

118TH CONGRESS

1ST SESSION H. R. 215 (Shasta Dam-raise-specific selected excerpts)

(Some provisions of H.R. 215 were later incorporated into Title V, Subtitle C of the House-passed Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 bill, H.R. 4943, for FY 2023-24. These provisions were not included in the eventual signed appropriations bill, H.R. 4366, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, of the 118th Congress, signed on March 9, 2024.)

To provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. ISSA, Mr. KILEY, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mrs. STEEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

SEC. 305. SHASTA DAM ENLARGEMENT.

(a) FUNDING.—In accordance with section 4007 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322), and as recommended by the Secretary in letters dated February 13, 2019; June 22, 6 2020; and December 3, 2020; funds made available in the Water and Related Resources account for the Bureau Reclamation in Acts of appropriation for fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 shall be made available to the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project.

(Provisions of all or some of these appropriations bills did not make available construction funding for the Shasta Dam raise.)

(b) CLARIFICATION.—No provision of State law shall preclude or otherwise prevent any public water agency, including a public agency of the State, that contracts for the delivery

of CVP water from assisting or cooperating with, whether by loan, grant, license, or otherwise, the planning and construction of any project undertaken by the Bureau of Reclamation to enlarge Shasta Dam.

§5093.542(c) of the California Public Resources Code (California Wild & Scenic Rivers Act) prohibits Agencies of the State from assisting or cooperating with Federal agencies in the planning and construction of the Shasta Dam raise. In 2018, the California Attorney General and environmental/fishing groups took that position in successful litigation against Agency of the State Westlands Water District's attempt to be the non-federal lead for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Shasta Dam-raise project being undertaken as a Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016.

§305(b) here would later appear as [§335](#) in the House-passed Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024, [H.R.4394](#).

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