RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has accrued an indebtedness against their lands from irrigation project appropriated funds, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has not been fully aware nor realized that a total debt of \$57,700.00 has accumulated, and
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 70-12 dated January 7, 1970, requested cancellation of O & M Assessments has had no action from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
- WHEREAS, the tribe still desires that Section 221.180, Title 25, C.F.R. be changed to eliminate these charges annually, and
- WHEREAS, the 2885 acres of irrigated lands are very small uneconomical units and are only small garden-type subsistance plots.
- E IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the total charges to date be canceled because the Tribe nor individual Indians are finacially able to pay the total indebtedness of \$57,700.00.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fort Apache Agency and the Phoenix Area Office seek the change in Section 221.180, Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations to make all 0 & M Monies non-reimbursable.

The foregoing resolution was on August 2, 1973 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and y-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

Resolution No. 73-131

Memorandum

To:

Area Director

Attention: Tribal Operations

From:

Superintendent

Subject:

Tribal Resolution No. 73-131

The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted Resolution No. 73-131 expressing their concern of the accrued indebtedness of thir lands from irrigation project appropriated funds.

The Tribe request that the total debt be cancelled, and also Resolution No. 73-132 request a change in CFR Title 25 to eliminate these annual charges.

Please advise and assist us in the preparation of the action and documentation to fulfill the wishes of this resolution.

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Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO:

Irrigation

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS PHOENIX AREA OFFICE

P.O. Box 7007 Phoenix, Arizona 85011

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Memorandum

To:

Superintendent, Fort Apache Agency

From:

Area Director

Subject: Tribal Resolution No. 73-131

This replies to your memorandum of August 22, 1973, transmitting Tribal Resolution No. 73-131. The resolution expresses the Tribe's concern over the accrued indebtedness to their lands for irrigation operation and maintenance charges. You ask for advice and assistance in the preparation of action and documentation to fulfill the wishes of this resolution.

We would suggest that a meeting be held at the Agency office during the week of October 7 to discuss this matter and develop the necessary information and documentation needed to prepare a cancellation report. We believe that those participating in this meeting should include Earl Adams, Chief of Irrigation and Power Accounts from Albuquerque, Mr. Hull from this office, and members of your staff whom you feel should attend.

Please let us know if the time selected is satisfactory to you.

cc:

Earl R. Adams, Division of Financial Management, Albuquerque