

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with Dentons US LLP for
SAWRSA Water Issues)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-342

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 2025, for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30,
11 2027 to be funded by the FY 2025 – FY 2027 SAWRSA Trust Funds; and


12 **WHEREAS,** the Domestic Affairs and Water Resources Committees have reviewed the FY 2025
13 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with the law firm of Dentons US LLP for SAWRSA water
14 issues and recommend approval by the Legislative Council.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
16 FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with the law firm of Dentons US LLP for
17 SAWRSA water issues, that shall be funded by the SAWRSA Trust Fund, and
18 authorizes the chairperson of the Tohono O'odham Nation to execute it in
19 substantially the form attached.

20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that although the Attorney Contracts are multi-year contracts, they
21 still require Legislative Council budget approval for each fiscal year and are
22 contingent on the availability of funds as set forth in the Contracts.

23 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH
24 day of OCTOBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0-
25 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
26 Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the
27 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
28 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June
29 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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34 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

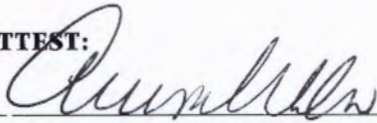
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36 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2024
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ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

11 day of October, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11TH day of ~~October~~, 2024 at 4:25 o'clock, P.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




Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 14 day of October, 2024

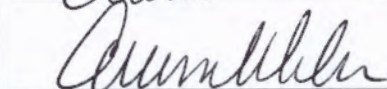
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at 3:53 o'clock, P.M.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

October, 2024, at 10:15 o'clock, A.M.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING FY 2025 – FY 2027 ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH DENTONS US LLP FOR SAWRSA WATER ISSUES

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JEROME F. JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

DATE: OCTOBER 08, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			X
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA ()	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL () 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X		X	
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			X
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	[01]	[02]