



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

(Request for Funding from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for Technical and Financial Assistance)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 1242 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 107-171 (2002 Farm Bill) provides for delivering technical assistance to agriculture producers directly or through the use of third parties, called Technical Service Providers (TSP); and
- WHEREAS,** the legislation provides for entering into contracts, cooperative agreements or contribution agreements with non-Federal entities to assist in providing technical assistance necessary to develop and implement Farm Bill programs; and
- WHEREAS,** contracts and cooperative agreements, through which 100 percent of the technical assistance funding is provided, is subject to competitive bidding, and contribution agreements do not require competitive bidding, but do require the Tribe to provide 50% of the agreement cost, which can be in-kind services; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Land Operations Department previously submitted contribution agreements in fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 as authorized under Resolution Numbers 02-2004-35, 07-2005-192, and 03-2006-63 respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** \$50,000 was obligated each fiscal year to partially fund a civil engineer and a rangeland management specialist; and
- WHEREAS,** Land Operations continues to have the capacity to provide technical assistance services for natural resource disciplines including agriculture, range management, irrigation, soil and water conservation, flood and erosion control, wildlife and fisheries, and environmental coordination; and
- WHEREAS,** Land Operations is requesting authorization of a five-year contribution agreement between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tribe

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The Tribal Council authorizes an application to USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for technical and financial assistance under the TSP.

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2. The Tribal Council authorizes entering into a five-year TSP contribution agreement, under provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill P.L. 107-171 and P.L. 106-714, and the Technical Service Provider Rule (7CFR 652).
3. In the event that TSP funds are received, a budget is hereby authorized for such purposes, subject to any applicable terms and conditions of the agreement, and subject to review by the Tribe's Legal Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on July 10, 2007 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (j), (k), (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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council