



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

*A Sovereign Nation Exercising Self-Governance
Over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation*

Resolution No. 03-2014-24

(Approving the WMAT Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan 2014-2019)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) is entrusted by the Tribe’s Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has developed a range of environmental management program to protect, maintain, and restore its Land and Waters, and has adopted a permanent Land Restoration Fund ordinance to support; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 319 (a) (1) and (b) (1) of the Clean Water Act, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has provided a 30-day public notice and opportunity for comment of the Watershed Restorations Strategic Plan (WRSP); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Water Resources Program has compiled a Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, which identified priority restoration projects which outlines a nonpoint source activities and identification of areas of special ecological and community concern; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this new plan will enable the Tribe to assume program authority for the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, and therefore be eligible to receive funding to implement nonpoint source demonstration projects.

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

1. The Tribal Water Resources Program shall prepare a new version of the Plan no less than every four years, and that revisions to the Plan shall occur annually or as otherwise needed to incorporate new Tribal Priorities; and
2. The Land Restoration Board shall consider the priorities outlined in this Plan when selecting projects under the Land Restoration Fund and shall involve local communities in revising the Plan; and
3. It hereby authorizes the distribution of a redacted version of this Plan as needed to secure funding for its implementation.

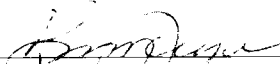
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that notice of any and all public hearing be published at least 45-days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Acting Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. In the event that the Chairman fails to delegate signatory authority to an Acting Chairman, the Vice-Chairman may sign.

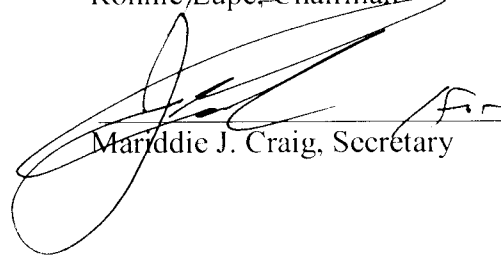
The foregoing resolution was on MARCH 5, 2014 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for ZERO against and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution, ratified by 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).



Ronnie Lupe, Chairman

3/7/14

Date



Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary

3/7/14

Date