

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

- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 02-98-21, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe created the White Mountain Apache Natural Resource Conservation District, declared that the Board governing the management and operations of the District shall be the same Board that administers the 22-H Permanent Land Restoration Fund, and approved draft Agreements for the purpose of entering into discussions with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding establishment of a formal relationship between the Service and the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, as a result of discussions with NRCS, Tribal staff have developed a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a Cooperative Assistance Agreement with NRCS; and
- WHEREAS**, NRCS has indicated it is interested in developing an Information Protocol between the Tribe and NRCS to facilitate the safeguarding of Tribal proprietary and confidential information; and
- WHEREAS**, Chapter Five of the White Mountain Apache Land Restoration Code provides that the Conservation District Board shall follow the same process outlined in Chapter 4 of the Land Restoration Code in selecting projects; that all Conservation District projects shall meet the same minimum criteria set forth in Section 4.1.B and C of the Code, and that the Conservation District Officer shall fulfill the same reporting and oversight functions for the Tribe's natural resources conservation activities as the Restoration Projects Coordinator does for the Restoration Fund.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Cooperative Assistance Agreement between the Tribe and NRCS and the Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Natural Resource Conservation District, and the USDA and authorizes the Tribal Environmental Planner to forward the Agreements to the respective agencies for their review, comment, and approval.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby designates Candy Lupe, Watershed Program Director, as the White Mountain Apache Conservation District Officer.

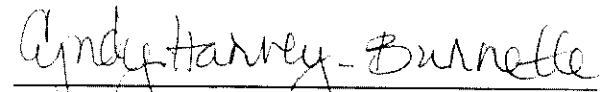
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Environmental Planning Office and the Tribal Legal Department develop and negotiate an Information Protocol with NRCS, modeled on the Information Protocol between the Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Council hereby grants authority to the Conservation District Board Chair to sign the Mutual Assistance Agreement with the USDA on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Conservation District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it authorizes the Tribal Chairman, and in his absence, the Vice Chairman or other duly authorized official, to execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council