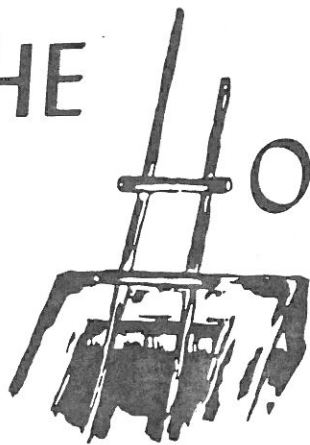


THE



HOPI TRIBE

LeRoy N. Shingitewa
CHAIRMAN

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: George Mase, Chairman
Water/Energy Team

Martha A. Mase

FROM: Martha A. Mase, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council

DATE: June 21, 2012

SUBJECT: NAVAJO-HOPI LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATER RIGHTS
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - A.I. #053-2012

The Hopi Tribal Council on June 21, 2012 by motion and majority vote approved Resolution H-073-2012.

By passage of this Resolution the Hopi Tribal Council endorses the proposed settlement of its claims to the Little Colorado River and its sources, as provided in the March 8, 2012, settlement agreement proposal, such endorsement shall not extend to any modification required to conform the settlement to United States Senate Bill 2109 or any other enactment of the settlement by the U.S. Congress.

Should you have any questions, you may contact me at (928) 734-3132.

c: Office of the Chairman
Office of the Vice Chairman
Office of the Tribal Treasurer
Office of General Counsel
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WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), (e) and (f) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") "To represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe, . . .", "To raise and take care of a Tribal Council fund, . . ." and "To use such Tribal Council fund for the welfare of the Tribe, . . ."; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe has been and continues to be involved in litigation and related settlement negotiations concerning the Tribe's water rights in and to the Little Colorado River (the "LCR Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2012, Senator John Kyl and Senator John McCain introduced S.2109, the Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2012; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2012, representatives of the major parties in the LCR adjudication, including the Hopi Tribe, completed their work on a proposed settlement of the claims of the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation to the Little Colorado River and its sources; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe, in consultation with tribal members, has conducted an independent review and evaluation of the proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement includes provisions for protecting the Hopi's interests in on-reservation groundwater, including the N-Aquifer and its springs; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed settlement includes a water supply for its newly-acquired ranches and other lands in the Homolovi area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement provides funding for infrastructure to provide domestic water supply for Hopi Villages; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement includes provisions to protect against injury to water rights or to water quality, and to protect and preserve the Hopi's rights to enforce federal environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the other parties to the LCR litigation settlement negotiations, especially the federal negotiating team, have assured Hopi that the proposed settlement protects and preserves the Hopi Tribe's reserved water rights to the mainstem Colorado River, including its claims to the Lower Colorado River and the Upper Colorado River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council hereby endorses the proposed settlement of its claims to the Little Colorado River and its sources, as provided in the March 8, 2012, settlement agreement proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this endorsement of the proposed settlement by the Council shall be subject to subsequent Council review and approval of all related exhibits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such endorsement shall not extend to any modification required to conform the settlement to United States Senate Bill 2109 or any other enactment of the settlement by the United States Congress.

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CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribal Council duly adopted the foregoing Resolution on June 21, 2012, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 8 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstaining (Chairman presiding and voting) pursuant to the authority vested in the Hopi Tribal Council by ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), (e) and (f) of the Hopi Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, as ratified by the Tribe on October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 19, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and does not require Secretarial approval.



LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Martha A. Mase, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council