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H. R. 3281

To authorize the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. CALVERT (for himself and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Since 1935, the United States has owned a
6 parcel of land in Riverside, California, consisting of
7 approximately 8.75 acres, more specifically described

1 in section 2(a) (in this section referred to as the
2 “property”).

3 (2) The property is under the jurisdiction of the
4 Department of Agriculture and has been variously
5 used for research and plant materials purposes.

6 (3) Since 1998, the property has been adminis-
7 tered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service
8 of the Department of Agriculture.

9 (4) Since 2002, the property has been co-man-
10 aged under a cooperative agreement between the
11 Natural Resources Conservation Service and the
12 Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District,
13 which is a legal subdivision of the State of California
14 under section 9003 of the California Public Re-
15 sources Code.

16 (5) The Conservation District wishes to pur-
17 chase the property and use it for conservation, envi-
18 ronmental, and related educational purposes.

19 (6) As provided in section 2, the purchase of
20 the property by the Conservation District would pro-
21 mote the conservation education and related activi-
22 ties of the Conservation District and result in sav-
23 ings to the Federal Government.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND PURCHASE, NATURAL RESOURCES CON-**
2 **SERVATION SERVICE PROPERTY, RIVERSIDE**
3 **COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) PURCHASE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Ag-
5 riculture shall sell and quitclaim to the Riverside Corona
6 Resource Conservation District (in this section referred to
7 as the “Conservation District”) all right, title, and interest
8 of the United States in and to a parcel of real property,
9 including improvements thereon, that is located at 4500
10 Glenwood Drive in Riverside, California, consists of ap-
11 proximately 8.75 acres, and is administered by the Nat-
12 ural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of
13 Agriculture. As necessary or desirable to facilitate the pur-
14 chase of the property under this section, the Secretary or
15 the Conservation District may survey all or portions of
16 the property.

17 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the pur-
18 chase of the property under this section, the Conservation
19 District shall pay to the Secretary of Agriculture an
20 amount equal to the appraised value of the property.

21 (c) DEPOSIT AND USE OF CONSIDERATION.—The
22 amounts received as consideration under subsection (b)
23 may be credited to the applicable appropriation of the Nat-
24 ural Resources Conservation Service for conservation op-
25 erations in California and shall remain available, without

1 further appropriation, until expended as the Secretary of
2 Agriculture may direct.

3 (d) PROHIBITION ON RESERVATION OF INTEREST.—

4 The Secretary of Agriculture shall not reserve any future
5 interest in the property to be conveyed under this section,
6 except such interest as may be acceptable to the Conserva-
7 tion District.

8 (e) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—Notwithstanding
9 section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
10 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42
11 U.S.C. 9620(h)) or the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
12 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), in the case of the property purchased
13 by the Conservation District under this section, the Sec-
14 retary of Agriculture shall be only required to meet the
15 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, pollut-
16 ants, or contaminants, but shall otherwise not be required
17 to remediate or abate any such releases of hazardous sub-
18 stances, pollutants, or contaminants, including petroleum
19 and petroleum derivatives.

20 (f) COOPERATIVE AUTHORITY.—

21 (1) LEASES, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE
22 AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—In conjunction with, or
23 in addition to, the purchase of the property by the
24 Conservation District under this section, the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture may enter into leases, con-

1 tracts and cooperative agreements with the Con-
2 servation District.

3 (2) SOLE SOURCE.—Notwithstanding sections
4 3105, 3301, and 3303 to 3305 of title 41, United
5 States Code, or any other provision of law, the Sec-
6 retary may lease real property from the Conserva-
7 tion District on a noncompetitive basis.

8 (3) NON-EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY.—The author-
9 ity provided by this subsection is in addition to any
10 other authority of the Secretary.

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