

114TH CONGRESS
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S. 175

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2015

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for
other purposes.

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 en-
6 titled ‘Morongo Indian Reservation, County of River-
7 side, State of California Land Exchange Map’, and
8 dated May 22, 2014, which is on file in the Bureau
9 of Land Management State Office in Sacramento,
10 California.

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

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

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

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

23 (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 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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