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# H. R. 9902

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow for additional agricultural lands to be enrolled under the conservation reserve enhancement program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMALFA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pacific Flyway Habitat  
5 Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 1231A of the Food Security Act of 1985 is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting the following:

8 “(f) SEASONALLY FLOODED WORKING LANDS HABI-  
9 TAT CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an agree-  
11 ment under subsection (b)(1) that addresses dimin-  
12 ished quantity and quality of wetland wildlife habi-  
13 tats, the Secretary, in consultation with the applica-  
14 ble State technical committee established under sec-  
15 tion 1261(a), may—

16 “(A) enroll other agricultural land that is  
17 not eligible land on which the resource concerns  
18 identified in the agreement can be addressed if  
19 the enrollment of such other agricultural land is  
20 critical to the accomplishment of the purposes  
21 of the agreement;

22 “(B) if the agreement involves the mainte-  
23 nance of habitat for one or more wetland-de-  
24 pendent species on working cropland, permit  
25 seasonally flooded agricultural uses on such

1           working cropland with the adoption of at least  
2           one best management practice; and

3                   “(C) calculate annual rental payments in a  
4           manner that—

5                           “(i) is comparable with annual costs  
6                           to maintain other seasonally-flooded wet-  
7                           land wildlife habitats in the region; and

8                           “(ii) ensures regional consistency in  
9                           those rental payment rates.

10                   “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT WAIVER.—In  
11           the case of an agreement described in paragraph (1),  
12           the Secretary may waive the matching requirement  
13           described in subsection (c)(1).”.

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