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To take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. TRANSFER OF LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE**
4 **PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
6 and the conditions described in subsection (d), the covered
7 land is hereby taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

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

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

1 (2) administered in accordance with the laws
2 and regulations generally applicable to property held
3 in trust by the United States for the benefit of an
4 Indian Tribe.

5 (c) TERMINATION OF MOU.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—At least 45 days before ter-
7 mination of the MOU entered into under subsection
8 (b)(3), the Tribe shall submit notice of the termi-
9 nation to—

10 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources
11 of the House of Representatives;

12 (B) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the
13 Senate;

14 (C) the Assistant Secretary for Indian Af-
15 fairs; and

16 (D) the members of Congress representing
17 the area subject to the MOU.

18 (2) REPORT.—The Tribe shall report any ter-
19 mination or violation of the MOU to the parties
20 identified in paragraph (1), unless the violation or
21 termination is due to the disestablishment of the
22 Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve.

23 (d) CONDITIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land taken into trust
25 under subsection (a) shall be—

1 (A) subject to all valid liens, rights-of-way,
2 reciprocal road rights-of-way agreements, li-
3 censes, leases, permits, and easements existing
4 on the date of the enactment of this Act;

5 (B) maintained as open space; and

6 (C) used only for—

7 (i) purposes consistent with the main-
8 tenance of the land as open space; and

9 (ii) the protection, preservation, and
10 maintenance of the archaeological, cultural,
11 and wildlife resources on the land.

12 (2) CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.—Noth-
13 ing in this paragraph prohibits the construction or
14 maintenance of utilities or structures that are—

15 (A) consistent with the maintenance of the
16 land taken into trust under subsection (a) as
17 open space; and

18 (B) constructed for the protection, preser-
19 vation, and maintenance of the archaeological,
20 cultural, and wildlife resources on the land.

21 (3) PROHIBITION ON GAMING.—The land taken
22 into trust under subsection (a) shall not be used for
23 any class II gaming or class III gaming under the
24 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (as those terms are
25 defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

1 (e) RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in this Act
2 shall alter, or require the alteration of, any existing water
3 rights or service agreements.

4 (f) MAP ON FILE.—The Map shall be kept on file
5 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
6 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

7 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”
9 means all right, title, and interest of the United
10 States in and to the approximately 1,261 acres of
11 land in Riverside County, California, administered
12 by the Bureau of Land Management and generally
13 depicted as “_____” on the Map.

14 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map ti-
15 tled “_____”, and dated _____.

16 (3) MOU.—The term “MOU” means a memo-
17 randum of understanding that applies to the covered
18 land.

19 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Interior.

21 (5) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
22 Pechanga Band of Indians.

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