

116TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. LEE, Mr. ENZI, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Colorado River
5 Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act".

1 **SEC. 2. COLORADO RIVER BASIN DROUGHT CONTINGENCY**
2 **PLANS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law expressly addressing the operation of the appli-
5 cable Colorado River System reservoirs, immediately upon
6 execution of the March 19, 2019, versions of the Agree-
7 ment Concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency
8 Management and Operations and the agreements attached
9 thereto as Attachments A1, A2, and B, by all of the non-
10 Federal parties thereto, the Secretary of the Interior shall,
11 without delay, execute such agreements, and is directed
12 and authorized to carry out the provisions of such agree-
13 ments and operate applicable Colorado River System res-
14 ervoirs accordingly.

15 (b) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this section shall—

16 (1) be construed or interpreted as precedent for
17 the litigation of, or as altering, affecting, or being
18 deemed as a congressional determination regarding,
19 the water rights of the United States, any Indian
20 Tribe, band, or community, any State or political
21 subdivision or district of a State, or any person; or

22 (2) exempt the implementation of such agree-
23 ments and the operation of applicable Colorado
24 River System reservoirs from any requirements of
25 applicable Federal environmental laws.