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# S. 2564

To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23 (legislative day, JUNE 22), 2004

Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Lower Rio Grande Val-  
5       ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act  
6       of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND**  
2 **ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LOWER RIO GRANDE**  
3 **WATER CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**  
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.**—Section 4(a) of the  
6 Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation  
7 and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–576; 114  
8 Stat. 3067) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(20) In Cameron County, Texas, Bayview Irri-  
10 gation District No. 11, water conservation and im-  
11 provement projects as identified in the March 3,  
12 2004, engineering report by NRS Consulting Engi-  
13 neers at a cost of \$1,425,219.

14 “(21) In the Cameron County, Texas, the  
15 Brownsville Irrigation District, water conservation  
16 and improvement projects as identified in the Feb-  
17 ruary 11, 2004 engineering report by NRS Con-  
18 sulting Engineers at a cost of \$722,100.

19 “(22) In the Cameron County, Texas Harlingen  
20 Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation and im-  
21 provement projects as identified in the March, 2004,  
22 engineering report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a  
23 cost of \$4,173,950.

24 “(23) In the Cameron County, Texas, Cameron  
25 County Irrigation District No. 2, water conservation  
26 and improvement projects as identified in the Feb-

1       ruary 11, 2004 engineering report by NRS Con-  
2       sulting Engineers at a cost of \$8,269,576.

3               “(24) In the Cameron County, Texas, the Cam-  
4       eron County Irrigation District No. 6, water con-  
5       servation and improvement projects as identified in  
6       an engineering report by Turner Collie Braden, Inc.  
7       at a cost of \$5,607,300.

8               “(25) In the Cameron County, Texas, Adams  
9       Gardens Irrigation District No. 19, water conserva-  
10      tion and improvement projects as identified in the  
11      March, 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair En-  
12      gineering at a cost of \$2,500,000.

13              “(26) In the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties,  
14      Texas, the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Irrigation  
15      District No. 9, water conservation and improvement  
16      projects as identified by the February 11 engineer-  
17      ing report by NRS Consulting Engineers at a cost  
18      of \$8,929,152.

19              “(27) In the Hidalgo and Willacy Counties,  
20      Texas, Delta Lake Irrigation District, water con-  
21      servation and improvement projects as identified in  
22      the March, 2004 engineering report by Axiom-Blair  
23      Engineering at a cost of \$8,000,000.

24              “(28) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, the Hi-  
25      dalgo County Irrigation District Number 2, water

1 conservation and improvement projects identified in  
2 the October 2002, December 2002, January 2003,  
3 and February 2003 engineering reports by Sigler,  
4 Winston, Greenwood Associates, Inc. at a total cost  
5 of \$5,312,475.

6 “(29) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
7 County Irrigation District No. 1, water conservation  
8 and improvement projects identified in an engineer-  
9 ing report dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and  
10 Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$5,595,018.

11 “(30) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
12 County Irrigation District No. 6, water conservation  
13 and improvement projects as identified in the  
14 March, 2004, engineering report by Axiom-Blair En-  
15 gineering at a cost of \$3,450,000.

16 “(31) In the Hidalgo County, Texas Santa  
17 Cruz Irrigation District No. 15, water conservation  
18 and improvement projects as identified in an engi-  
19 neering report dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and  
20 Hunt at a cost of \$4,609,000.

21 “(32) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Engelman  
22 Irrigation District, water conservation and improve-  
23 ment projects as identified in an engineering report  
24 dated March 5, 2004 by Melden and Hunt, Inc. at  
25 a cost of \$2,251,480.

1           “(33) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Valley  
2 Acres Water District, water conservation and im-  
3 provement projects as identified in an engineering  
4 report dated March, 2004 by Axiom-Blair Engineer-  
5 ing at a cost of \$500,000.

6           “(34) In the Hudspeth County, Texas,  
7 Hudspeth County Conservation and Reclamation  
8 District No. 1, water conservation and improvement  
9 projects as identified in the March, 2004, engineer-  
10 ing report by Axiom-Blair Engineering at a cost of  
11 \$1,500,000.

12           “(35) In the El Paso County, Texas, El Paso  
13 County Water Improvement District No. 1, water  
14 conservation and improvement projects as identified  
15 in the March, 2004, engineering report by Axiom-  
16 Blair Engineering at a cost of \$10,500,000.

17           “(36) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Donna Ir-  
18 rigation District, water conservation and improve-  
19 ment projects identified in an engineering report  
20 dated March 22, 2004 by Melden and Hunt, Inc. at  
21 a cost of \$2,500,000.

22           “(37) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo  
23 County Irrigation District No. 16, water conserva-  
24 tion and improvement projects identified in an engi-

1 neering report dated March 22, 2004 by Melden and  
 2 Hunt, Inc. at a cost of \$2,800,000.

3 “(38) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, the United  
 4 Irrigation District, water conservation and improve-  
 5 ment projects identified in an engineering report  
 6 dated March 2004 by Sigler, Winston, Greenwood As-  
 7 sociates, Inc. at a cost of \$6,067,021.”.

8 (b) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE WATER  
 9 OR IMPROVE SUPPLY; TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—  
 10 Section 4 of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Re-  
 11 sources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub-  
 12 lic Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
 14 section (e); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
 16 lowing:

17 “(c) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE  
 18 WATER OR IMPROVE SUPPLY.—In addition to the activi-  
 19 ties identified in the engineering reports referred to in  
 20 subsection (a), each project that the Secretary conducts  
 21 or participates in under subsection (a) may include any  
 22 of the following:

23 “(1) The replacement of irrigation canals and  
 24 lateral canals with buried pipelines.

1           “(2) The impervious lining of irrigation canals  
2           and lateral canals.

3           “(3) Installation of water level, flow measure-  
4           ment, pump control, and telemetry systems.

5           “(4) The renovation and replacement of pump-  
6           ing plants.

7           “(5) Other activities that will result in the con-  
8           servation of water or an improved supply of water.

9           “(d) TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—Of amounts  
10          made available for a project referred to in any of para-  
11          graphs (20) through (38) of subsection (a), the Secretary  
12          may transfer and use for another such project up to 10  
13          percent.”.

14       **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
15                               **LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION.**

16          Section 4(e) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water  
17          Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000  
18          (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) (as redesignated  
19          by section (2)(b)(1)) is amended by inserting before the  
20          period the following: “for projects referred to in para-  
21          graphs (1) through (19) of subsection (a), and  
22          \$42,356,145 (2004 dollars) for projects referred to in  
23          paragraphs (20) through (38) of subsection (a)”.

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