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H. R. 4862

To determine the feasibility of additional agreements for long-term use of existing or expanded non-Federal storage and conveyance facilities to augment Federal water supply, ecosystem, and operational flexibility benefits in certain areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. MCNERNEY) 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 “Sustainable Water
5 Supplies Act”.

1 SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.

2 In order to determine the feasibility of agreements
3 for long-term use of existing or expanded non-Federal
4 storage and conveyance facilities to augment Federal
5 water supply, ecosystem, and operational flexibility bene-
6 fits, not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall enter
8 into cooperative agreements with non-Federal entities to
9 provide replacement water supplies for drought relief for
10 Central Valley Project contractors, units of the National
11 Wildlife Refuge System, State wildlife areas, and private
12 wetland areas. Agreements under this section shall—

13 (1) include the purchase of storage capacity in
14 non-Federal facilities from willing sellers; and

15 (2) provide reimbursement for the temporary
16 use of available capacity in existing above-ground,
17 off-stream storage, and associated conveyance facili-
18 ties owned by local water agencies.

19 SEC. 3. REPORT.

20 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall com-
22 plete a report on the feasibility of the agreements de-
23 scribed in section 2 for long-term use of existing or ex-
24 panded non-Federal storage and conveyance facilities to
25 augment Federal water supply, ecosystem, and operational
26 flexibility benefits. The report shall be made available to

- 1 the Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System and Cen-
- 2 tral Valley Project contractors.

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