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H. R. 4867

To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2014

Mr. RUIZ (for himself and Mr. COOK) 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 “Economic Development
5 Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
8 apply:

9 (1) BANNING.—The term “Banning” means the
10 City of Banning, which is located in Riverside Coun-

1 ty, California adjacent to the Morongo Indian Res-
2 ervation.

3 (2) FIELDS.—The term “Fields” means Lloyd
4 L. Fields, the owner of record of Parcel A.

5 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-
6 tled “Morongo Band of Mission Indians Land Ex-
7 change Map”, and dated June 2, 2014, which has
8 been prepared in accordance with the requirements
9 of the Bureau of Land Management.

10 (4) PARCEL A.—The term “Parcel A” means
11 the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the
12 map as “Fields lands”.

13 (5) PARCEL B.—The term “Parcel B” means
14 the approximately 41.15 acres designated on the
15 map as “Morongo lands”.

16 (6) PARCEL C.—The term “Parcel C” means
17 the approximately 1.21 acres designated on the map
18 as “Banning land”.

19 (7) PARCEL D.—The term “Parcel D” means
20 the approximately 1.76 acres designated on the map
21 as “Easement to Banning”.

22 (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (9) **TRIBE.**—The term “Tribe” means the
2 Morongo Band of Mission Indians, a federally recog-
3 nized Indian tribe.

4 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LANDS; TRUST LANDS, EASEMENT.**

5 (a) **TRANSFER OF PARCEL A AND PARCEL B AND**
6 **EASEMENT OVER PARCEL D.**—Subject to any valid exist-
7 ing rights of any third parties and to legal review and ap-
8 proval of the form and content of any and all instruments
9 of conveyance and policies of title insurance, upon receipt
10 by the Secretary of confirmation that Fields has duly exe-
11 cuted and deposited with a mutually acceptable and jointly
12 instructed escrow holder in California a deed conveying
13 clear and unencumbered title to Parcel A to the United
14 States in trust for the exclusive use and benefit of the
15 Tribe, and upon receipt by Fields of confirmation that the
16 Secretary has duly executed and deposited into escrow
17 with the same mutually acceptable and jointly instructed
18 escrow holder a patent conveying clear and unencumbered
19 title in fee simple to Parcel B to Fields and has duly exe-
20 cuted and deposited into escrow with the same mutually
21 acceptable and jointly instructed escrow holder an ease-
22 ment to the City for a public right-of-way over Parcel D,
23 the Secretary shall instruct the escrow holder to simulta-
24 neously cause—

1 (1) the patent to Parcel B to be recorded and
2 issued to Fields;

3 (2) the easement over Parcel D to be recorded
4 and issued to the City; and

5 (3) the deed to Parcel A to be delivered to the
6 Secretary, who shall immediately cause said deed to
7 be recorded and held in trust for the Tribe.

8 (b) TRANSFER OF PARCEL C.—After the simulta-
9 neous transfer of parcels A, B, and D under subsection
10 (a), upon receipt by the Secretary of confirmation that the
11 City has vacated its interest in Parcel C pursuant to all
12 applicable State and local laws, the Secretary shall imme-
13 diately cause Parcel C to be held in trust for the Tribe
14 subject to—

15 (1) any valid existing rights of any third par-
16 ties; and

17 (2) legal review and approval of the form and
18 content of any and all instruments of conveyance.

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