

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract with
Dentons US LLP for SAWRSA Water Issues)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-359

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

4 **WHEREAS,** the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between Dentons US LLP and the Tohono
5 O'odham Nation ("Attorney Contract") for legal services related to the Southern
6 Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act ("SAWRSA") and the Nation's
7 comprehensive water rights settlement was approved by Legislative Council
8 Resolution No. 24-342; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the cost of services provided by Dentons US LLP are projected to exceed the
10 original contract cap amount and the contract requires an amendment to
11 accommodate the actual cost of services; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Office of Attorney General has prepared Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney
13 Contract, which is incorporated by this reference and which shall be funded by
14 the FY 2025 – FY 2027 SAWRSA Trust Funds; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the Domestic Affairs and Water Resources Committees have reviewed
16 Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney Contract and recommend approval by the
17 Legislative Council.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves
19 Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025 – FY 2027 Attorney Contract between Dentons US
20 LLP and the Tohono O'odham Nation for SAWRSA water issues, in substantially
21 the form attached, which shall be funded by the SAWRSA Trust Fund in
22 accordance with an approved budget.

23 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes and directs
24 the Nation's chairperson to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney Contract,
25 provided that any further amendments shall be submitted for prior approval by
26 the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

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

30 day of September, 2026

ATTEST

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

29 day of September, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 30 day of September, 2026 at 9:10 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
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ **APPROVED**

on the 30 day of September, 2026

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 11:05 o'clock, a.m.

Verlon M. Jose Vice Chairman on behalf of
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

September, 2026, at 11:19 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FY 2025 – FY 2027 ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH DENTONS US LLP FOR SAWRSA WATER ISSUES

Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

SECOND: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 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 (Dionne Kuth-Le)	125.6	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. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>)	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			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45	X			X
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8	X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON (Rodney T. Aguilla)	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			X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ()	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Isander Mase)	199.45	X			X
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[04]