

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving FY 2026 Water Resources Department Southern Arizona Water  
Rights Settlement Act Budget)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-317**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized "to manage any funds  
2 within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to appropriate  
3 these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members" provided that "[a]ll  
4 expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets"  
5 authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham  
6 Nation, Article VI, Section 1(d)(2)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Water Resources Department has prepared and submitted for review and  
8 approval its FY 2026 Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act ("SAWRSA")  
9 Budget, which is incorporated by this reference, in the amount of \$2,103,254.12 to  
10 be funded by the SAWRSA Trust Fund; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Water Resources and Budget and Finance Committees have reviewed the FY  
12 2026 Water Resources Department SAWRSA Budget and recommend its approval.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the  
14 FY 2026 Water Resources Department SAWRSA Budget effective October 1, 2025,  
15 in amount of \$2,103,254.12, which shall be funded by the SAWRSA Trust Fund.

16 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham  
17 Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and  
18 expend the FY 2026 Water Resources Department SAWRSA Budget, provided that  
19 any amendments or modifications shall be submitted for prior approval by the  
20 Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

21 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 16<sup>TH</sup>  
22 day of SEPTEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;  
23 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by  
24 Article VI, Section 1(d)(2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by  
25 the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant  
26 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June  
27 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025

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ATTEST:

*Evonne Wilson*

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

23 day of September, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 23rd day of September, 2025 at 12:54 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*  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 24 day of September, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 8:40 o'clock, P.m.

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

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 25 day of

September, 2025, at 1043 o'clock, A.m.

*Evonne Wilson*  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT BUDGET****MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON****DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( )	125.6 125.6	X X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( ) 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65 97.65	X X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( ) 2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9 124.9	X X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15 120.15	X X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ( )	111.45 111.45	X X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( ) 2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8 139.8	X X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( ) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>