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S. 2847

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2014

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

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 In this Act:

8 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the City of
9 Banning, located in Riverside County, California,
10 and adjacent to the Morongo Indian Reservation.

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

3 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
4 titled “Morongo Indian Reservation, County of Riv-
5 erside, State of California Land Exchange Map”,
6 dated May 22, 2014, and on file in the Bureau of
7 Land Management State Office in Sacramento, Cali-
8 fornia.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (9) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the
24 Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LAND; TRUST LAND; EASEMENT.**

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

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

24 (2) the easement over Parcel D to be recorded
25 and issued to the City; and

1 (3) the deed to Parcel A to be delivered to the
2 Secretary, who shall immediately cause the deed to
3 Parcel A to be recorded and held in trust for the
4 Tribe.

5 (b) TRANSFER OF PARCEL C.—After completion of
6 the transfers under subsection (a) and as soon as prac-
7 ticable after receipt by the Secretary of confirmation that
8 the City has vacated the interest of the City in Parcel C
9 in accordance with all applicable State and local laws, the
10 Secretary shall cause Parcel C to be held in trust for the
11 Tribe subject to—

12 (1) any valid existing rights of any third par-
13 ties; and

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

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