To provide for the distribution of the land and assets of certain Indian rancherias and reservations in California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the lands, including minerals, water rights, and improvements located on the lands, and other assets of the following rancherias and reservations in the State of California shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Act:

Strawberry Valley.

Wilton.

Sec. 2. (a) The Indians who hold formal or informal
assignments on each reservation or rancheria, or the Indians
of such reservation or rancheria, or the Secretary after con-
sultation with such Indians, shall prepare a plan for dis-
tributing to individual Indians the assets of the reservation
or rancheria, including the assigned and the unassigned lands,
or for selling such assets and distributing the proceeds of
sale, or for conveying such assets to a corporation or other
legal entity organized or designated by the group, or for
conveying such assets to the group as tenants in common.
The Secretary shall provide such assistance to the Indians
as is necessary to organize a corporation or other legal entity
for the purposes of this Act.

(b) General notice shall be given of the contents of a
plan prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and
approved by the Secretary, and any Indian who feels that
he is unfairly treated in the proposed distribution of the prop-
erty shall be given an opportunity to present his views and
arguments for the consideration of the Secretary. After such
consideration, the plan or a revision thereof shall be sub-
mitted for the approval of the Indians who will participate
in the distribution of the property, and if the plan is approved
by a majority of such Indians who vote in a referendum
called for that purpose by the Secretary, the plan shall be
carried out.

(c) Any grantee under the provisions of this section
shall receive an unrestricted title to the property conveyed,
and the conveyance shall be recorded in the appropriate
county office.

(d) No property distributed under the provisions of this
Act shall at the time of distribution be subject to any Federal
or State income tax. Following any distribution of property
made under the provisions of this Act, such property and any
income derived therefrom by the distributee shall be subject
to the same taxes, State and Federal, as in the case of non-
Indians; Provided, That for the purpose of capital gains or
losses the base value of the property shall be the value of the
property when distributed to the individual, corporation, or
other legal entity.

Sec. 3. Before making the conveyances authorized by
this Act on any rancheria or reservation, the Secretary of the
Interior is directed:

(a) To cause surveys to be made of the exterior or ins-
terior boundaries of the lands to the extent that such surveys
are necessary or appropriate for the conveyance of market-
able and recordable titles to the lands.

(b) To complete the construction or improvement of
roads within the reservation or rancheria so that provides
access to such reservation or rancheria in accordance with
plans that will permit the transfer of the roads that are
scheduled or to be scheduled for transfer to the State or local
government. The Secretary is authorized to contract with the State of California or political subdivisions thereof for the construction or improvement of such roads and to expend under such contracts moneys appropriated by Congress for the Indian road system. When such roads are transferred to the State or local government the Secretary is authorized to convey rights-of-way for such roads, including any improvements thereon.

(c) To install or rehabilitate such irrigation or domestic water systems as he and the Indians affected agree, within a reasonable time, should be completed by the United States.

(d) To cancel all reimbursable indebtedness owing to the United States on account of unpaid construction, operation, and maintenance charges for water facilities on the reservation or rancheria.

(e) To exchange any lands within the rancheria or reservation that are held by the United States for the use of Indians which the Secretary and the Indians affected agree should be exchanged before the termination of the Federal trust for non-Indian lands and improvements of approximately equal value.

Sec. 4. Nothing in this Act shall abrogate any Indian water right. The laws of the State of California with respect to the loss of water rights by nonuse shall not apply
unltil 15 years after the conveyance pursuant to this Act of
an unrestricted title to the water right and the land to which
it is appurtenant, or until the title is conveyed to a non-
Indian, whichever is the shorter period, and thereafter such
State law shall be applicable. During the time such State
law is not applicable the Attorney General shall represent the
Indian owner in all legal proceedings, including proceedings
before administrative bodies, involving such water right, and
in any necessary affirmative action to prevent adverse appro-
priation of water which would encroach upon the Indian
water right.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to
convey without consideration to Indians who receive con-
yeyances of land pursuant to this Act, or to a corporation or
other legal entity organized by such Indians, or to a public
or nonprofit body, any federally owned property on the
reservations or rancherias subject to this Act that is not
needed for the administration of Indian affairs in California.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of the Interior shall disburse to the
Indians of the rancherias and reservations that are subject to
this Act all funds of such Indians that are in the custody
of the United States.

Sec. 7. Nothing in this Act shall affect any claim filed
before the Indian Claims Commission, or the right, if any,
of the Indians subject to this Act to share in any judgment
recovered against the United States on behalf of the Indians
of California, and the lands which may then be aban-

doned.

Sec. 8. Before conveying or distributing property pur-
suant to this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall protect
the rights of individual Indians who are minors, non com-
mentis, or in the opinion of the Secretary in need of assis-
tance in conducting their affairs, by causing the appoint-
ment of guardians for such Indians in courts of competent jurisdic-
tion, or by such other means as he may deem adequate.

Sec. 9. The constitution adopted by the Me-Wuk Indian
Community of the Wilton Rancheria pursuant to the Act of
June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, is hereby
revoked.

Sec. 10. Prior to the termination of the Federal trust
relationship in accordance with the provisions of this Act,
the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to undertake, with-
in the limits of available appropriations, a special program
of education and training designed to help the Indians earn
a livelihood, to conduct their own affairs, and to assume their
responsibilities as citizens without special services because
of their status as Indians. Such program may include lan-
guage training, orientation in non-Indian community customs
and living standards, vocational training and related subjects,
transportation to the place of training or instruction, and
1 subsistence during the course of training or instruction. For
2 the purposes of such program, the Secretary is authorized to
3 enter into contracts or agreements with any Federal, State,
4 or local governmental agency, corporation, association, or
5 person. Nothing in this section shall preclude any Federal
6 agency from undertaking any other program for the educa-
7 tion and training of Indians with funds appropriated to it.
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9 Sec. 11. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to
10 issue such rules and regulations and to execute or approve
11 such conveying instruments as he deems necessary to
12 carry out the provisions of this Act.
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14 Sec. 12. There are authorized to be appropriated such
15 sums of money as are necessary to carry out the provisions
16 of this Act.