

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Sanitation Facilities Deficiency System Priority Ranking)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-024

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"
4 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service ("IHS"), Division of Environmental Health and
6 Engineering, conducts an annual assessment of Sanitation Facilities
7 Deficiencies; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Division of Environmental Health and Engineering assessment does have an
9 impact upon Congressional appropriations and IHS allocation of funds; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service has provided a Tribal Priority ranking of the four most
11 critical projects and allocated points, which impacts the overall prioritization of
12 projects in its 2025 Tucson Area IHS One-Line Listing (for FY26 Funding)
13 Sanitation Deficiency System ("Tucson Area Indian Health Service SDS priority
14 list"), which is incorporated by this reference; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the Division of Environmental Health and Engineering has provided the
16 recommendations to the Health and Human Services Committee regarding the
17 most critical needs; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed and recommends
19 approval of the four most critical and desirable priorities.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council has reviewed
21 and approved all of the Tohono O'odham Nation projects on the Tucson Area
22 Indian Health Service SDS priority list and determined that the following
23 deficiencies are the four most critical and desirable, in descending order of
24 prioritization:

- 25 1. Jackrabbit Water Tank
- 26 2. Chuichu Water Main Replacement
- 27 3. Pisinemo Lagoon Expansion
- 28 4. San Lucy Lagoon Erosion Improvements

29 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 14TH
30 day of JANUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-
31 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
32 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
33 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
34 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
35 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders, Vice Chairwoman
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
16th day of January, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
16 day of January, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 16th day of January, 2026 at 1:33 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, Vice Chairwoman
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

on the 20 day of January, 2026
at 9:35 o'clock, A.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 20th day of

January, 2026, at 10:10 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson for:
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING SANITATION FACILITIES DEFICIENCY SYSTEM PRIORITY RANKING

MOVED: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA

SECOND: COUNCILMAN JEROME F. JOAQUIN

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS <i>(Absent)</i> (Mary Lopez) <i>(Present)</i> 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6 125.6	X 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			X
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ <i>(Absent)</i> (Nora J. Ruelas) <i>(Present)</i> 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			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 <i>(Absent)</i> (Cornelius Antone) <i>(Present)</i>	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO <i>(Absent)</i> (Alberta J. Ray) <i>(Present)</i> 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			X
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[04]