

RIVERSIDE CORONA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
LAND CONVEYANCE

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OCTOBER 26, 2017.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
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Mr. CONAWAY, from the Committee on Agriculture,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3567]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3567) 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, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

BRIEF EXPLANATION

H.R. 3567 transfers a USDA Laboratory to the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Since 1996, the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) partnered with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to acquire a property vacated by the USDA Salinity Lab.

Although NRCS has not obligated any funds for plant materials research at the Glenwood Drive property since they acquired it, RCRCD subsequently invested \$2.8 million into the property with the understanding that NRCS would eventually transfer the property.

H.R. 3567 would authorize transfer of the titled to the RCRCD, a decision supported by NRCS. The legislation states that current NRCS operation at the property shall be allowed to continue at no cost to the federal government.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION H.R. 3567 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

Section 1. Findings

Section 1 provides the Congressional findings.

Section 2. Land purchase, Natural Resources Conservation Service property, Riverside County, California

Subsection (a) of section 2 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell a parcel of land in Riverside, California to the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District.

Subsection (b) requires consideration be paid for the property in an amount equal to the appraisal value of the property.

Subsection (c) prohibits the Secretary of Agriculture from reserving any future interest in the property unless such interest is acceptable to the Conservation District.

Subsection (d) requires the Secretary to meet disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, but not to remediate or abate the substances.

Subsection (e) allows the Secretary to enter into leases, contracts and cooperative agreements with the Conservation District. The subsection further allows for such leases to be executed on a non-competitive basis.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

I. HEARINGS

No hearings were held by the Committee on H.R. 3567, which authorizes 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.

II. FULL COMMITTEE

The Committee on Agriculture met, pursuant to notice, with a quorum present, on October 4, 2017, to consider H.R. 3567, which authorizes 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.

H. R. 3567 was placed before the Committee for consideration. Without objection, a first reading of the bill was waived and it was open for amendment at any point.

Chairman Conaway and Mr. Peterson were recognized for statements. There being no amendments, Mr. Peterson was recognized to offer a motion that the bill H.R. 3567 be reported favorably to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was subsequently approved by voice vote.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Conaway advised Members that pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives Members had until October 6, 2017, to file any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views with the Committee.

Without objection, staff was given permission to make any necessary clerical, technical or conforming changes to reflect the intent of the Committee. Chairman Conaway thanked all the Members and adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, H.R. 3567 was reported by voice vote with a majority quorum present. There was no request for a recorded vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE (SECTIONS 308, 402, AND 423)

The provisions of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (relating to estimates of new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or increased or decreased revenues or tax expenditures) are not considered applicable. The estimate and comparison required to be prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 402 and 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 submitted to the Committee prior to the filing of this report are as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 25, 2017.

Hon. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3567, a bill to authorize the purchase of a small parcel of National Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jeff LaFave.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 3567—A Bill to Authorize the Purchase of a Small Parcel of National Resources Conservation Service Property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for Other Purposes

H.R. 3567 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to sell about nine acres of land in Riverside, California, to the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District (district). Based on information provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS) and the district regarding the fair market value of similar properties in Riverside, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase offsetting receipts, which are treated as reductions in direct spending, by \$1 million in 2018.

Under current law, the affected lands are managed under a cooperative agreement between the NRCS and the district and are used for research and conservation purposes. None of those lands are expected to generate receipts over the next 10 years.

The bill also would authorize the NRCS to enter into contracts or leases with the district after the lands are conveyed in order to allow the agency to occupy its current facilities. Based on information provided by the NRCS and the district, CBO does not expect that the conservation district would make any improvements on the affected lands that would be paid for using agency payments; therefore, we estimate that enacting that provision would not increase direct spending. (If the district made improvements to the facilities occupied by the NRCS and recouped the cost of those improvements from contractual payments made by the agency, CBO would probably view any payments as direct spending.)

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net changes in outlays that are subject to those pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO ESTIMATE OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 3567 AS ORDERED REPORTED BY THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ON OCTOBER 4, 2017

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—											
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2018– 2022	2018– 2027
NET DECREASE IN THE DEFICIT												
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1

CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3567 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H.R. 3567 does not authorize funding, therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee report incorporates the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to sections 402 and 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committee within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act was created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104-1).

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopted as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104-4).

EARMARK STATEMENT REQUIRED BY CLAUSE 9 OF RULE XXI OF THE RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H.R. 3567 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House Representatives.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS

The Committee does not believe that the legislation directs an executive branch official to conduct any specific rule making proceedings within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 551.