

# *Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council*

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## **RESOLUTION NO.: PL 067-22**

*TROA Habitat Restoration Fund  
Cottonwood and Willow Project*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE NIXON, NEVADA**

**WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe,

**WHEREAS,** with the adoption of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Resolution PL 66-08, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognized the importance to provide protection for the physical, chemical, and biological integrity within the PLIR, and provided for the ability to regulate habitat protection for plant and wildlife species dependent upon the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake water resources; furthermore,

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes the need for restoration of the lower river corridor to improve fish habitat, water quality, and stabilize river banks by using cottonwoods and willows as major components in bioengineering designs; furthermore,

**WHEREAS,** the Natural Resources Department intends to begin a Cottonwood and Willow Project to propagate and grow these native plants on the PLIR as opposed to purchasing them from an off-reservation source, to be used to meet the need for restoration of the lower river corridor to improve fish habitat, water quality, and stabilize river banks; furthermore,

**WHEREAS,** Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) Section 2.C.2(f)(1) and Section 2.C.2.(f)(2) provide for the establishment of the Habitat Restoration Fund within the budget of the TROA Administrator consisting of at least \$50,000 per year beginning in Year 2 following TROA implementation for a period of 30 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Accounting and Distribution of the Truckee River Operating Agreement

Habitat Restoration Funding on August 28, 2018 after TROA implementation occurred in November of 2015, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution; furthermore,

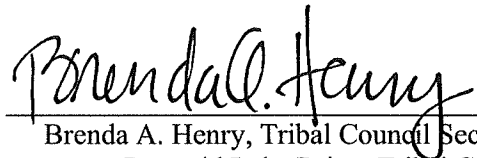
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the above-referenced Memorandum of Understanding, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is entitled to receive distributions of the Habitat Restoration Funds during Year 5 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020), Year 6 October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021), and year 7 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby approves, supports, and authorizes the Natural Resources Department to request the distribution of \$50,000 from the TROA Habitat Restoration Fund for the Cottonwood and Willow Project for the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Chairperson or designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign all funding distributions and other future administrative documents necessary for project award and implementation.

***CERTIFICATION***

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed of ten members, of whom ten (10) constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, was adopted by the affirmative vote of nine (9) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST, with zero (0) ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.



Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Council Secretary  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council