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# H. R. 5627

To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 with respect to pre-agreement costs of emergency watershed protection measures, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Making Access To  
5 Cleanup Happen Act of 2020” or the “MATCH Act of  
6 2020”.

7 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROGRAM.**

8 Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978  
9 (16 U.S.C. 2203) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1 “(c) PRE-AGREEMENT COSTS.—

2 “(1) SPONSOR.—For purposes of this sub-  
3 section, the term ‘sponsor’ means a State or local  
4 government, or an Indian tribe (as defined in section  
5 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
6 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)).

7 “(2) PRE-AGREEMENT PROJECT COSTS.—Not  
8 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
9 this subsection, the Secretary shall—

10 “(A) identify a list of emergency watershed  
11 protection measures the cost of which may be  
12 incurred by a sponsor prior to entering into an  
13 agreement with the Secretary pursuant to this  
14 section; and

15 “(B) develop a procedure, including appro-  
16 priate deadlines, to be implemented at the State  
17 level, through which a sponsor may request, for  
18 a specified natural disaster, additional emer-  
19 gency watershed protection measures the cost of  
20 which may be incurred by a sponsor prior to en-  
21 tering into an agreement with the Secretary  
22 pursuant to this section.

23 “(3) AGREEMENT CONTRIBUTION.—If the Sec-  
24 retary and the sponsor enter into an agreement pur-  
25 suant to this section, the Secretary shall consider

1 any applicable pre-agreement costs incurred by a  
2 sponsor for undertaking emergency watershed pro-  
3 tection measures identified pursuant to paragraph  
4 (2) as meeting part of the sponsor's contribution to-  
5 wards the project costs.

6 “(4) ASSUMPTION OF RISK.—Nothing in this  
7 subsection requires the Secretary to enter into an  
8 agreement with a sponsor, and a sponsor under-  
9 taking emergency watershed protection measures  
10 prior to entering into an agreement with the Sec-  
11 retary pursuant to this section shall assume the risk  
12 of incurring any costs of undertaking such meas-  
13 ures.”.

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