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# S. 4417

To amend the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2026

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## 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 “Pechanga Band of In-  
5       dians Water Rights Settlement Technical Amendments  
6       Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS WATER RIGHTS SET-**  
8       **TLEMENT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

9       (a)     DEFINITION     OF     RESERVATION.—Section  
10     3403(33) of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indi-

1 ans Water Rights Settlement Act (Public Law 114–322;  
2 130 Stat. 1757) is amended—

3 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “means  
4 the land” and all that follows through the period at  
5 the end of the subparagraph and inserting the fol-  
6 lowing: “means—

7 “(i) land set aside for the Band by  
8 the Executive order dated June 27, 1882;

9 “(ii) land set aside for the Band by  
10 the Executive order dated January 9,  
11 1907; and

12 “(iii) land added to the reservation of  
13 the Band on any of the following dates:

14 “(I) August 29, 1893.

15 “(II) March 11, 1907.

16 “(III) February 21, 1931.

17 “(IV) May 25, 1931.

18 “(V) August 12, 1971.

19 “(VI) August 8, 1988.

20 “(VII) November 1, 1988.

21 “(VIII) October 10, 2008.”;

22 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
23 paragraph (C); and

24 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1                   “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘Reserva-  
2                   tion’ includes—

3                   “(i) any contiguous land held in trust  
4                   by the United States for the Band on the  
5                   enforceability date; and

6                   “(ii) any contiguous land—

7                   “(I) located within the Santa  
8                   Margarita River Watershed; and

9                   “(II) placed into trust by the  
10                  United States for the Band after the  
11                  enforceability date.”.

12           (b) ADDITIONAL USES OF PECHANGA WATER QUAL-  
13   ITY ACCOUNT.—Section 3409(h)(4) of the Pechanga Band  
14   of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act  
15   (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1769) is amended by  
16   striking “groundwater desalination activities within the  
17   Wolf Valley Basin” and inserting “activities to address  
18   water quality issues within the Wolf Valley Basin”.

19           (c) EFFECT OF SECTION.—

20           (1) DEFINITION OF PECHANGA SETTLEMENT  
21   AGREEMENT.—In this subsection, the term  
22   “Pechanga Settlement Agreement” has the meaning  
23   given that term in section 3403 of the Pechanga  
24   Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Set-  
25   tlement Act (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1755).

1 (2) PECHANGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—

2 (A) FINDING.—Congress finds that the  
3 parties to the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
4 have agreed to amend the Pechanga Settlement  
5 Agreement (and any exhibit to the Pechanga  
6 Settlement Agreement) as necessary to conform  
7 the Pechanga Settlement Agreement (and the  
8 exhibits to the Pechanga Settlement Agree-  
9 ment) in accordance with the amendments  
10 made by this section.

11 (B) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of  
12 the Interior shall promptly execute the amend-  
13 ments to the Pechanga Settlement Agreement  
14 (or any exhibit to the Pechanga Settlement  
15 Agreement) described in subparagraph (A).

16 (3) ENFORCEABILITY DATE.—Nothing in this  
17 section (or an amendment made by this section) af-  
18 fects—

19 (A) the status of satisfaction of any condi-  
20 tion precedent described in section 3407(e) of  
21 the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians  
22 Water Rights Settlement Act (Public Law 114–  
23 322; 130 Stat. 1765); or

24 (B) the validity of the finding published by  
25 the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to that

1           section on October 1, 2020, in the notice enti-  
2           tled “Statement of Findings: Pechanga Band of  
3           Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settle-  
4           ment Act” (85 Fed. Reg. 61966) that those  
5           conditions precedent were fully satisfied.

6           (4) EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this  
7           section alters, or requires the alteration of, any  
8           water right in existence on the date of enactment of  
9           this Act.

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