

PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASSETS OF THE SHEEP RANCH  
RANCHERIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW  
85-671, APPROVED AUGUST 18, 1958, AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC  
LAW 88-419, APPROVED AUGUST 11, 1964.

The Sheep Ranch Rancheria consists of 0.92 acres of land, described as Lot No. 1 in Block Numbered 14 in that portion of Sheepranch Townsite situated in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 14 East, M.D.B. & M.

The rancheria is located at the town of Sheepranch, California, about 16 miles east of the county seat of Calaveras County, San Andreas, California. This rancheria was purchased April 5, 1916, by the United States Government for landless or homeless California Indians.

There is a small wooden shack on the rancheria which is without electricity, water or sanitation facilities. Although the pipe line which serves domestic water to the community runs adjacent to the rancheria, domestic water is carried from a spring approximately one-quarter of a mile away. The land is level, without trees, and commands a beautiful view of the Sierra Nevada.

Several Indian families have lived on the rancheria since it was purchased by the United States. There have been no allotments or formal assignments issued and for the past 8 years the solitary house has been occupied by Mrs. Mabel Hodge Dixie. There are no liens or obligations owing to the United States; no funds to the credit of the rancheria in the United States Treasury; no Indian Bureau roads serving the rancheria and there has never been a formal type organization. Mrs. Dixie, whose

date of birth is January 18, 1918, has been advised of the eligibility requirement for participation in the education and training opportunities afforded by Public Law 85-671, as amended.

Mabel Hodge Dixie desires to receive title to the rancheria under the provisions of Public Law 85-671, as amended, and requests that the following actions be undertaken.

1. Rehabilitate or replace the existing structure to comply with the State building code standards.
2. Install sanitation facilities, including domestic water, together with necessary appurtenances and fixtures, in accordance with Public Law 88-419.
3. Completely fence the rancheria with a four-strand barbed wire fence with gate to entrance.
4. Convey to Mabel Hodge Dixie unrestricted and recordable title to all surface and subsurface rights that are now held by the United States in the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
5. Furnish to Mrs. Dixie an estimate of the approximate value of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria at the time that unrestricted title is conveyed to her.

Upon approval of this plan or a revision or modification thereof by the Secretary of the Interior and acceptance of it by Mrs. Dixie as provided in Section 2(b) of Public Law 85-671, as amended, she shall thereafter be the only Indian entitled to participate in the distribution of the assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria and the rights or beneficial interest of Mrs. Dixie in the property may be inherited or bequeathed, but shall not

otherwise be subject to assignment, alienation or encumbrance before the transfer by the United States of full legal title of such assets except with the approval of the Secretary.

After the assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria have been distributed pursuant to this plan and Public Law 85-671, as amended, and after a notice to this effect has been published in the Federal Register, Mrs. Dixie shall thereafter 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 Mrs. Dixie and the laws of the several states shall apply to her in the same manner as they apply to other citizens or persons within their jurisdiction. Nothing in this plan, however, shall affect the status of Mrs. Dixie as a citizen of the United States.

All provisions of Public Law 85-671, as amended, shall be applicable in the execution of this plan and general notice of the contents shall be given by posting a copy of the plan in the post office at Sheep Ranch, California, by posting a copy in a prominent place on the Sheep Ranch Rancheria, by mailing or delivering in person a copy of the plan to Mrs. Dixie, by mailing or delivering in person a copy of the plan to any person who feels that he may have a material interest in the plan and so advises the Sacramento Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and by publication of the general contents of the plan once weekly for three successive weeks in a local newspaper.

This plan was prepared by the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Sacramento Area Office, pursuant to the authority delegated on November 21, 1964, and after consultation with Mrs. Mabel Hodge Dixie of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.

Approved, with authority retained to revise or change if appeals are received in accordance with 25 C.F.R. 242.6 and such appeals are given favorable consideration.

Final approval of Associate Commissioner given on October 12, 1966.

Accepted by distributee in referendum by vote of 1 for and 0 against.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PLAN IS OCTOBER 14, 1966.

/s/ Robert L. Bennett

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Date August 18, 1966