

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 405

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

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

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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 “Lower Colorado River  
5       Multi-Species Conservation Program Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

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

9           (2) LOWER COLORADO RIVER.—The term  
10 “Lower Colorado River” means the Colorado River  
11 from Lake Mead to the Southerly International  
12 Boundary with Mexico, including its historic flood-  
13 plain and its mainstem reservoirs to their full pool  
14 elevations.

15           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

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

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

20           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to  
21 participate in the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species  
22 Conservation Program.

23           (b) WATER ACCOUNTING.—The Secretary is author-  
24 ized to enter into an agreement with the States providing

1 for the use of water from the Lower Colorado River for  
2 habitat creation and maintenance.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

8 (b) NONREIMBURSABLE AND NONRETURNABLE.—All  
9 amounts appropriated to and expended by the Secretary  
10 for the LCR MSCP shall be nonreimbursable and non-  
11 returnable.

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