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H. R. 8483

To take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mr. ISSA 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 “Barona Group of Capi-
5 tan Grande Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act
6 of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST FOR THE BARONA**
2 **GROUP OF CAPITAN GRANDE BAND OF MIS-**
3 **SION INDIANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
5 and the conditions described in subsections (c) and (d)—

6 (1) administrative jurisdiction of Parcel 2 and
7 Parcel 3 is transferred to the Secretary; and

8 (2) the covered land is taken into trust for the
9 benefit of an Indian Tribe.

10 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The land taken into trust
11 under subsection (a) shall be—

12 (1) part of the reservation of the Tribe; and

13 (2) administered in accordance with the laws
14 and regulations generally applicable to property held
15 in trust by the United States for the benefit of an
16 Indian Tribe.

17 (c) CONDITIONS.—The land taken into trust under
18 subsection (a) shall be subject to—

19 (1) all valid liens, rights-of-way, reciprocal road
20 rights-of-way agreements, licenses, leases, permits,
21 and easements existing on the date of the enactment
22 of this Act;

23 (2) the continuing right of the public to access
24 the land for recreational, scenic, scientific, and con-
25 servation uses, to motorized access to roads, and to
26 recreational access to trails, including Bureau of

1 Land Management and Forest Service trails codes-
2 ignated for public passage, existing on the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, subject to reasonable
4 rules and regulations promulgated by the Tribe in
5 consultation with the Secretary; and

6 (3) such rights-of-way as the Secretary, in con-
7 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, considers
8 necessary to provide employees of the Bureau of
9 Land Management and the Forest Service access for
10 emergency purposes, including search and rescue,
11 wildfire suppression, and health and safety evacu-
12 ation operations.

13 (d) GAMING PROHIBITED.—The land taken into trust
14 under subsection (a) shall not be used for any class II
15 gaming or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Reg-
16 ulatory Act (as those terms are defined in section 4 of
17 that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

18 (e) WATER RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in
19 this Act shall alter, or require the alteration of, any exist-
20 ing water rights or service agreements.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

22 (1) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
23 means all right, title, and interest of the United
24 States in and to Parcel 1, Parcel 2, and Parcel 3.

1 (2) PARCEL 1.—The term “Parcel 1” means
2 the approximately 160 acres of land administered by
3 the Bureau of Land Management generally depicted
4 as “3310810100” on the map titled “BLM Lands
5 into Trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians”
6 dated July 24, 2025.

7 (3) PARCEL 2.—The term “Parcel 2” means
8 the approximately 160 acres of land identified on the
9 San Diego County Assessor’s Map as APN 331–
10 081–02, comprised of the Southeast Quarter of Sec-
11 tion 8, Township 14 South, Range 2 East, San
12 Bernardino Meridian (as delineated in the Official
13 Survey accepted on February 26, 1944).

14 (4) PARCEL 3.—The term “Parcel 3” means
15 the approximately 516.21 acres of land identified as
16 APN 331–090–12 on the San Diego County Asses-
17 sor’s Map, comprised of the following portions of
18 Section 9, Township 14 South, Range 2 East, San
19 Bernardino Meridian (documented in Record of Sur-
20 vey No. 13180, dated May 9, 1991):

21 (A) The South Half.

22 (B) The Southeast Quarter of the North-
23 west Quarter.

24 (C) The South Half of the Northeast
25 Quarter.

1 (D) The Northeast Quarter of the North-
2 east Quarter.

3 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (6) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
6 Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission
7 Indians of the Barona Reservation, California.

8 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

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