

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2026–FY 2028 Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and
Vegetation Management Program – U.S. Department of the Interior Natural
Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program Budget)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-125

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, Sections 1(d)(2) and 1(d)(3)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council, with support of the Sif Oidak District
8 Council (Resolution No. 01-05-03), approved by Resolution No. 07-572 a
9 settlement agreement between the Natural Resources Trustee Council
10 (composed of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
11 the Tohono O'odham Nation) and the Cyprus Tohono Corporation for injuries to
12 natural resources in the amount of \$825,000.00; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the settlement agreement included \$78,710.00 for damage to the North Komelik
14 water system and household appliances, which Resolution No. 07-572 directed to
15 be spent for the benefit of the North Komelik Community, and \$746,290.00 for
16 injuries to wildlife, which Resolution No. 07-752 directed to be spent primarily
17 within Sif Oidak District; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the \$78,710.00 was distributed to the North Komelik Community, and the Tohono
19 O'odham Legislative Council approved by Resolution No. 16-153 the FY 2016
20 Wildlife and Vegetation Management Program - U.S. Department of the Interior
21 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program Budget in the
22 amount of \$55,750.00 for natural resource restoration planning; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Vegetation Management
24 Program has developed a Natural Resource Restoration Plan to construct a
25 wetland in Sif Oidak District; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the settlement agreement funds remaining in the U.S. Department of the Interior
27 Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program Fund ("NRDAR
28 Fund") have since increased to \$800,210.08 due to accrual of interest; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Vegetation Management
30 Program has prepared and submitted for review and approval its FY 2026–FY 2028
31 U.S. Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and

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ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

10 day of April, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 10 day of April, 2026 at 11:50 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

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

[X] APPROVED

on the 17 day of April, 2026

[] DISAPPROVED

at 7 o'clock, A.m.

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 17 day of

April, 2026, at 8:22 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026–FY 2028 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION PROGRAM BUDGET

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANET B. ELEANDO

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA M. RAMIREZ

DATE: APRIL 08, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6	X			X
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65		X		
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65		X	X	
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	124.9		X		
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eller)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	120.15	X			
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			X
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45	X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8	X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON ()	144.6			X	
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6			X	
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	180.95				X
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95				X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ()	199.45	X			X
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,349.8	320.2	289.2 [04]	361.9 [04]