



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

(Approving application for up to \$50,000 in BOR water conservation grant funds)

- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) *inter alia* of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, continuing declines in the Miner Flat well field, which is the major drinking water supply source for the Greater Whiteriver area have compelled the Tribe to pursue development of a new drinking water supply source from the North Fork of the White River; and
- WHEREAS**, the total cost of developing the North Fork stream flow for drinking water purposes is expected to exceed nine (9) million dollars; and
- WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2006, the Tribe accepted a grant/loan package from USDA-Rural Development for \$4.99 million to help complete the North Fork project, and conditions for this funding require that the Tribe make changes to Tribal Utility Authority operations, including the installation and use of water meters throughout the Greater Whiteriver service area; and
- WHEREAS**, funding for the required water meters and their installation as well as the North Fork diversion and water treatment plant has been secured, but the Tribe requires additional funding to train Tribal Utility Authority personnel in the use of new meter-reading equipment, new accounting and billing software, Tribal policies regarding disconnection of service for non-payment and policies on customer grievance procedures, hook-up requirements, meter-based rate schedules, and to educate the public on the fiscal, environmental, and legal impacts of water meters and sound water management; and
- WHEREAS**, the US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is accepting applications for water conservation grants up to \$50,000 for projects tied to BOR projects within the Phoenix Area Office Water Conservation Field Service Program's boundaries (including the entire Salt River watershed) and tied to either the Salt River Project or the Central Arizona Project; and
- WHEREAS**, one allowable activity for funding is defined as, "Improve a segment of the public's understanding of good water management and water conservation principles through education and training programs;" and
- WHEREAS**, the BOR grant requires a 50% cost-sharing by the recipient using non-federal funding, but which may consist entirely of like-kind services such as materials and supplies, use of facilities, direct labor costs, and contract costs with third parties paid by the recipient; and

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WHEREAS, Tribal Utility Authority, Indian Health Service, and other Tribal staff involved in the water metering project believe that training and public education are essential for the success of the water metering project which is required by the RD grant/loan agreement which will fund construction of the new water diversion and treatment plant for the North Fork drinking water supply.

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

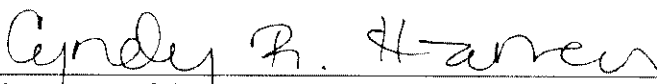
1. The BOR water conservation grant application is hereby approved as a vital source of funding for essential TUA training and public education related to the Tribe's drinking water supply.
2. Up to \$50,000 in like-kind support from the Tribe is hereby approved to meet grant cost sharing requirements as part of the Tribe's grant application.
3. The Tribal Utility Authority, in coordination with Tribal Hydrology and Water Resources and U.S. Indian Health Service staff and consultants, are hereby authorized to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the Tribe for up to \$50,000 in BOR water conservation grant (Notice of Funding Opportunity Number 08SF32001) funds on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, with the Tribe's cost-share contribution to be in the form of in-kind services worth up to \$50,000.
4. In the event that the Tribe receives grant funds from BOR, a budget for expenditure of said funds is hereby approved, subject to the terms and conditions of any applicable funding agreement and review thereof 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 documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on December 12, 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), (i), (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