APPROVAL.—If the Secretary determines  
13 that an expenditure plan submitted under this sub-  
14 section is consistent with the purposes of this Act,  
15 the Secretary shall approve the plan.

16                 (4) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary may carry  
17 out such judicial or administrative actions as the  
18 Secretary determines necessary to enforce an ex-  
19 penditure plan to ensure that amounts disbursed  
20 under this subsection are used in accordance with  
21 this Act.

22                 (h) USES.—Amounts from the Fund shall be used by  
23 the Band for the following purposes:

24                 (1) PECHANGA RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUC-  
25 TURE ACCOUNT.—The Pechanga Recycled Water In-

1       frastructure account shall be used for expenditures  
2       by the Band in accordance with section 8(c).

3                 (2) PECHANGA ESAA DELIVERY CAPACITY AC-  
4       COUNT.—The Pechanga ESAA Delivery Capacity  
5       account shall be used for expenditures by the Band  
6       in accordance with section 8(d).

7                 (3) PECHANGA WATER FUND ACCOUNT.—The  
8       Pechanga Water Fund account shall be used for—

9                         (A) payment of the EMWD Connection  
10      Fee;

11                         (B) payment of the MWD Connection Fee;  
12      and

13                         (C) any expenses, charges, or fees incurred  
14       by the Band in connection with the delivery or  
15       use of water pursuant to the Pechanga Settle-  
16       ment Agreement.

17                 (4) PECHANGA WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT.—  
18       The Pechanga Water Quality account shall be used  
19       by the Band to fund groundwater desalination ac-  
20       tivities within the Wolf Valley Basin.

21                 (i) LIABILITY.—The Secretary and the Secretary of  
22       the Treasury shall not be liable for the expenditure of,  
23       or the investment of any amounts withdrawn from, the  
24       Fund by the Band under subsection (f) or (g).

1       (j) NO PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS.—No portion of  
2 the Fund shall be distributed on a per capita basis to any  
3 member of the Band.

4 **SEC. 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

5       (a) WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE  
6 UNITED STATES.—Except as provided in subsections (a)  
7 through (c) of section 208 of the Department of Justice  
8 Appropriation Act, 1953 (43 U.S.C. 666), nothing in this  
9 Act waives the sovereign immunity of the United States.

10       (b) OTHER TRIBES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED.—  
11 Nothing in this Act quantifies or diminishes any land or  
12 water right, or any claim or entitlement to land or water,  
13 of an Indian tribe, band, or community other than the  
14 Band.

15       (c) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—  
16 With respect to Indian land within the Reservation—

17           (1) the United States shall not submit against  
18 any Indian-owned land located within the Reservation  
19 any claim for reimbursement of the cost to the  
20 United States of carrying out this Act and the  
21 Pechanga Settlement Agreement; and

22           (2) no assessment of any Indian-owned land lo-  
23 cated within the Reservation shall be made regard-  
24 ing that cost.

1       (d) EFFECT ON CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in this  
2 section affects any provision of law (including regulations)  
3 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this  
4 Act with respect to preenforcement review of any Federal  
5 environmental enforcement action.

6 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7       (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8           (1) PECHANGA RECYCLED WATER INFRASTRUC-  
9 TURE ACCOUNT.—There is authorized to be appro-  
10 priated \$2,656,374, for deposit in the Pechanga Re-  
11 cycled Water Infrastructure account, to carry out  
12 the activities described in section 8(c).

13           (2) PECHANGA ESAA DELIVERY CAPACITY AC-  
14 COUNT.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
15 \$17,900,000, for deposit in the Pechanga ESAA De-  
16 livery Capacity account, which amount shall be ad-  
17 justed for changes in construction costs since June  
18 30, 2009, as is indicated by ENR Construction Cost  
19 Index, 20-City Average, as applicable to the types of  
20 construction required for the Band to provide the in-  
21 frastructure necessary for the Band to provide the  
22 Interim Capacity and Permanent Capacity in the  
23 event that RCWD elects not to provide the Interim  
24 Capacity or Permanent Capacity as set forth in the  
25 ESAA Capacity Agreement and contemplated in sec-

1       tions 8(d)(2)(E) and 8(d)(3)(F) of this Act, with  
2       such adjustment ending on the date on which funds  
3       authorized to be appropriated under this section  
4       have been deposited in the Fund.

5                     (3) PECHANGA WATER FUND ACCOUNT.—There  
6       is authorized to be appropriated \$5,483,653, for de-  
7       posit in the Pechanga Water Fund account, which  
8       amount shall be adjusted for changes in appropriate  
9       cost indices since June 30, 2009, with such adjust-  
10      ment ending on the date of deposit in the Fund, for  
11      the purposes set forth in section 9(h)(3).

12                    (4) PECHANGA WATER QUALITY ACCOUNT.—  
13      There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,460,000,  
14      for deposit in the Pechanga Water Quality account,  
15      which amount shall be adjusted for changes in ap-  
16      propriate cost indices since June 30, 2009, with  
17      such adjustment ending on the date of deposit in the  
18      Fund, for the purposes set forth in section 9(h)(4).

19      **SEC. 12. REPEAL ON FAILURE OF ENFORCEABILITY DATE.**  
20      If the Secretary does not publish a statement of find-  
21      ings under section 7(e) by April 30, 2021, or such alter-  
22      native later date as is agreed to by the Band and the Sec-  
23      retary, as applicable—

1                   (1) this Act is repealed effective on the later of  
2                   May 1, 2021, or the day after the alternative date  
3                   agreed to by the Band and the Secretary;

4                   (2) any action taken by the Secretary and any  
5                   contract or agreement pursuant to the authority pro-  
6                   vided under any provision of this Act shall be void;

7                   (3) any amounts appropriated under section 11,  
8                   together with any interest on those amounts, shall  
9                   immediately revert to the general fund of the Treas-  
10                  ury; and

11                  (4) any amounts made available under section  
12                  11 that remain unexpended shall immediately revert  
13                  to the general fund of the Treasury.

14 **SEC. 13. ANTIDEFICIENCY.**

15                  (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any authoriza-  
16                  tion of appropriations to carry out this Act, the expendi-  
17                  ture or advance of any funds, and the performance of any  
18                  obligation by the Department in any capacity, pursuant  
19                  to this Act shall be contingent on the appropriation of  
20                  funds for that expenditure, advance, or performance.

21                  (b) **LIABILITY.**—The Department of the Interior  
22                  shall not be liable for the failure to carry out any obliga-  
23                  tion or activity authorized by this Act if adequate appro-  
24                  priations are not provided to carry out this Act.

