



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1737
City of Oxnard Water Recycling and Desalination Act of 2007**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1737 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in planning, designing, and constructing Phase I of the permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired water in the area of Oxnard, California.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$14 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting H.R. 1737 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1737 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. 1737 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					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	2	3	3	3	3	14
Estimated Outlays	1	3	4	3	3	14

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted at the beginning of fiscal year 2009. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$14 million over the 2009-2013 period.

H.R. 1737 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in planning, designing, and constructing Phase I of the permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired water in the area of Oxnard, California. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the total project would cost about \$57 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of the cost of the project would be 25 percent. Federal funds would not be available for operation and maintenance of the project and would not be available for construction, operation, and maintenance of the visitor center related to the project. The authority of the Secretary to carry out the project would sunset 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1737 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The city of Oxnard, California, would benefit from the water projects authorized in the act. Any costs it incurred, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On May 15, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1737 as passed by the House of Representatives on May 7, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the estimated cost over five years to implement them is the same.

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