

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2515

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 13), 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Colorado River  
3 Multi-Species Conservation Program Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **LOWER COLORADO RIVER MULTI-SPECIES**  
7 **CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**—The term “Lower Colo-  
8 rado River Multi-Species Conservation Program” or  
9 “LCR MSCP” means the cooperative effort on the  
10 Lower Colorado River between Federal and non-  
11 Federal entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada  
12 approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April  
13 2, 2005.

14 (2) **LOWER COLORADO RIVER.**—The term  
15 “Lower Colorado River” means the Colorado River  
16 from Lake Mead to the Southerly International  
17 Boundary with Mexico, including its historic flood-  
18 plain and its mainstem reservoirs to their full pool  
19 elevations.

20 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (4) **STATES.**—The term “States” means each of  
23 the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION AND WATER ACCOUNTING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to  
3 participate in the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species  
4 Conservation Program.

5 (b) WATER ACCOUNTING.—The Secretary is author-  
6 ized to enter into an agreement with the States providing  
7 for the use of water from the Lower Colorado River for  
8 habitat creation and maintenance.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
11 priated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary  
12 to participate in the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species  
13 Conservation Program, to remain available until expended.

14 (b) NONREIMBURSABLE AND NONRETURNABLE.—All  
15 amounts appropriated to and expended by the Secretary  
16 for the LCR MSCP shall be nonreimbursable and non-  
17 returnable.

Passed the House of Representatives March 31,  
2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*