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in the Zuni River S	of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe tream System in the State of New Mexico, to Lake, and for other purposes.
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A BILL

Mr. VASQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the

Committee on

To approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, 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 "Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of
- 6 2024".

1	(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for
2	this Act is as follows:
	Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents. Sec. 2. Definitions.
	TITLE I—ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT
	Sec. 101. Purposes. Sec. 102. Definitions. Sec. 103. Ratification of Agreement. Sec. 104. Tribal Water Rights. Sec. 105. Settlement Trust Fund. Sec. 106. Funding. Sec. 107. Waivers and releases of claims. Sec. 108. Satisfaction of claims. Sec. 109. Enforceability date. Sec. 110. Miscellaneous provisions. Sec. 111. Relation to Allottees. Sec. 112. Antideficiency.
	TITLE II—ZUNI SALT LAKE AND SANCTUARY PROTECTION
	 Sec. 201. Definitions. Sec. 202. Withdrawal of certain Federal land in New Mexico. Sec. 203. Management of Federal land. Sec. 204. Transfer of land into trust. Sec. 205. Maps and legal descriptions.
3	SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
4	In this Act:
5	(1) Enforceability date.—The term "En-
6	forceability Date" means the date described in sec-
7	tion 109.
8	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
9	the Secretary of the Interior.
10	(3) STATE.—The term "State" means the State
11	of New Mexico.
12	(4) Tribal water rights.—
13	(A) In General.—The term "Tribal
14	Water Rights' means the water rights of the

1	Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System (as de-
2	fined in section 102)—
3	(i) as identified in the Agreement and
4	section 104; and
5	(ii) as confirmed in the Partial Final
6	Judgment and Decree (as defined in sec-
7	tion 102).
8	(B) Exclusions.—The term "Tribal
9	Water Rights" does not include—
10	(i) any interest that the Tribe may
11	have in an Allotment (as defined in section
12	102) that is determined by the Secretary
13	to be patented pursuant to the first section
14	of the Act of February 8, 1887 (commonly
15	known as the "Indian General Allotment
16	Act'') (24 Stat. 388, chapter 119; 25
17	U.S.C. 331) (as in effect on the day before
18	the date of enactment of the Indian Land
19	Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000
20	(Public Law 106–462; 114 Stat. 1991));
21	or
22	(ii) any undivided interest that the
23	Tribe may have in an Allotment (as so de-
24	fined) that is determined by the Secretary
25	to be patented pursuant to an authority

1	other than the first section of the Act of
2	February 8, 1887 (commonly known as the
3	"Indian General Allotment Act") (24 Stat.
4	388, chapter 119; 25 U.S.C. 331) (as in
5	effect on the day before the date of enact-
6	ment of the Indian Land Consolidation Act
7	Amendments of 2000 (Public Law 106–
8	462; 114 Stat. 1991)).
9	(5) TRIBE.—The term "Tribe" means the Zuni
10	Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, a federally recognized
11	Indian Tribe.
12	TITLE I—ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE
13	WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT
14	SEC. 101. PURPOSES.
15	The purposes of this title are—
16	(1) to achieve a fair, equitable, and final settle-
17	ment of all claims to water rights in the Zuni River
18	Stream System in the State for—
19	(A) the Tribe; and
20	(B) the United States, acting as trustee
21	for the Tribe;
22	(2) to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agree-
23	ment entered into by the Tribe, the State, and var-
24	ious other parties to the extent that the Agreement
25	is consistent with this title;

1	(3) to authorize and direct the Secretary—
2	(A) to execute the Agreement; and
3	(B) to take any other actions necessary to
4	carry out the Agreement in accordance with
5	this title; and
6	(4) to authorize funds necessary for the imple-
7	mentation of the Agreement and this title.
8	SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.
9	In this title:
10	(1) Adjudication.—The term "Adjudication"
11	means the general adjudication of water rights enti-
12	tled "United States v. A&R Production, et al.", Civil
13	No. 01–CV–00072, including the subproceeding Civil
14	No. 07-CV-00681, pending as of the date of enact-
15	ment of this Act in the United States District Court
16	for the District of New Mexico.
17	(2) AGREEMENT.—The term "Agreement"
18	means—
19	(A) the document entitled "Settlement
20	Agreement to Quantify and Protect the Water
21	Rights of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni
22	River Basin in New Mexico and to Protect the
23	Zuni Salt Lake" and dated May 1, 2023, and
24	the attachments thereto; and

1	(B) any amendment to the document re-
2	ferred to in subparagraph (A) (including an
3	amendment to an attachment thereto) that is
4	executed to ensure that the Agreement is con-
5	sistent with this title.
6	(3) Allotment.—The term "Allotment"
7	means—
8	(A) any of the 9 parcels on Zuni Lands
9	that are held in trust by the United States for
10	individual Indians, or an Indian Tribe holding
11	an undivided fractional beneficial interest,
12	under the patents numbered 202394, 224251,
13	224252, 224667, 234753, 236955, 254124,
14	254125, and 254126; and
15	(B) any of the 6 parcels in the State off
16	Zuni Lands that are held in trust by the United
17	States for individual Indians, or an Indian
18	Tribe holding an undivided fractional beneficial
19	interest, under the patents numbered 211719,
20	246362, 246363 , 246364 , 246365 , and
21	247321.
22	(4) Allottee.—The term "Allottee" means—
23	(A) an individual Indian holding a bene-
24	ficial interest in an Allotment; or

1	(B) an Indian Tribe holding an undivided
2	fractional beneficial interest in an Allotment.
3	(5) Partial final judgment and decree.—
4	The term "Partial Final Judgment and Decree"
5	means a final or interlocutory partial final judgment
6	and decree entered by the United States District
7	Court for the District of New Mexico with respect
8	to the water rights of the Tribe—
9	(A) that is substantially in the form de-
10	scribed in the Agreement, as amended to ensure
11	consistency with this title; and
12	(B) from which no further appeal may be
13	taken.
14	(6) Trust fund.—The term "Trust Fund"
15	means the Zuni Tribe Settlement Trust Fund estab-
16	lished under section 105(a).
17	(7) Zuni Lands.—The term "Zuni Lands"
18	means land within the State that is held in trust by
19	the United States for the Tribe, or owned by the
20	Tribe, at the time of filing of a Motion for Entry of
21	the Partial Final Judgment and Decree, including
22	the land withdrawn from sale and set apart as a res-
23	ervation or in trust for the use and occupancy of the
24	Tribe by—

1	(A) Executive Order of March 16, 1877
2	(relating to Zuni Pueblo reserve), as amended
3	by Executive Order of May 1, 1883 (relating to
4	Zuni Reserve);
5	(B) Presidential Proclamation 1412, dated
6	November 30, 1917;
7	(C) the Act of June 20, 1935 (49 Stat.
8	393, chapter 282);
9	(D) the Act of August 13, 1949 (63 Stat.
10	604, chapter 425); and
11	(E) the Warranty Deed recorded on July
12	16, 1997, in Book 6, Page 5885 of the Cibola
13	County Records.
14	(8) Zuni River Stream System.—The term
15	"Zuni River Stream System" means the Zuni River
16	surface water drainage basin identified in the order
17	of the United States District Court for the District
18	of New Mexico in the Adjudication entitled "Order
19	on Special Master's Report re: Geographic Scope of
20	Adjudication, Docket 200" and dated May 21, 2003.
21	SEC. 103. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT.
22	(a) Ratification.—
23	(1) In general.—Except as modified by this
24	title, and to the extent that the Agreement does not

1	conflict with this title, the Agreement is authorized,
2	ratified, and confirmed.
3	(2) Amendments.—If an amendment to the
4	Agreement, or to any attachment to the Agreement
5	requiring the signature of the Secretary, is executed
6	in accordance with this title to make the Agreement
7	consistent with this title, the amendment is author-
8	ized, ratified, and confirmed.
9	(b) Execution.—
10	(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent the Agreement
11	does not conflict with this title, the Secretary shall
12	execute the Agreement, including all attachments to
13	or parts of the Agreement, requiring the signature
14	of the Secretary.
15	(2) Modifications.—Nothing in this title pro-
16	hibits the Secretary, after execution of the Agree-
17	ment, from approving any modification to the Agree-
18	ment, including an attachment to the Agreement,
19	that is consistent with this title, to the extent that
20	the modification does not otherwise require congres-
21	sional approval under section 2116 of the Revised
22	Statutes (25 U.S.C. 177) or any other applicable
23	Federal law.
24	(c) Environmental Compliance.—

1	(1) In General.—In implementing the Agree-
2	ment and this title, the Secretary shall comply
3	with—
4	(A) the Endangered Species Act of 1973
5	(16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);
6	(B) the National Environmental Policy Act
7	of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), including the
8	implementing regulations of that Act; and
9	(C) all other applicable Federal environ-
10	mental laws and regulations.
11	(2) Compliance.—
12	(A) IN GENERAL.—In implementing the
13	Agreement and this title, the Tribe shall pre-
14	pare any necessary environmental documents,
15	consistent with—
16	(i) the Endangered Species Act of
17	1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);
18	(ii) the National Environmental Policy
19	Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), in-
20	cluding the implementing regulations of
21	that Act; and
22	(iii) all other applicable Federal envi-
23	ronmental laws and regulations.
24	(B) Authorizations.—The Secretary
25	ghall—

1	(i) independently evaluate the docu-
2	mentation required under subparagraph
3	(A); and
4	(ii) be responsible for the accuracy,
5	scope, and contents of that documentation.
6	(3) Effect of execution.—The execution of
7	the Agreement by the Secretary under this section
8	shall not constitute a major Federal action under
9	the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
10	U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).
11	(4) Costs.—Any costs associated with the per-
12	formance of the compliance activities under this sub-
13	section shall be paid from funds deposited in the
14	Trust Fund, subject to the condition that any costs
15	associated with the performance of Federal approval
16	or other review of such compliance work or costs as-
17	sociated with inherently Federal functions shall re-
18	main the responsibility of the Secretary.
19	SEC. 104. TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.
20	(a) Trust Status of the Tribal Water
21	RIGHTS.—The Tribal Water Rights shall be held in trust
22	by the United States on behalf of the Tribe, in accordance
23	with the Agreement and this title.
24	(b) Forfeiture and Abandonment.—

1	(1) In General.—The Tribal Water Rights
2	shall not be subject to loss through non-use, for-
3	feiture, abandonment, or other operation of law.
4	(2) State-law based water rights.—State-
5	law based water rights acquired by the Tribe, or by
6	the United States on behalf of the Tribe, after the
7	date for inclusion in the Partial Final Judgment and
8	Decree shall not be subject to forfeiture, abandon-
9	ment, or permanent alienation from the time those
10	water rights are acquired.
11	(c) USE.—Any use of the Tribal Water Rights shall
12	be subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement
13	and this title.
14	(d) Allotment Rights Not Included.—The
15	Tribal Water Rights do not include any water rights for
16	an Allotment.
17	(e) Allottees Not Adversely Affected.—
18	Nothing in this title quantifies or diminishes any water
19	right, or any claim or entitlement to water, of an Allottee.
20	(f) ACCOUNTING FOR ALLOTMENT USES.—Any use
21	of water on an Allotment shall be accounted for out of
22	the Tribal Water Rights recognized in the Agreement, in-
23	cluding recognition of—
24	(1) any water use existing on an Allotment as
25	of the date of enactment of this Act;

1	(2) reasonable domestic, stock, and irrigation
2	water uses put into use on an Allotment; and
3	(3) any water right decreed to the United
4	States in trust for an Allottee in the Adjudication,
5	for use on an Allotment.
6	(g) Allottee Water Rights.—The Tribe shall not
7	object in the Adjudication to the quantification of reason-
8	able domestic, stock, and irrigation water uses on an Allot-
9	ment, and shall administer any water use on Zuni Lands
10	in accordance with applicable Federal law, including rec-
11	ognition of—
12	(1) any water use existing on an Allotment as
13	of the date of enactment of this Act;
14	(2) reasonable domestic, stock, and irrigation
15	water uses on an Allotment; and
16	(3) any water right decreed to the United
17	States in trust for an Allottee in the Adjudication.
18	(h) Authority of the Tribe.—
19	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe shall have the au-
20	thority to allocate, distribute, and lease the Tribal
21	Water Rights for use on Zuni Lands in accordance
22	with the Agreement, this title, and applicable Fed-
23	eral law, including the first section of the Act of Au-
24	gust 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539, chapter 615; 25 U.S.C.

1	415) (commonly known as the "Long-Term Leasing
2	Act'').
3	(2) USE OFF ZUNI LANDS.—
4	(A) In General.—The Tribe may allo-
5	cate, distribute, and lease the Tribal Water
6	Rights for use off Zuni Lands in accordance
7	with the Agreement, this title, and applicable
8	Federal law, subject to the approval of the Sec-
9	retary.
10	(B) MAXIMUM TERM.—The maximum
11	term of any lease, including all renewals, under
12	this paragraph shall not exceed 99 years.
13	(i) Administration.—
14	(1) No alienation.—The Tribe shall not per-
15	manently alienate any portion of the Tribal Water
16	Rights.
17	(2) Purchases or grants of land from in-
18	DIANS.—An authorization provided by this title for
19	the allocation, distribution, leasing, or other ar-
20	rangement entered into pursuant to this title shall
21	be considered to satisfy any requirement for author-
22	ization of the action required by Federal law.
23	(3) Prohibition on forfeiture.—The non-
24	use of all or any portion of the Tribal Water Rights
25	by any water user shall not result in the forfeiture

1	abandonment, relinquishment, or other loss of all or
2	any portion of the Tribal Water Rights.
3	SEC. 105. SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND.
4	(a) Establishment.—The Secretary shall establish
5	a trust fund, to be known as the "Zuni Tribe Settlement
6	Trust Fund", to be managed, invested, and distributed by
7	the Secretary and to remain available until expended,
8	withdrawn, or reverted to the general fund of the Treas-
9	ury, consisting of amounts deposited in the Trust Fund
10	under subsection (c), together with any investment earn-
11	ings, including interest, earned on those amounts, for the
12	purpose of carrying out this title.
13	(b) Trust Fund Accounts.—The Secretary shall
14	establish in the Trust Fund the following accounts:
15	(1) The Zuni Tribe Water Rights Settlement
16	Trust Account.
17	(2) The Zuni Tribe Operation, Maintenance, &
18	Replacement Trust Account.
19	(c) Deposits.—The Secretary shall deposit in the
20	Trust Fund the amounts made available under section
21	106(a).
22	(d) Management and Interest.—
23	(1) Management.—On receipt and deposit of
24	funds into the Trust Fund under subsection (c), the
25	Secretary shall manage, invest, and distribute all

1	amounts in the Trust Fund in a manner that is con-
2	sistent with the investment authority of the Sec-
3	retary under—
4	(A) the first section of the Act of June 24,
5	1938 (25 U.S.C. 162a);
6	(B) the American Indian Trust Fund Man-
7	agement Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 4001
8	et seq.); and
9	(C) this section.
10	(2) Investment earnings.—In addition to
11	the amounts deposited under subsection (c), any in-
12	vestment earnings, including interest, earned on
13	those amounts, held in the Trust Fund are author-
14	ized to be used in accordance with subsections (f)
15	and (h).
16	(e) Availability of Amounts.—
17	(1) In general.—Amounts appropriated to,
18	and deposited in, the Trust Fund, including any in-
19	vestment earnings, including interest, earned on
20	those amounts, shall be made available to the Tribe
21	by the Secretary beginning on the Enforceability
22	Date, subject to the requirements of this section, ex-
23	cept for funds to be made available to the Tribe pur-
24	suant to paragraph (2).

1	(2) Use of funds.—Notwithstanding para-
2	graph (1), \$50,000,000 of the amounts deposited in
3	the Trust Fund, including any investment earnings,
4	including interest, earned on those amounts, shall be
5	available to the Tribe for the following uses on the
6	date on which the amounts are deposited in the
7	Trust Fund:
8	(A) Developing economic water develop-
9	ment plans.
10	(B) Preparing environmental compliance
11	documents.
12	(C) Preparing water project engineering
13	designs.
14	(D) Establishing and operating a water re-
15	source department.
16	(E) Installing groundwater wells on Zuni
17	Lands to meet immediate domestic, commercial,
18	municipal, industrial, livestock, or supplemental
19	irrigation water needs.
20	(F) Urgent repairs to irrigation infrastruc-
21	ture.
22	(G) Acquiring land and water rights or
23	water supply.
24	(H) Developing water measurement and
25	reporting water use plans.

1	(f) Withdrawals.—
2	(1) WITHDRAWALS UNDER THE AMERICAN IN-
3	DIAN TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT REFORM ACT OF
4	1994.—
5	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe may with-
6	draw any portion of the amounts in the Trust
7	Fund on approval by the Secretary of a Tribal
8	management plan submitted by the Tribe in ac-
9	cordance with the American Indian Trust Fund
10	Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C.
11	4001 et seq.).
12	(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the
13	requirements under the American Indian Trust
14	Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (25
15	U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Tribal management
16	plan under this paragraph shall require that the
17	Tribe shall spend all amounts withdrawn from
18	the Trust Fund, and any investment earnings,
19	including interest, earned on those amounts,
20	through the investments under the Tribal man-
21	agement plan, in accordance with this title.
22	(C) Enforcement.—The Secretary may
23	carry out such judicial and administrative ac-
24	tions as the Secretary determines to be nec-
25	essary to enforce the Tribal management plan

1	under this paragraph and to ensure that
2	amounts withdrawn by the Tribe from the
3	Trust Fund under subparagraph (A) are used
4	in accordance with this title.
5	(2) WITHDRAWALS UNDER EXPENDITURE
6	PLAN.—
7	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe may submit
8	to the Secretary a request to withdraw amounts
9	from the Trust Fund pursuant to an approved
10	expenditure plan.
11	(B) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to
12	withdraw amounts under an expenditure plan
13	under subparagraph (A), the Tribe shall submit
14	to the Secretary an expenditure plan for any
15	portion of the Trust Fund the Tribe elects to
16	withdraw pursuant to that subparagraph, sub-
17	ject to the condition that the amounts shall be
18	used for the purposes described in this title.
19	(C) Inclusions.—An expenditure plan
20	submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include
21	a description of the manner and purpose for
22	which the amounts proposed to be withdrawn
23	from the Trust Fund will be used by the Tribe,
24	in accordance with this subsection and sub-
25	section (h).

1	(D) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall ap-
2	prove an expenditure plan submitted under sub-
3	paragraph (A) if the Secretary determines that
4	the expenditure plan—
5	(i) is reasonable; and
6	(ii) is consistent with, and will be used
7	for, the purposes of this title.
8	(E) Enforcement.—The Secretary may
9	carry out such judicial and administrative ac-
10	tions as the Secretary determines to be nec-
11	essary—
12	(i) to enforce an expenditure plan;
13	and
14	(ii) to ensure that amounts withdrawn
15	under this paragraph are used in accord-
16	ance with this title.
17	(g) Effect of Section.—Nothing in this section
18	entitles the Tribe the right to judicial review of a deter-
19	mination of the Secretary relating to whether to approve
20	a Tribal management plan under paragraph (1) of sub-
21	section (f) or an expenditure plan under paragraph (2)
22	of that subsection, except under subchapter II of chapter
23	5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States Code (commonly
24	known as the "Administrative Procedure Act").
25	(h) Uses.—

1	(1) Zuni tribe water rights settlement
2	TRUST ACCOUNT.—The Zuni Tribe Water Rights
3	Settlement Trust Account established under sub-
4	section (b)(1) may only be used for the following
5	purposes:
6	(A) Planning, permitting, designing, engi-
7	neering, constructing, reconstructing, replacing,
8	rehabilitating, operating, or repairing water
9	production, treatment, or delivery infrastruc-
10	ture, including for domestic and municipal sup-
11	ply, or wastewater infrastructure.
12	(B) Planning, permitting, designing, engi-
13	neering, constructing, reconstructing, replacing,
14	rehabilitating, operating, or repairing water
15	production, treatment, or delivery infrastruc-
16	ture, acquisition of water, or on-farm improve-
17	ments for irrigation, livestock, and support of
18	agriculture.
19	(C) Planning, permitting, designing, engi-
20	neering, constructing, reconstructing, replacing,
21	rehabilitating, operating, monitoring, or other
22	measures for watershed and endangered species
23	habitat protection and enhancement, land and
24	water rights acquisition, water-related Tribal

community welfare and economic development,

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1	and costs relating to the implementation of the
2	Agreement.
3	(D) Ensuring environmental compliance in
4	the development and construction of projects
5	under this title.
6	(E) Tribal water rights management and
7	administration.
8	(2) Zuni tribe operation, maintenance, &
9	REPLACEMENT TRUST ACCOUNT.—The Zuni Tribe
10	Operation, Maintenance, & Replacement Trust Ac-
11	count established under subsection $(b)(2)$ may only
12	be used to pay costs for operation, maintenance, and
13	replacement of water infrastructure to serve Tribal
14	domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial, irriga-
15	tion, and livestock water uses from any water
16	source.
17	(i) LIABILITY.—The Secretary and the Secretary of
18	the Treasury shall not be liable for the expenditure or in-
19	vestment of any amounts withdrawn from the Trust Fund
20	by the Tribe under a Tribal management plan or an ex-
21	penditure plan under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection
22	(f), respectively.
23	(j) Expenditure Reports.—The Tribe shall annu-
24	ally submit to the Secretary an expenditure report describ-
25	ing amounts spent from, and accomplishment from the use

- 1 of, withdrawals under a Tribal management plan or an
- 2 expenditure plan under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection
- 3 (f), respectively.
- 4 (k) No Per Capita Distributions.—No portion of
- 5 the Trust Fund shall be distributed on a per capita basis
- 6 to any member of the Tribe.
- 7 (l) Title to Infrastructure.—Title to, control
- 8 over, and operation of any project constructed using funds
- 9 from the Trust Fund shall remain in the Tribe.
- 10 (m) Operation, Maintenance, and Replace-
- 11 MENT.—All operation, maintenance, and replacement
- 12 costs of any project constructed using funds from the
- 13 Trust Fund shall be the responsibility of the Tribe.
- 14 SEC. 106. FUNDING.
- 15 (a) Mandatory Appropriations.—Out of any
- 16 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the
- 17 Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Sec-
- 18 retary—
- 19 (1) for deposit in the Zuni Tribe Water Rights
- 20 Settlement Trust Account established under section
- 21 105(b)(1), \$655,500,000, to remain available until
- 22 expended, withdrawn, or reverted to the general
- 23 fund of the Treasury; and
- 24 (2) for deposit in the Zuni Tribe Operation,
- 25 Maintenance, & Replacement Trust Account estab-

1 lished under section 105(b)(2), \$29,500,000, to re-2 main available until expended, withdrawn, or re-3 verted to the general fund of the Treasury. 4 (b) Fluctuation in Costs.— 5 (1) In General.—The amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall be increased or decreased, 6 7 as appropriate, by such amounts as may be justified 8 by reason of ordinary fluctuations in costs, as indi-9 cated by the Bureau of Reclamation Construction 10 Cost Index-Composite Trend. 11 (2) Construction costs adjustment.—The 12 amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall be adjusted to address construction cost changes nec-13 14 essary to account for unforeseen market volatility 15 that may not otherwise be captured by engineering 16 cost indices, as determined by the Secretary, includ-17 ing repricing applicable to the types of construction 18 and current industry standards involved. 19 REPETITION.—The adjustment process 20 under this subsection shall be repeated for each sub-21 sequent amount appropriated until the applicable 22 amount, as adjusted, has been appropriated. 23 (4) Period of indexing.—The period of in-24 dexing adjustment under this subsection for any in-25 crement of funding shall start on January 1, 2022,

I	and end on the date on which the funds are depos-
2	ited in the Trust Fund.
3	(c) State Cost-share.—Pursuant to the Agree-
4	ment, the State shall contribute—
5	(1) \$750,000, for development and execution of
6	monitoring plans pursuant to the Agreement; and
7	(2) \$500,000, to be deposited in an interest-
8	bearing account, to mitigate impairment to non-In-
9	dian domestic and livestock groundwater rights as a
10	result of new Tribal water use.
11	SEC. 107. WAIVERS AND RELEASES OF CLAIMS.
12	(a) Waivers and Releases of Claims by Zuni
13	TRIBE AND UNITED STATES AS TRUSTEE FOR ZUNI
14	TRIBE.—Subject to the reservation of rights and retention
15	of claims under subsection (d), as consideration for rec-
16	ognition of the Tribal Water Rights and other benefits de-
17	scribed in the Agreement and this title, the Tribe and the
18	United States, acting as trustee for the Tribe, shall exe-
19	cute a waiver and release of all claims for—
20	(1) water rights within the Zuni River Stream
21	System that the Tribe, or the United States acting
22	as trustee for the Tribe, asserted or could have as-
23	serted in any proceeding, including the Adjudication,
24	on or before the Enforceability Date, except to the

1	extent that such rights are recognized in the Agree-
2	ment and this title; and
3	(2) damages, losses, or injuries to water rights
4	or claims of interference with, diversion of, or taking
5	of water rights (including claims for injury to land
6	resulting from such damages, losses, injuries, inter-
7	ference, diversion, or taking of water rights) in the
8	Zuni River Stream System against any party to the
9	Agreement that accrued at any time up to and in-
10	cluding the Enforceability Date.
11	(b) Waivers and Releases of Claims by Zuni
12	TRIBE AGAINST UNITED STATES.—Subject to the res-
13	ervation of rights and retention of claims under subsection
14	(d), the Tribe shall execute a waiver and release of all
15	claims against the United States (including any agency
16	or employee of the United States) for water rights within
17	the Zuni River Stream System first arising before the En-
18	forceability Date relating to—
19	(1) water rights within the Zuni River Stream
20	System that the United States, acting as trustee for
21	the Tribe, asserted or could have asserted in any
22	proceeding, including the Adjudication, except to the
23	extent that such rights are recognized as part of the
24	Tribal Water Rights under this title;

1	(2) foregone benefits from non-Indian use of
2	water, on and off Zuni Lands (including water from
3	all sources and for all uses), within the Zuni River
4	Stream System;
5	(3) damage, loss, or injury to water, water
6	rights, land, or natural resources due to loss of
7	water or water rights (including damages, losses, or
8	injuries to hunting, fishing, gathering, or cultural
9	rights due to loss of water or water rights, claims
10	relating to interference with, diversion of, or taking
11	of water, or claims relating to a failure to protect,
12	acquire, replace, or develop water, water rights, or
13	water infrastructure) within the Zuni River Stream
14	System;
15	(4) a failure to establish or provide a municipal,
16	rural, or industrial water delivery system on Zuni
17	Lands within the Zuni River Stream System;
18	(5) damage, loss, or injury to water, water
19	rights, land, or natural resources due to construc-
20	tion, operation, and management of irrigation
21	projects on Zuni Lands or Federal land (including
22	damages, losses, or injuries to fish habitat, wildlife,
23	and wildlife habitat) within the Zuni River Stream
24	System;

1	(6) a failure to provide for operation, mainte-
2	nance, or deferred maintenance for any irrigation
3	system or irrigation project within the Zuni River
4	Stream System;
5	(7) a failure to provide a dam safety improve-
6	ment to a dam on Zuni Lands within the Zuni River
7	Stream System;
8	(8) the litigation of claims relating to any water
9	right of the Tribe within the Zuni River Stream Sys-
10	tem; and
11	(9) the negotiation, execution, or adoption of
12	the Agreement and this title.
13	(c) Effective Date.—The waivers and releases de-
14	scribed in subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the
15	Enforceability Date.
16	(d) Reservation of Rights and Retention of
17	CLAIMS.—Notwithstanding the waivers and releases under
18	subsections (a) and (b), the Tribe and the United States,
19	acting as trustee for the Tribe, shall retain all claims relat-
20	ing to—
21	(1) the enforcement of, or claims accruing after
22	the Enforceability Date relating to, water rights rec-
23	ognized under the Agreement, this title, or the Par-
24	tial Final Judgment and Decree entered into in the
25	Adjudication;

1	(2) activities affecting the quality of water, in-
2	cluding claims under—
3	(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
4	sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
5	1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), including claims
6	for damages to natural resources;
7	(B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
8	U.S.C. 300f et seq.);
9	(C) the Federal Water Pollution Control
10	Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); and
11	(D) any regulations implementing the Acts
12	described in subparagraphs (A) through (C);
13	(3) the right to use and protect water rights ac-
14	quired after the date of enactment of this Act;
15	(4) damage, loss, or injury to land or natural
16	resources that is not due to loss of water or water
17	rights, including hunting, fishing, gathering, or cul-
18	tural rights;
19	(5) all rights, remedies, privileges, immunities,
20	and powers not specifically waived and released pur-
21	suant to this title or the Agreement; and
22	(6) loss of water or water rights in locations
23	outside of the Zuni River Stream System.
24	(e) Effect of Agreement and Title.—Nothing
25	in the Agreement or this title—

1	(1) reduces or extends the sovereignty (includ-
2	ing civil and criminal jurisdiction) of any govern-
3	ment entity;
4	(2) affects the ability of the United States, as
5	sovereign, to carry out any activity authorized by
6	law, including—
7	(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
8	sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
9	1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);
10	(B) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
11	U.S.C. 300f et seq.);
12	(C) the Federal Water Pollution Control
13	Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);
14	(D) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
15	U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); and
16	(E) any regulations implementing the Acts
17	described in subparagraphs (A) though (D);
18	(3) affects the ability of the United States to
19	act as trustee for the Tribe (consistent with this
20	title), any other Indian Tribe or Pueblo, or an allot-
21	tee of any Indian Tribe or Pueblo;
22	(4) confers jurisdiction on any State court—
23	(A) to interpret Federal law relating to
24	health, safety, or the environment;

1	(B) to determine the duties of the United
2	States or any other party under Federal law re-
3	garding health, safety, or the environment;
4	(C) to conduct judicial review of any Fed-
5	eral agency action; or
6	(D) to interpret Tribal law; or
7	(5) waives any claim of a member of the Tribe
8	in an individual capacity that does not derive from
9	a right of the Tribe.
10	(f) TOLLING OF CLAIMS.—
11	(1) In general.—Each applicable period of
12	limitation and time-based equitable defense relating
13	to a claim described in this section shall be tolled for
14	the period beginning on the date of enactment of
15	this Act and ending on the Enforceability Date.
16	(2) Effect of Subsection.—Nothing in this
17	subsection revives any claim or tolls any period of
18	limitation or time-based equitable defense that ex-
19	pired before the date of enactment of this Act.
20	(3) Limitation.—Nothing in this section pre-
21	cludes the tolling of any period of limitation or any
22	time-based equitable defense under any other appli-
23	cable law.
24	(9) Expiration.—

1	(1) In general.—This title shall expire in any
2	case in which the Secretary fails to publish a state-
3	ment of findings under section 109 by not later
4	than—
5	(A) July 1, 2030; or
6	(B) such alternative later date as is agreed
7	to by the Tribe and the Secretary, after pro-
8	viding reasonable notice to the State.
9	(2) Consequences.—If this title expires under
10	paragraph (1)—
11	(A) the waivers and releases under sub-
12	sections (a) and (b) shall—
13	(i) expire; and
14	(ii) have no further force or effect;
15	(B) the authorization, ratification, con-
16	firmation, and execution of the Agreement
17	under section 103 shall no longer be effective;
18	(C) any action carried out by the Sec-
19	retary, and any contract or agreement entered
20	into, pursuant to this title shall be void;
21	(D) any unexpended Federal funds appro-
22	priated or made available to carry out the ac-
23	tivities authorized by this title (together with
24	any interest earned on those funds), and any
25	water rights or contracts to use water, and title

1	to any property acquired or constructed with
2	Federal funds appropriated or made available
3	to carry out the activities authorized by this
4	title shall be returned to the Federal Govern-
5	ment, unless otherwise agreed to by the Tribe
6	and the United States and approved by Con-
7	gress; and
8	(E) except for Federal funds used to ac-
9	quire or construct property that is returned to
10	the Federal Government under subparagraph
11	(D), the United States shall be entitled to offset
12	any Federal funds made available to carry out
13	this title that were expended or withdrawn, or
14	any funds made available to carry out this title
15	from other Federal authorized sources, together
16	with any interest accrued on those funds,
17	against any claims against the United States—
18	(i) relating to—
19	(I) water rights in the State as-
20	serted by—
21	(aa) the Tribe; or
22	(bb) any user of the Tribal
23	Water Rights; or
24	(II) any other matter described
25	in subsection (b); or

1	(ii) in any future settlement of water
2	rights of the Tribe.
3	SEC. 108. SATISFACTION OF CLAIMS.
4	The benefits provided under this title shall be in com-
5	plete replacement of, complete substitution for, and full
6	satisfaction of any claim of the Tribe against the United
7	States that is waived and released by the Tribe pursuant
8	to section 107(b).
9	SEC. 109. ENFORCEABILITY DATE.
10	The Enforceability Date shall be the date on which
11	the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a state-
12	ment of findings that—
13	(1) to the extent that the Agreement conflicts
14	with this title, the Agreement has been amended to
15	conform with this title;
16	(2) the Agreement, as amended, has been exe-
17	cuted by all parties to the Agreement, including the
18	United States;
19	(3) the United States District Court for the
20	District of New Mexico has approved the Agreement
21	and has entered a Partial Final Judgment and De-
22	cree;
23	(4) all of the amounts appropriated under sub-
24	sections (a) and (b) of section 106 have been appro-
25	priated and deposited in the Zuni Tribe Water

1	Rights Settlement Trust Account established under
2	section 105(b)(1) or the Zuni Tribe Operation,
3	Maintenance, & Replacement Trust Account estab-
4	lished under section 105(b)(2), as applicable;
5	(5) the State has—
6	(A) provided the funding under section
7	106(e); and
8	(B) enacted legislation to amend State law
9	to provide that the Tribal Water Rights may be
10	leased for a term of not to exceed 99 years, in-
11	cluding renewals; and
12	(6) the waivers and releases under section 107
13	have been executed by the Tribe and the Secretary.
14	SEC. 110. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.
15	(a) No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity by the
16	United States.—Nothing in this title waives the sov-
17	ereign immunity of the United States.
18	(b) Other Tribes Not Adversely Affected.—
19	Nothing in this title quantifies or diminishes any land or
20	water right, or any claim or entitlement to land or water,
21	of an Indian Tribe, band, Pueblo, or community other
22	than the Tribe.
23	(c) Effect on Current Law.—Nothing in this
24	title affects any provision of law (including regulations)
25	in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this

Act with respect to pre-enforcement review of any Federal environmental enforcement action. 3 (d) CONFLICT.—In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and this title, this title shall control. SEC. 111. RELATION TO ALLOTTEES. 6 (a) NO EFFECT ON CLAIMS OF ALLOTTEES.—Nothing in this Act or the Agreement affects the rights or 8 claims of Allottees, or the United States, acting in its capacity as trustee for or on behalf of Allottees, for water 10 rights or damages relating to land allotted by the United 11 States to Allottees. 12 (b) Relationship of Decree to Allottees.— 13 (1) Separate adjudication.—Regardless of 14 whether an Allotment is patented pursuant to the 15 first section of the Act of February 8, 1887 (commonly known as the "Indian General Allotment 16 17 Act") (24 Stat. 388, chapter 119; 25 U.S.C. 331) 18 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment 19 of the Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments 20 of 2000 (Public Law 106–462; 114 Stat. 1991)), or 21 section 4 of that Act (24 Stat. 389, chapter 119; 25 22 U.S.C. 334), as determined by the Secretary, when 23 adjudicated— 24 (A) water rights for Allotments shall be 25 separate from the Tribal Water Rights; and

1	(B) no water rights for Allotments shall be
2	included in the Partial Final Judgment and De-
3	cree.
4	(2) Allotment water rights.—Allotment
5	water rights adjudicated separately pursuant to
6	paragraph (1) shall not be subject to the restrictions
7	or conditions that apply to the use of the Tribal
8	Water Rights, subject to the condition that if an Al-
9	lotment governed by the Act of February 8, 1887
10	(commonly known as the "Indian General Allotment
11	Act'') (24 Stat. 388, chapter 119; 25 U.S.C. 331 et
12	seq.), becomes Zuni Lands, the water rights associ-
13	ated with that Allotment shall be subject to the re-
14	strictions and conditions on the Tribal Water Rights
15	set forth in this Act and the Agreement.
16	(3) Allottee water rights to be adju-
17	DICATED.—Allottees, or the United States, acting in
18	its capacity as trustee for Allottees, may make water
19	rights claims, and such claims may be adjudicated in
20	the Zuni River Stream System.
21	SEC. 112. ANTIDEFICIENCY.
22	The United States shall not be liable for any failure
23	to carry out any obligation or activity authorized by this
24	title, including any obligation or activity under the Agree-

1	ment, if adequate appropriations are not provided ex-
2	pressly by Congress to carry out the purposes of this title.
3	TITLE II—ZUNI SALT LAKE AND
4	SANCTUARY PROTECTION
5	SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.
6	In this title:
7	(1) Casual collecting.—The term "casual
8	collecting" has the meaning given the term in sec-
9	tion 6301 of the Omnibus Public Land Management
10	Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 470aaa).
11	(2) Federal Land.—The term "Federal land"
12	means—
13	(A) any Federal land or interest in Federal
14	land that is within the boundary of the Zuni
15	Salt Lake and Sanctuary; and
16	(B) any land or interest in land located
17	within the boundary of the Zuni Salt Lake and
18	Sanctuary that is acquired by the Federal Gov-
19	ernment after the date of enactment of this
20	Act.
21	(3) Map.—The term "Map" means the map en-
22	titled "Legislative Map for Zuni Tribe Water Settle-
23	ment" and dated June 17, 2024.
24	(4) Zuni salt lake and sanctuary.—The
25	term "Zuni Salt Lake and Sanctuary" means the

1	approximately 217,037 acres located in the State
2	comprised of a mixture of private, Tribal trust,
3	State, and Bureau of Land Management-managed
4	lands, as depicted on the Map, protected by New
5	Mexico Office of the State Engineer Order No. 199
6	(July 5, 2023) due to the historical and cultural sig-
7	nificance of those lands.
8	SEC. 202. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN
9	NEW MEXICO.
10	(a) WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND.—Subject to
11	valid existing rights and section 204(a)(3), effective on the
12	date of enactment of this Act, the Federal land described
13	in section 201(2)(A), comprising approximately 92,364
14	acres, is withdrawn from all forms of—
15	(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
16	public land laws;
17	(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
18	laws; and
19	(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
20	eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.
21	(b) WITHDRAWAL OF LAND ACQUIRED.—Subject to
22	valid existing rights and section 204(a)(3), effective on the
23	date on which the land described in section $201(2)(B)$ is
24	acquired by the Federal Government, that Federal land
25	is withdrawn from all forms of—

1	(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
2	public land laws;
3	(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4	laws; and
5	(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
6	eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.
7	(c) Reservation.—The Federal land withdrawn
8	under this section is reserved for—
9	(1) the protection of the Zuni Salt Lake and
10	Sanctuary;
11	(2) the quality and quantity of water resources
12	that supply the Zuni Salt Lake; and
13	(3) any cultural resources or values within or
14	associated with the Zuni Salt Lake and Sanctuary.
15	SEC. 203. MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL LAND.
16	(a) In General.—In addition to the requirements
17	of section 202, the Secretary, acting through the Director
18	of the Bureau of Land Management, shall manage the
19	Federal land withdrawn under that section in accordance
20	with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
21	1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), in consultation with the
22	Tribe, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake and Sanctuary, the
23	quality and quantity of water resources that supply the
24	Zuni Salt Lake, and any cultural resources or values with-
25	in or associated with the Zuni Salt Lake and Sanctuary.

1	(b) Specific Restrictions.—The following restric-
2	tions shall apply to the Federal land described in sub-
3	section (a):
4	(1) Except where needed for administrative or
5	emergency purposes, motor vehicle use shall be lim-
6	ited to designated routes, which shall not impact the
7	values of the Zuni Salt Lake and Sanctuary.
8	(2) No water wells or extension or expansion of
9	any existing water wells may be authorized after the
10	date of enactment of this Act, except that replace-
11	ment water wells may be authorized in the event of
12	failure of an existing water well.
13	(3) No increase in existing permitted grazing
14	use may be authorized.
15	(4) No new rights-of-way or leases may be
16	issued, except for geophysical, geologic, or hydrologic
17	operations limited to research or monitoring to un-
18	derstand and protect the Zuni Salt Lake or for re-
19	gional scientific study.
20	(5) No sale or free use of timber may be au-
21	thorized.
22	(6) Casual collecting shall not be authorized.
23	SEC. 204. TRANSFER OF LAND INTO TRUST.
24	(a) Federal Land Transfers.—

1	(1) In general.—On the Enforceability Date,
2	and subject to valid existing rights and the require-
3	ments of this section, the Secretary shall take into
4	trust for the benefit of the Tribe all right, title, and
5	interest of the United States in and to the land de-
6	scribed as "Tribal Acquisition Area" on the Map.
7	(2) Terms and conditions.—
8	(A) Existing authorizations.—
9	(i) In General.—Land taken into
10	trust under this subsection shall be subject
11	to valid existing rights, contracts, leases,
12	permits, and rights-of-way, unless the hold-
13	er of the right, contract, lease, permit, or
14	right-of-way requests an earlier termi-
15	nation in accordance with existing law.
16	(ii) Assumption by Bureau of in-
17	DIAN AFFAIRS.—The Bureau of Indian Af-
18	fairs shall—
19	(I) assume all benefits and obli-
20	gations of the previous land manage-
21	ment agency under the existing rights,
22	contracts, leases, permits, and rights-
23	of-way described in clause (i); and
24	(II) disburse to the Tribe any
25	amounts that accrue to the United

1	States from those rights, contracts,
2	leases, permits, and rights-of-way
3	after the date on which the land is
4	taken into trust from any sale, bonus,
5	royalty, or rental relating to that land
6	in the same manner as amounts re-
7	ceived from other land held by the
8	Secretary in trust for the Tribe.
9	(B) Personal Property.—
10	(i) In general.—Any improvements
11	constituting personal property (as defined
12	by State law) belonging to the holder of a
13	right, contract, lease, permit, or right-of-
14	way on land taken into trust under this
15	subsection shall—
16	(I) remain the property of the
17	holder; and
18	(II) be removed from the land
19	not later than 90 days after the date
20	on which the right, contract, lease,
21	permit, or right-of-way expires, unless
22	the Tribe and the holder agree other-
23	wise.
24	(ii) Remaining property.—Any per-
25	sonal property described in clause (i) re-

1	maining beyond the 90-day period de-
2	scribed in subclause (II) of that clause
3	shall—
4	(I) become the property of the
5	Tribe; and
6	(II) be subject to removal and
7	disposition at the discretion of the
8	Tribe.
9	(iii) Liability of previous hold-
10	ER.—The holder of personal property de-
11	scribed in clause (i) shall be liable to the
12	Tribe for costs incurred by the Tribe in re-
13	moving and disposing of the property
14	under clause (ii)(II).
15	(3) Termination of withdrawal of fed-
16	ERAL LAND.—The withdrawal of Federal land pur-
17	suant to section 202 shall terminate, as to the land
18	described in paragraph (1), on the date on which the
19	land is taken into trust under that paragraph.
20	(4) Status of water rights on trans-
21	FERRED LAND.—Any water rights associated with
22	land taken into trust under paragraph (1)—
23	(A) shall be held in trust for the Tribe; but
24	(B) shall not be included in the Tribal
25	Water Rights.

1	(b) FUTURE TRUST LAND.—On acquisition by the
2	Tribe of any land depicted as "Potential Future Acquisi-
3	tion Areas" on the Map, the Secretary shall take legal title
4	in and to that land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe,
5	subject to the conditions that—
6	(1) the land shall be free from any liens, en-
7	cumbrances, or other infirmities; and
8	(2) no evidence exists of any hazardous sub-
9	stances on, or other environmental liability with re-
10	spect to, the land.
11	SEC. 205. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.
12	(a) Preparation of Maps and Legal Descrip-
13	TIONS.—As soon as practicable after the date of enact-
14	ment of this Act, the Secretary shall—
15	(1) prepare maps depicting—
16	(A) the land withdrawn under section 202;
17	and
18	(B) the land taken into trust under section
19	204; and
20	(2) publish in the Federal Register a notice
21	containing the legal descriptions of land described in
22	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).
23	(b) Legal Effect.—Maps and legal descriptions
24	prepared and published under subsection (a) shall have
25	the same force and effect as if the maps and legal descrip-

- 1 tions were included in this title, except that the Secretary
- 2 may correct any clerical and typographical errors in such
- 3 maps and legal descriptions.
- 4 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Copies of maps and legal de-
- 5 scriptions prepared and published under subsection (a)
- 6 shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate
- 7 offices of the Bureau of Land Management.