

HR 491

California New River Restoration Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Jan 25, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Feb 18, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/491>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 25, 2021)

California New River Restoration Act of 2021

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a California New River restoration program for the New River. The river starts in Mexicali, Mexico, flows north into the United States through Calexico, passes through the Imperial Valley, and drains into the Salton Sea.

In carrying out the program, the EPA must implement projects, plans, and initiatives for the New River supported by the California-Mexico Border Relations Council and provide grants and technical assistance for coordinating restoration and protection activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com