

Desert Terminal Lakes Program November 2005 Amendment

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TITLE II, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation
General Provisions, Department of the Interior

SEC. 208.

- (a) (1) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107-171), **the Secretary** [of the Interior] shall provide not more than **\$70,000,000** to the **University of Nevada**—
- (A) to acquire from willing sellers land, water appurtenant to the land, and related interests in the Walker River Basin, Nevada; and
 - (B) to establish and administer an agricultural and natural resources center, the mission of which shall be to undertake research, restoration, and educational activities in the Walker River Basin relating to—
 - (i) innovative agricultural water conservation;
 - (ii) cooperative programs for environmental restoration;
 - (iii) fish and wildlife habitat restoration; and
 - (iv) wild horse and burro research and adoption marketing.
- (2) In acquiring interests under paragraph 1)(A), the University of Nevada shall make acquisitions that the University determines are the most beneficial to—
- (A) the establishment and operation of the agricultural and natural resources research center authorized under paragraph 1)(B); and
 - (B) environmental restoration in the Walker River Basin.
- (b) (1) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107-171), **the Secretary** shall provide not more than **\$10,000,000** for a water lease and purchase program for the **Walker River Paiute Tribe**.
- (2) Water acquired under paragraph (1) shall be—
- (A) acquired only from willing sellers;
 - (B) designed to maximize water conveyances to Walker Lake; and
 - (C) located only within the Walker River Paiute Indian Reservation.
- (c) Using amounts made available under section 2507 of the Farm and Security Rural Investment Act of 2002 (43 U.S.C. 2211 note; Public Law 107-171), the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of **Reclamation**, shall provide—
- (1) **\$10,000,000** for tamarisk eradication, riparian area restoration, and channel restoration efforts within the Walker River Basin that are designed to enhance water delivery to Walker Lake, with priority given to activities that are expected to result in the greatest increased water flows to Walker Lake; and
 - (2) **\$5,000,000** to the **United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, and the Nevada Division of Wildlife** to undertake activities, to be coordinated by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to complete the design and implementation of the Western Inland Trout Initiative and Fishery Improvements in the State of Nevada with an emphasis on the Walker River Basin.
- (d) For each day after June 30, 2006, on which the Bureau of Reclamation fails to comply with subsections (a), (b), and (c), the total amount made available for salaries and expenses of the Bureau of Reclamation shall be reduced by \$100,000 per day.