

**(1) Conservation Area**

The term “Conservation Area” means the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area established by section 46000-3(a) of this title.

**(2) Acquisition Planning District**

The term “Acquisition Planning District” means the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District established by section 46000-1(a) of this title.

**(3) Management plan**

The term “management plan” means the management plan for the Conservation Area.

**(4) Public lands**

The term “public lands” has the meaning given the term in section 1702(e) of title 43, except that such term shall not include interest in lands not owned by the United States.

**(5) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 106-538, §1, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2563.)

**§ 46000-1. Establishment of the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District****(a) In general**

In order to provide for future acquisitions of important conservation land within the Sonoita Valley region of the State of Arizona, there is hereby established the Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District.

**(b) Areas included**

The Acquisition Planning District shall consist of approximately 142,800 acres of land in the Arizona counties of Pima and Santa Cruz, including the Conservation Area, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Sonoita Valley Acquisition Planning District and Las Cienegas National Conservation Area” and dated October 2, 2000.

**(c) Map and legal description**

As soon as practicable after December 6, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a map and legal description of the Acquisition Planning District. In case of a conflict between the map referred to in subsection (b) and the map and legal description submitted by the Secretary, the map referred to in subsection (b) shall control. The map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this subchapter, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in such map and legal description. Copies of the map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and in the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management in Arizona.

(Pub. L. 106-538, §2, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2563.)

**§ 46000-2. Purposes of the Acquisition Planning District****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall negotiate with land owners for the acquisition of lands and interest in

lands suitable for Conservation Area expansion that meet the purposes described in section 46000-3(a) of this title. The Secretary shall only acquire property under this subchapter pursuant to section 46000-6 of this title.

**(b) Federal lands**

The Secretary, through the Bureau of Land Management, shall administer the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District pursuant to this subchapter and the applicable provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), subject to valid existing rights, and in accordance with the management plan. Such public lands shall become part of the Conservation Area when they become contiguous with the Conservation Area.

**(c) Fish and wildlife**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife within the Acquisition Planning District.

**(d) Protection of State and private lands and interests**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as affecting any property rights or management authority with regard to any lands or interest in lands held by the State of Arizona, any political subdivision of the State of Arizona, or any private property rights within the boundaries of the Acquisition Planning District.

**(e) Public lands**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as in any way diminishing the Secretary’s or the Bureau of Land Management’s authorities, rights, or responsibilities for managing the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District.

**(f) Coordinated management**

The Secretary shall coordinate the management of the public lands within the Acquisition Planning District with that of surrounding county, State, and private lands consistent with the provisions of subsection (d).

(Pub. L. 106-538, §3, Dec. 6, 2000, 114 Stat. 2564.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 43 and Tables.

**§ 46000-3. Establishment of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area****(a) In general**

In order to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations the unique and nationally important aquatic, wildlife, vegetative, archaeological, paleontological, scientific, cave, cultural, historical, recreational, educational, scenic, rangeland, and riparian resources and val-