

ADDRESS: Written nominations should be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 4-62, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy C. Sottek, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-1382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of May 14, 1984 (49 FR 20378), FDA announced its intention to hold a hearing, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 360e(g)(2) and 21 CFR Part 14, before an advisory committee to be formed to reconsider the agency's approval of the St. Jude Medical® Cardiac Valve. In the same notice, the agency requested nominations of qualified individuals to serve as committee members. Interested persons were given until June 13, 1984, to submit written nominations.

After publication of the notice announcing FDA's decision to establish this advisory committee, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs determined that, to assure that sufficient nominations of qualified individuals were received to allow him to make an informed selection for members of the committee, it would be appropriate to provide the May 14, 1984, notice directly to various professional organizations (such as the American College of Physicians) and to request specifically that these organizations consider submitting nominations for committee members. In all, 16 organizations were contacted. Copies of the letters requesting nominations are on file in FDA's Dockets Management Branch (ADDRESS above) under Docket No. 83M-0004 and may be reviewed by members of the public between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To provide these organizations, as well as other interested members of the public, with sufficient time to seek out qualified individuals and to nominate them, the Commissioner has determined that it would be appropriate, and in the public interest, to extend the time period for nominations by 30 days.

Accordingly, written nominations for advisory committee members shall be submitted to FDA's Dockets Management Branch at the address above by July 13, 1984.

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership. A complete curriculum vitae of the nominee shall be included with the nomination. Nominations shall state that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to serve as a member of the committee, and appears to have no conflict of interest. FDA will

ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Additional information about this proceeding will be published in a future Federal Register notice, including announcement of the date, time, and place of the advisory committee meeting.

Dated: June 7, 1984.

William F. Randolph,
Acting Associate Commissioner for
Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Determination for Federal Acknowledgment of the Poarch Band of Creeks

June 4, 1984.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(h), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Secretary acknowledges that the Poarch Band of Creeks, c/o Mr. Eddle L. Tullis, Route 3, Box 243-A, Atmore, Alabama 36502, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the group satisfies the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 83.7.

Evidence indicates that the contemporary Poarch Band of Creeks is a successor of the Creek Nation of Alabama prior to its removal to Indian Territory. The Creek Nation has a documented history back to 1540. Ancestors of the Poarch Band of Creeks began as an autonomous town of half-bloods in the late 1700's with a continuing political connection to the Creek Nation. The Poarch Band remained in Alabama after the Creek Removal of the 1830's, and shifted within a small geographic area until it settled permanently near present-day Atmore, Alabama.

The Band has existed as a distinct political unit since before the Creek War of 1813-14. It was governed by a succession of military leaders and prominent men in the 19th century. From the late 1800's through 1950, leadership was clear but informal. A formal leader was elected in 1950.

The group's bylaws describe how membership is determined and how the

group governs its affairs and its members. Virtually all of the Band's 1,470 members can document descendency from the historic Creek Nation and appear to meet the group's membership requirements. Inter-marriage within the group has occurred to such an extent over the years that family lines present in the Poarch community are now extremely intertwined and many members trace their ancestry to more than one established Creek ancestor.

No evidence was found that the members of the Poarch Band of Creeks are members of any other Indian tribes or that the tribe or its members have been the subject of Congressional legislation which has expressly terminated or forbidden a relationship with the Federal Government.

A proposed finding that the Poarch Band of Creeks exists as an Indian tribe was published on page 1141 of the Federal Register on January 9, 1984. Interested parties were given 120 days in which to submit factual and legal arguments to rebut the evidence used to support the finding that the Poarch Band of Creeks exists as an Indian tribe. During this period two comments were received. These comments did not oppose Federal acknowledgment of the Poarch Band of Creeks, but rather took exception to the tribe's designation of ancestors and members who appeared as "Indian" on the tribe's source documents, used for determining tribal membership eligibility, as full-bloods, especially in light of outside historical as well as self-identification as a half-blood or mixed-blood Indian community. Source documents used are an 1870 and two 1900 Federal population census schedules which list individuals as Indian. Comments focused on what was incorrectly perceived by the commentators as the report's acceptance of blood degrees, computed by the tribe for tribal membership purposes, as factual. The tribe made no representations that blood quantum generated were for anything other than tribal membership purposes, neither did the report.

While eligibility for benefits under some Federal statutes is limited to tribal members with a certain blood degree, Federal law imposes no general blood degree requirement for tribal membership. Moreover, Federal regulations for determining eligibility for acknowledgment as a tribe (25 CFR Part 83) do not contain a blood quantum requirement. Blood quantum statistics concerning the Poarch Band of Creeks which are found within the proposed finding, specifically on page 7 of both the memorandum of recommendation

and its attached genealogical technical report, are solely for tribal membership purposes. Once acknowledged under 25 CFR Part 83, the Bureau's Tribal Enrollment staff will provide specific guidance in computing more factual blood quantum of persons named on the tribe's basic membership roll for use in certifying individual members for Federal purposes. Blood quantum computed for tribal purposes may not necessarily agree with those computed for Federal purposes.

No factual evidence not already considered was provided in the two comments received. The comments were considered but were determined to have no effect on the findings of fact or the decision to recommend the tribe for Federal acknowledgment.

The determination is final and will become effective 60 days from the date of publication, unless the Secretary of the Interior requests the determination be reconsidered pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10.

John W. Fritz,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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California Indian Task Force Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of these meetings is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This notice also sets forth the proposed agenda of the forthcoming meetings.

DATE: The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESS: The meetings will be held at the Stardust Hotel and Country Club, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California, on June 19 and 20, 1984; and at the Ramada Inn, 4975 Valley West Boulevard, Arleta, California, on July 9 and 10, 1984.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Maurice W. Babby, California Indian Task Force Chairman, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 [(916)-484-4682].

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The first day of both meetings will be reserved for Task Force discussion of issues, subcommittee reports, and assignments of tasks. The last day of both meetings, written and oral testimony will be received from tribes, individuals, and Indian organizations from within the Northern California Agency at the

Arleta meeting and from within the Southern California Agency at the San Diego meeting on critical Indian issues.

These meetings are open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis after space has been reserved for elected tribal officials. Any member of the public may file with the Task Force a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting or who wish to submit written statements may contact the California Indian Task Force Chairman, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 [(916)-484-4682].

Summary minutes of the meetings will be available for public inspection 10 to 12 weeks after the meetings in Room 2550, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California.

Dated: June 6, 1984.

John W. Fritz,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Restoration of Federal Status to 17 California Rancherias

This notice is published pursuant to the Order issued December 22, 1983, in *Tillie Hardwick v. United States* Civil No. C-79-1910-SW, United States District Court for the North District of California.

The seventeen Rancherias which are the subject of the notice are as follows; Big Valley Rancheria, Lake County; Blue Lake Rancheria, Humboldt County; Buena Vista Rancheria, Amador County; Chicken Ranch Rancheria, Tuolumne County; Cloverdale Rancheria, Sonoma County; Elk Valley Rancheria, Del Norte County; Greenville Rancheria, Plumas County; Mooretown Rancheria, Butte County; North Fork Rancheria, Madera County; Picayune Rancheria, Madera County; Pinoleville Rancheria, Mendocino County; Potter Valley Rancheria, Mendocino County; Quartz Valley Rancheria, Siskiyou County; Redding Rancheria, Shasta County; Redwood Valley, Mendocino County; Rohnerville Rancheria, Humboldt County; and Smith River Rancheria, Del Norte County.

Plaintiffs and class members of the seventeen Rancherias named above are relieved from the application of sections 2(d) and 10(b) of the Act of August 18, 1958, 72 Stat 619, as amended by the Act of August 11, 1964, 78 Stat. 390, and

shall be deemed entitled to any of the benefits or services provided or performed by the United States for Indians because of the status as Indians, if otherwise qualified under applicable laws and regulations.

The Indian tribes, bands, communities or groups of the seventeen Rancherias named above are Indian entities with the same status as they possessed prior to distribution of the assets of these Rancherias, are relieved from the application of section 11 of the Act of August 18 1958, 72 Stat 619, as amended by the Act of August 11, 1964, 78 Stat. 390, and shall be deemed entitled to any of the benefits or services provided or performed by the United States for Indian tribes, bands, communities or groups because of their status as Indian tribes, bands, communities or groups.

The Distribution Plans for the seventeen Rancherias named above are of no further force and effect and shall not be further implemented, provided, however, that this provision shall not affect any vested rights created under the Distribution Plans.

Kenneth Smith,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

Rode Springs District Grazing Advisory Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Rock Springs District Grazing Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Rock Springs District Grazing Advisory Board.

DATE: July 26, 1984, 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: Rock Springs District Conference Room, Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald H. Sweep, District Manager, Rock Springs District, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1869, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, (307-382-5350).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman,
2. Review of minutes from January 19, 1984 meeting.