

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1105

WHEREAS, The Gila Bend District Council unanimously passed the following Resolution at a meeting held April 4, 1960, at which a quorum was present:

"WHEREAS, The residents of the Gila Bend Reservation have long been without adequate domestic water supplies, the water from the well on the Reservation being unfit to drink, and

WHEREAS, The residents have had to secure water from any source they can find, and on occasions the water has been secured from irrigation ditches or other unsanitary sources, and

WHEREAS, Although the Gila Bend Reservation residents have asked assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Public Health Service, so far these agencies have not provided the help needed to furnish adequate water supplies, primarily because they say most of the residents are actually living off the Reservation, although when the Papagos built their houses they thought they were erecting them on Reservation land, and it has been only relatively recently they were told the houses were just outside, and

WHEREAS, Although an agreement has been signed by the District and Tribal Council, by which the U. S. Engineers are going to construct new houses for the residents, and drill a new well on higher ground, on account of the Painted Rocks Reservoir, which should solve the water problem in time, it may be a number of months before this work is completed, but in the meantime something must be done, even if it is of a temporary nature, so the Gila Bend people can get enough decent water to drink.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Gila Bend District Council that it again appeal to the B. I. A. and the Public Health Service for aid in this critical situation, and if it is necessary, the District authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1500 for the rest of this fiscal year to assist in any temporary measures needed to get domestic water for the residents, such expenditures to be authorized by purchase orders signed by the District Chairman and Treasurer. However, it is hoped the full amount will not be required. When the cost of getting water is determined, if there is any money left the Council authorizes use of the balance to be spent in transporting patients for medical treatment in Phoenix."

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Papago Tribal Council that the Resolution of the Gila Bend District be approved, that the Tribal Council urge the B. I. A. and Public Health Service to provide aid in the water situation to the Papagos living at Gila Bend, and that the Council concur in the District's request to approve expenditures of up to \$1500 from District funds for the purposes stated in the Resolution.

San Lucy Water Appeal

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on May 6, 1960 with a vote of 19 for 0 against & 1 not voting, during a meeting at which quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V Section 2 (h), and Section 3 (a) 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). Said Resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency, and is subject to the rescission by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

BY:

Enos J. Francisco
Enos J. Francisco, Chairman

ATTEST:

Evelyn Antone
Evelyn Antone, Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Harry W. Gilmore, Superintendent