



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 25, 2005

H.R. 853

A bill to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that district from the United States

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 18, 2005

In 1987, the federal government conveyed 25 acres of land in California to the Mammoth Community Water District. Under the terms of that conveyance, if the district uses the land for some purpose other than treating wastewater or storing materials, ownership reverts to the federal government. H.R. 853 would authorize the Secretary to release the federal government's reversionary interest in the land to allow the district to use the land for other public purposes.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that allowing the proposed change in land use would not affect the federal budget. H.R. 853 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this bill would benefit the Mammoth Community Water District; any costs that it might incur in association with enactment would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.