

A PLAN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASSETS OF THE BUENA VISTA  
RANCHERIA ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 85-671

AUGUST 18, 1958

The Buena Vista Rancheria is located in Amador County, California, and consists of approximately 67.5 acres of good grazing land which is also suitable for homesite purposes. The outer boundaries of the rancheria have been surveyed and 1 1/2 inch iron pipe markers set at all four corners.

Mineral rights to the land, the title to which is in the name of the United States of America, were sold prior to the acquisition of the property by the United States and cannot be conveyed with the property.

The rancheria is served by a county road adequate for the needs of the residents. There is a domestic water system serving all the family dwellings which is owned by the United States. All buildings on the rancheria belong to the Louie Oliver family. Mr. Oliver is the only assignee and he and his family are the only Indians who have lived on the rancheria since 1935. Mr. Oliver's children are all adults and earn their own living.

The rancheria is not organized under the Indian Reorganization Act and does not have a constitution or charter. There are no funds belonging to the rancheria in the custody of the United States.

Public Law 85-671 has been read and discussed by Louie Oliver, his wife Annie and their adult children, and it is their desire that the Buena Vista Rancheria and all property on the rancheria now owned by the United States of America be conveyed to:

Louie Oliver and his wife, Annie Oliver  
Route 1, Box 59  
Ione, California

subject to any existing right-of-way, easements or valid leases and subject to the following conditions:

1. Any lien against the rancheria for construction, operation and maintenance of the water system owing to the United States shall be cancelled.
2. All existing water rights, riparian or other, that pertain to the property shall be conveyed with the property and ownership of the present domestic water system as it is presently operating shall be transferred to Louie Oliver and his wife, Annie Oliver.
3. An appraisal showing the approximate value of the rancheria at the time of conveyance shall be furnished the individuals to whom title is conveyed.

4. Louie Oliver and his wife, Annie Oliver, do not need assistance in conducting their affairs and are not interested in any of the educational provisions of Public Law 85-671.

Upon approval of this plan, or a revision thereof, by the Secretary of the Interior, as provided in Section 2(b) of Public Law 85-671, distributees shall be the final list of Indians entitled to participate in the distribution of the assets of the Buena Vista Rancheria and the rights and beneficial interest in the property of each person whose name appears on this list shall constitute personal property which may be inherited or bequeathed but shall not otherwise be subject to alienation or encumbrance before the transfer of title to such property.

General notice of the contents of this plan shall be given by posting a copy in the Post Office at Ione, Amador County, California, by posting a copy in a prominent place on the Buena Vista Rancheria, by mailing a copy to each family head participating in the plan and by mailing a copy to any person who advises the Sacramento Area Office that he feels that he may have a material interest in the plan.

After the assets of the Buena Vista Rancheria have been distributed pursuant to Public Law 85-671, and the provisions of this plan, any Indian who receives any part of such assets and the dependent

members of his immediate family shall not be entitled to any of the services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians. All statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall not apply to them and the laws of the several states shall apply to them in the same manner as they apply to other citizens or persons within their jurisdiction. Nothing in the act, however, shall affect the status of such persons as citizens of the United States.

All provisions of Public Law 85-671 shall be applicable in the execution of this plan.

There are no dependent members of the immediate family of Louie Oliver and Annie Oliver.

This plan was prepared by the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sacramento Area Office pursuant to authority delegated on February 26, 1959, after consultation with the Indians named herein.

Approved, with authority retained to revise or change if appeals are received within 30 days after general notice to this plan is given.

Final approval given by Acting Commissioner H. Rex Lee by letter dated June 22, 1959.

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Associate Commissioner

Date: April 17, 1959