



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the WMAT Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan 2020-2024)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation provides that the Tribal Council shall exercise the power “To protect and preserve the wildlife, plant life, forest, natural resources and water rights of the Tribe...”; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has developed range of environmental management programs to protect, maintain, and restore its land and waters, and has adopted a Permanent Land Restoration Fund ordinance to support that goal; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 319 (a) (1) and (b) (1) of the Clean Water Act, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has provided a 30-day public notice and opportunity for comment of the Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan (“WRSP”)(attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The 2020-2024 WRSP identifies priority restoration projects, outlines non-point source activities, and identifies areas of special ecological and community concern; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of this new plan will enable the Tribe to assume program authority for the Non-point Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, and therefore be eligible to receive funding to implement nonpoint source demonstration projects; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the 2020-2024 WRSP and finds that its approval will help the Tribe protect and restore its watershed while exercising its sovereignty and regulating its waterways, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. The 2020-2024 Watershed Restoration Strategic Plan is hereby approved;
2. The Tribal Water Resources Program shall prepare a new version of the Plan no less than every four years, and that revisions to the Plan shall occur annually or as otherwise needed to incorporate new Tribal priorities;
3. The Land Restoration Board shall consider the priorities outlined in this Plan when selecting projects under the Land Restoration Fund and shall involve local communities in revising the Plan; and
4. It hereby authorizes the distribution of a redacted version of this Plan as needed to secure funding for its implementation.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that notice of any and all public hearing be published at least 45-days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribe Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, this Resolution shall be declared null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 10, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Gwendena Lee Gatewood, Tribal Chairwoman

2/11/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date