

Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Tom McClintock, Chairman
Hearing Memorandum

December 5, 2017

To: All Subcommittee on Federal Lands Members

From: Majority Committee Staff—Brandon Miller
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x6-7736)

Subject: Legislative hearing on **H.R. 805 (Rep. Devin Nunes)**, To authorize the conveyance of and remove the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands in the City of Tulare, California.
December 7, 2017, 2:00PM; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

H.R. 805 (Rep. Devin Nunes), *“Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”*

Bill Summary

H.R. 805, introduced by Representative Devin Nunes (R-CA-22), would allow for the conveyance of two properties currently owned by the Union Pacific Railroad to the City. These two properties currently provide youth recreational opportunities, as well as serve as important historical sites for the community in Tulare. Specifically, this bill authorizes the conveyance of, and relinquishes the reversionary interest in, specified parcels of land that were retained as a right-of-way for the construction of a railroad and telegraph to the Pacific coast in 1866. The relinquishment of the U.S. reversionary interest will be effective when the Union Pacific Railroad conveys the parcels to the City of Tulare. Congressman Nunes’ bill will correct this error and allow for investment and restoration of these properties of historical significance.

Cosponsors

Rep. David Valadao [R-CA-21]

Witnesses

Panel I:

The Honorable Devin Nunes
Member of Congress, California’s 22nd District

Panel II:

Ms. Maritsa Castellanoz
Tulare City Council Member (District 2) and Vice Mayor
Tulare, CA

Tulare Women’s Club gained ownership of the building in 1912. In recent years the site has been used for city-sponsored events and community gatherings.²

The Skate Park, historically known as Railroad Park, has historically been a locality for residents of Tulare to gather for civic purposes. In recent years, the Tulare Rotary Club made the park even more appealing for the City of Tulare by turning it into a skate park and popular recreation area. The Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to allow the purchase of these parcels and has provided a letter of support for this legislation.³

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

Administration Position

The Administration’s position is currently unknown.

Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer)

N/A

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.