

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION NO.: PL 113-22
Galena Creek Water Rights

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

WHEREAS, The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provision of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 5123) of June 18, 1934 and is a federally recognized Tribe by the United States government with powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, the Tribe's governing body, is empowered pursuant to its inherent and retained sovereignty to acquire property and water rights in the name of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region (BIA) has been conferring with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (USFS) regarding the disposition of 588.39 acre-feet of Galena Creek surface water rights located in the Truckee River basin and administered under the Orr Ditch Decree; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been seeking to acquire the water rights through its water rights acquisition program as a beneficiary of a grant award between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Great Basin Land and Water (GBLW) specifically for the acquisition of water rights in the Truckee River basin to benefit of the Tribe by providing water to the lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake and associated fish, wildlife, plant and habitat resources; and

WHEREAS, BIA has an Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) Water Resources Contract with the Tribe, which supports Tribal management and protection of acquired water rights, and

WHEREAS, BIA would like to work with the Tribe to use the Tribe's water rights acquisition program and available funding from the NFWF/GBLW grant to transfer the water rights from USFS to BIA and then from BIA to the Tribe; and

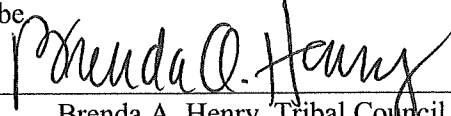
WHEREAS, a letter from BIA to the Tribe dated September 30, 2022, explains the Federal process for the proposed transfer of the water rights to the Tribe, and requests a Tribal Resolution supporting the transaction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby affirms the Tribe's desire to acquire the Galena Creek surface water rights and declares its support for the proposed transaction to transfer of the water rights to the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairwoman is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the acquisition of the water rights as hereby approved by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council in the name of and on behalf of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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 ***nine (9)*** constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the ***19th*** day of ***October 2022***, was adopted by the affirmative vote ***eight (8)*** for; ***zero (0)*** opposed; and ***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