



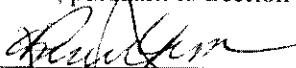
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

(Approving application for \$1,200,000 in grant funds under the Challenge Grant for Water Marketing and Efficiency for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 from US Bureau of Reclamation)

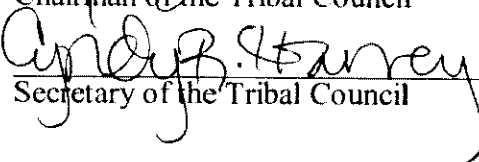
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) and 1(s) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is soliciting proposals for grants from \$1 million to \$5 million to eligible entities for the purpose of stimulating the economy through projects that involve water marketing and improved water efficiencies (Funding Opportunity no. 09SF811499); and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has accepted over \$1.2 million in Federal loan funding from USDA-Rural Development (RD) to support the development of a new surface water diversion and water treatment system on the North Fork of the White River to serve the Greater Whiteriver Community, which is currently facing a major water supply crisis due to the declining aquifer storage at the Miner Flat well field; and
- WHEREAS,** the USDA-RD loan-funded project is designed to maximize conservation, minimize treatment and delivery costs, and generally improve the efficiency of the entire municipal water system for the majority of the population on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation through the use of water meters and innovative technologies in the treatment and collection processes of the new surface water system; and
- WHEREAS,** and the BOR grant opportunity requires a 100% cost-share from the recipient, but the BOR has advised applicants that USDA-RD loan funds are eligible for matching funds purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the currently available funding for the entire North Fork diversion and water treatment plant is only sufficient to meter a small fraction of the water customers served by the Tribal Utility Authority; and
- WHEREAS,** an additional \$1.2 million would fund the purchase and installation of meters across most of the TUA service area as well as upgrades to radio-read meters that would improve the safety and efficiency of TUA employees in the meter-reading process; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that there is no risk to the Tribe in accepting the BOR water efficiency grant funds.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the WMATUA, with the assistance of the IHS and necessary consultants, to submit an application for \$1,200,000 in grant funds to the BOR under the current Challenge Grants: Water Marketing and Efficiency Grants for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 solicitation.

The foregoing resolution was on May 19, 2009, adopted by a vote of SIX for, ZERO against and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (b), (j), (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