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H. R. 3567

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Since 1935, the United States has owned a
4 parcel of land in Riverside, California, consisting of
5 approximately 8.75 acres, more specifically described
6 in section 2(a) (in this section referred to as the
7 “property”).

8 (2) The property is under the jurisdiction of the
9 Department of Agriculture and has been variously
10 used for research and plant materials purposes.

11 (3) Since 1998, the property has been adminis-
12 tered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service
13 of the Department of Agriculture.

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

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

24 (6) As provided in section 2, the purchase of
25 the property by the Conservation District would pro-
26 mote the conservation education and related activi-

1 ties of the Conservation District and result in sav-
2 ings to the Federal Government.

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

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

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

23 (c) PROHIBITION ON RESERVATION OF INTEREST.—
24 The Secretary of Agriculture shall not reserve any future
25 interest in the property to be conveyed under this section,

1 except such interest as may be acceptable to the Conserva-
2 tion District.

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

15 (e) COOPERATIVE AUTHORITY.—

16 (1) LEASES, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE
17 AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—In conjunction with, or
18 in addition to, the purchase of the property by the
19 Conservation District under this section, the Sec-
20 retary of Agriculture may enter into leases, con-
21 tracts and cooperative agreements with the Con-
22 servation District.

23 (2) SOLE SOURCE.—Notwithstanding sections
24 3105, 3301, and 3303 to 3305 of title 41, United
25 States Code, or any other provision of law, the Sec-

1 retary may lease real property from the Conserva-
2 tion District on a noncompetitive basis.

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

Passed the House of Representatives October 31,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.