

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

RES. NO.1551

WHEREAS, the development of natural resources on the Papago Reservation has been delayed and curtailed, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Director of Mines has reported that certain confidential information (property of the Papago Tribe) was released by Superintendent John Artichoker, Jr., without permission of the Tribal Council or its representatives, to a major oil and mining company, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Mines has stated in the past that the Tribal Council should negotiate with mining and oil companies and did so successfully with Newmont Exploration and Trans-Arizona Resources, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has indicated a desire to place certain areas of the Reservation up for competitive bidding, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent sent out over 100 letters to all major mining and oil companies requesting that they designate an area or areas to be put up for bids, and

WHEREAS, there has not been any response or request by the mining or oil companies to this letter, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Mines has attempted to meet with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the "immediate program" for further development of natural resources, all to no avail, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Tribe continue with a vigorous mining program, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Papago Tribe to authorize the Director of Mines, Tribal Attorney and Tribal Chairman to begin negotiations with as many companies as possible so as to enable the Tribe to enter into contracts for development of its natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Papago Tribal Council:

1. That the Superintendent be requested not to release any further mining information to any individual or company without prior approval of the Tribal Council;

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2. That the Superintendent is requested not to interfere with or contact any mining or oil companies on behalf of the Papago Tribe;

3. That the Superintendent is requested to furnish the Director of Mines of the Papago Tribe all inquiries and other data pertaining to natural resources on the Reservation received from companies or from the U.S.G.S. or other governmental agencies;

4. That the Superintendent is requested to provide the Papago Tribal Council with a monthly report of all monies received in connection with mineral leases on the Reservation so as to enable the Director of Mines to determine whether the present contracts and leases are being complied with;

5. That the Director of Mines, Tribal Attorney and Tribal Chairman are herein authorized to begin immediate negotiations with mining and oil companies with the purpose of submitting proposals to the Business Committee of the Council and ultimately to the Tribal Council for approval;

6. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of Interior to inform him of our program for the development of the natural resources with the Council's understanding that the approval of any mining lease or contract must be given by the Secretary.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Tribal Council on September 1, 1967, with a vote of 17 for, 0 against with 0 not voting, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Sections 2 (c) (f) and Section 3 (h) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on January 6, 1937 (Stat. 984), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency and is subject to rescission by the Secretary of Interior pursuant to Section 6, Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

ATTEST: H. MALINDA MIGUEL
SECRETARY

H. Malinda Miguel, Secretary

ROBERT C. MACKETT

By: Robert C. Mackett, Chairman

APPROVED: _____

Superintendent

APPROVED AS TO FORM: [Signature] Tribal Attorney