

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Scope of Work for the Feasibility Study of the Proposed Sif Oidak Farm)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-012

1 **WHEREAS, Sif Oidak District has a long history of irrigated farming, dating back several**
2 **hundred years to irrigated agriculture supported by arroyo floodwater**
3 **irrigation, followed by the Old Chuichu irrigation project which began in 1915**
4 **and the East Chuichu project which was developed in the 1950's, which two**
5 **projects together irrigated about 2,000 acres; and**

6 **WHEREAS, rapid declines in groundwater levels beginning in the 1940's, and flooding of the**
7 **Greene Wash beginning in the 1960's, combined to make farming using**
8 **groundwater in northern Sif Oidak District unfeasible; and**

9 **WHEREAS, Sif Oidak District's history with farming continued with the development of the**
10 **Vaivo Vo Farm in the late 1980's, which continues successful operation using**
11 **groundwater pumping to irrigate about 2,000 acres; and**

12 **WHEREAS, in September 2002 the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") completed a Water**
13 **Needs Assessment for the Sif Oidak District in preparation for asserting water**
14 **rights claims for the Sif Oidak District portion of the Nation's lands; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the Water Needs Assessment identified four areas of land in northern Sif Oidak**
16 **District which were suitable for investigation for the construction of a farm**
17 **which would utilize the 8,000 acre-foot allocation of Central Arizona Project**
18 **water made available by a delivery contract dated December 11, 1980, between**
19 **the United States Department of the Interior and the Papago Tribe, now called**
20 **the Tohono O'odham Nation; and**

21 **WHEREAS, in September 2004 the Nation entered into a Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-**
22 **Determination Act grant agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation of the**
23 **Department of the Interior, authorized by Legislative Council Resolution No. 04-**
24 **357, to allow the Nation to perform an appraisal level study of the four areas**
25 **identified in the Water Needs Assessment; and**

26 **WHEREAS, the appraisal level study was performed for the Nation by Natural Resources**
27 **Consulting Engineers, Inc., a draft report was presented to the Sif Oidak District**
28 **Water Committee and the Legislative Council Water Resources Committee in**

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1 **August 2011, comments were received, and a revised report was prepared in**
2 **response to comments provided in those committee discussions; and**
3 **WHEREAS, the revised appraisal level study report concludes that a farm developed at**
4 **Study Area D would be economically feasible to operate; and**
5 **WHEREAS, in January 2015 the revised appraisal level study report was presented to the Sif**
6 **Oidak District Water Committee and in April 2015 was presented to the Sif Oidak**
7 **District Council; and**
8 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approved, by Tohono O'odham**
9 **Legislative Council Resolution 15-322, on August 11, 2015, going forward with**
10 **the feasibility study; and**
11 **WHEREAS, a scope of work for the feasibility study was completed by Natural Resources**
12 **Consulting Engineers, Inc. on November 3, 2015; and**
13 **WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation requires approval of the scope of work,**
14 **by the Nation, in order to move forward with the feasibility study on the**
15 **proposed Sif Oidak Farm; and**
16 **WHEREAS, the scope of work was presented to the Sif Oidak District Council on December**
17 **12, 2015; and**
18 **WHEREAS, the Sif Oidak District Council passed Resolution No. SODC 15-189 on December**
19 **12, 2015, accepting the scope of work for the feasibility study; and**
20 **WHEREAS, the scope of work has been reviewed by the Water Resources and the**
21 **Agricultural and Natural Resources Committees of the Nation, which**
22 **recommends approval by the Legislative Council.**

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:**

- 24 1. **Approves the scope of work for the feasibility study of the proposed Sif**
25 **Oidak Farm produced by Natural Resources Consulting Engineers, Inc.**

26 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
27 **day of JANUARY, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR;**
28 **~~0~~ AGAINST; ~~0~~ NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
29 **Article VI, Section 1(i)(2), Article XVI, Section 1, and Article XVII, Sections 1 and 2 of the**
30 **Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on**
31 **January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs**
32 **(Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**
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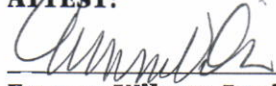
TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

19 day of January, 2016

ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

15 day of January, 2016

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 19 day of January, 2016 at 8:59 o'clock, a.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL




Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 21 day of January, 2016

DISAPPROVED

at 11:30 o'clock, A.m.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

EXCEEDED 48 HOURS

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

January, 2016, at 12:46 o'clock, P.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE PROPOSED SIF Oidak FARM

MOVED: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY FRANCISCO, JR.

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN LUCINDA ALLEN

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2016

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Roberta E. Harvey) (<i>Present</i>)	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marlakay K. Henry)	166.05	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.50	X			
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.30	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.30	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.90	X			X
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE ()	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ()	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	114.30	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (<i>Absent</i>) (Olivia Villegas-Liston) (<i>Present</i>)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. ()	90.30	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.30	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ()	256.75	X			
SIF Oidak 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			
TOTAL		3,021.4	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[01]