

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8479

To amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 with respect to the definition of the term “conservation land”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2022

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Desert Lands Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITED USES OF ACQUIRED, DONATED, AND**
7 **CONSERVATION LAND.**

8 Section 714(a) of the California Desert Protection
9 Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–433; 16 U.S.C. 410aaa–

1 81c(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
2 ing the following:

3 “(3) CONSERVATION LAND.—The term ‘con-
4 servation land’ means—

5 “(A) any land within the Conservation
6 Area that is designated to satisfy the conditions
7 of a Federal habitat conservation plan, general
8 conservation plan, or State natural communities
9 conservation plan;

10 “(B) any national conservation land within
11 the Conservation Area established pursuant to
12 section 2002(b)(2)(D) of the Omnibus Public
13 Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C.
14 7202(b)(2)(D)); and

15 “(C) any area of critical environmental
16 concern within the Conservation Area estab-
17 lished pursuant to section 202(c)(3) of the Fed-
18 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
19 (43 U.S.C. 1712(c)(3)).”.

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