

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2024 Attorney Contract with Dentons US LLP for SAWRSA Water Issues)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-298

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the power to "employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the
3 rights of the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham
4 Nation, Article VI, Section 2(a)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Office of Attorney General requires the legal services of the law firm of
6 Dentons US LLP to represent the Tohono O'odham Nation in matters relating to
7 the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act ("SAWRSA") as well as the
8 Nation's comprehensive water rights settlement; and


9 **WHEREAS,** the Office of Attorney General has recommended an attorney contract with
10 Dentons US LLP for FY 2024, for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30,
11 2024 to be funded by the FY 2023 SAWRSA Trust Fund; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Domestic Affairs and Water Resources Committees have reviewed the FY 2024
13 Attorney Contract with the law firm of Dentons US LLP for SAWRSA water issues
14 and recommend approval by the Legislative Council.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
16 FY 2024 Attorney Contract with the law firm of Dentons US LLP for SAWRSA water
17 issues, that shall be funded by the SAWRSA Trust Fund, and authorizes the
18 chairperson of the Tohono O'odham Nation to execute it in substantially the form
19 attached

20 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the **08TH**
21 **day of AUGUST 2023** at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of **3,218.0 FOR;**
22 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT,** pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by,
23 **Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
24 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
25 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
26 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

11 day of August, 2023

1 ATTEST:

2 *Evonne Wilson*
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4 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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6 11 day of August, 2023

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8 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
9 O'odham Nation on the 14th day of August, 2023 at 4:32 o'clock, p.m.,
10 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
11 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
12 hours of submittal.

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14 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

15 *Wavalene M. Saunders*
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17 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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21 APPROVED

22 on the 14 day of August, 2023

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24 DISAPPROVED

25 at 6:01 o'clock, p.m.

26 *Verlon M. Jose*
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28 VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
29 TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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32 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

33 August, 2023, at 12:02 o'clock, p.m.

34 *Evonne Wilson*
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39 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING FY 2024 ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH DENTONS US LLP FOR SAWRSA WATER ISSUES
MOVED: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE
DATE: AUGUST 08, 2023

SECOND: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY JOAQUIN

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. SHELIA ESPINO ()	278.25	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	121.3	X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. LORRAINE M. EILER ()	121.9	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ()	116.35	X			
	2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35	X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ()	108.3	X			X
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	108.3	X			
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	135.35	X			
	2. DALLAS LEWIS ()	135.35	X			
GUACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ()	139.25	X			
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya I. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45	X			
TOTAL		3,218.0	3,218.0	-0-	-0-	[01]