

Public Law 109–138
109th Congress

An Act

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District.

Dec. 22, 2005

[H.R. 4195]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005”.

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2005.

SEC. 2. EARLY REPAYMENT.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 213 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm), any landowner within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District, in Oregon, may repay, at any time, the construction costs of the project facilities allocated to that landowner’s lands within the district in question. Upon discharge, in full, of the obligation for repayment of the construction costs allocated to all lands the landowner owns in the district in question, those lands shall not be subject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limitations of the Act of June 17, 1902 (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act, including the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.).

SEC. 3. LIMITATION.

Nothing herein modifies contractual rights that may exist between Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and Medford Irrigation District and the United States under their respective Reclamation contracts, or amends or reopens those contracts; nor does it modify any rights, obligations or relationships that may exist between the districts and their landowners as may be provided or governed by Oregon State law.

SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION.

Upon the request of a landowner who has repaid, in full, the construction costs of the project facilities allocated to that landowner’s lands owned within the district, the Secretary of the Interior shall provide the certification provided for in subsection

(b)(1) of section 213 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm(b)(1)).

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