



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 2442** **Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on August 5, 2010*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2442 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in six new water recycling projects and to increase the federal share of the costs for two existing projects in the San Francisco Bay area of California. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2442 would cost \$38 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2442 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2442 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011-2015
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	8	8	8	8	6	38
Estimated Outlays	5	7	9	9	8	38

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2442 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar water resource projects.

H.R. 2442 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to design, plan, and construct six new water recycling projects in the San Francisco Bay area. The legislation also would authorize an increase of \$6 million for the federal share of project costs for two water recycling projects previously authorized in the bay area. In total, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$38 million. CBO assumes that those amounts would be provided in roughly equal increments over the next five years.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2442 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Funds authorized to be appropriated by the bill would benefit a number of cities and water districts in California.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On September 28, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2442 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 10, 2009, with a subsequent amendment provided to CBO on September 28, 2009. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are also similar.

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