

RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

No. 59

Whereas, the Papago people have shown increasing interest in improving facilities for obtaining a more positive control of flood waters for irrigation use in the production of subsistence crops; and

Whereas, it is realized that additional funds for the employment of engineers and purchase of construction material will be required to carry on a soil conservation and irrigation construction program sufficient to meet the need of the people; and

Whereas, it is essential to our progress in subsistence farming that two additional farm agents be added to the staff of Sells Agency, one to be stationed at agency headquarters, and one to be stationed at Santa Rosa, both to devote their time to teaching the people the proper tillage methods, and assist them in obtaining the proper tillage tools and implements, to obtain the greatest possible yields from subsistence crops produced under adaptations of the bolsa principle of flood water irrigation farming; and

Whereas, there is need for the establishment of a district school in the west end of the Chukut-kuk District, preferably at Tecolote to provide proper additional facilities for the children of that area; and

Whereas, it appears that classroom facilities of the Sells Central School are taxed to capacity; that with the extension of good roads radiating from Sells, it is possible to transport pupils of high school age greater distances than heretofore thought feasible; that there is a growing need for the construction of a high school building and dormitories to accommodate those students completing the day schools located too remote for daily transportation to and from Sells; and

Whereas, there is need for rehabilitation funds for use in constructing a community building to be used for housing an arts and crafts cooperative and for use in connection with the development of a fair and livestock show, and for other community uses; and

Whereas, there is need for the development of additional range improvements, including stock and domestic water developments, facilities for the better handling of livestock and maintenance of an accurate livestock census; and

Whereas, word has reached us of the possibility of reserving irrigable land on the Colorado River Reservation which might be used for the production of forage crops to supplement our scanty range resources and which possibility we should like to inquire into more fully; and

Whereas, the generous and sympathetic aid of the Government will be required in obtaining the items listed in the foregoing as necessary for our continued welfare and progress;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Papago Council;

1. That we hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for permission to send a delegation of three members of the Papago Council to Washington to confer with him and other officials of the Indian Office in seeking aid for the program outlined herein, and for information on other items of tribal business.

2. That the said delegation leave Sells Agency on March 6, 1939 and return March 25, 1939, or such other dates as may be agreeable to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The foregoing Resolution was on February 6, 1939, duly enacted by a vote of 19 for, and 0 against, by the Papago Council, pursuant to authority vested in it by Section 2, (d), Article V, of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

By:

Jose Ignacio  
Jose Ignacio, Chairman

Attest:

Ida N. Wilson  
Ida N. Wilson, Secretary