

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION NO.: PL 156-21

Department of Interior Consultation Navy Water Rights

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

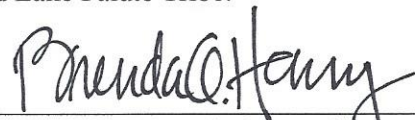
- WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (“Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1990, the United States Congress passed, and President George H.W. Bush signed, the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Settlement Act, Title II of Public Law 101-618 (the “Settlement Act”); and
- WHEREAS**, Section 206(c) of the Settlement Act, entitled “Water Use, Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada,” required the U.S. Department of the Navy to undertake a study for the purpose of reducing the use of water at the Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nevada; and
- WHEREAS**, Section 206(c)(3) of the Settlement Act explains that “All water no longer used and water rights no longer exercised” at the Naval Air Station “shall be managed by the Secretary [of the Interior] for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources.”; and
- WHEREAS**, Section 206(c)(3)(A) of the Settlement Act states, “the Secretary [of the Interior] shall manage such water and water rights primarily for the conservation of the Pyramid Lake fishery and in a manner which is consistent with the Secretary’s responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act....”; and
- WHEREAS**, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service owns or controls the approximately 818 acres of Newlands Project water rights no longer used at the Naval Air Station, but is not managing said water rights primarily for the benefit of the Pyramid Lake fishery as required by the Settlement Act; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribe wishes to negotiate and enter a memorandum of agreement between the Tribe and the U.S. Department of the Interior for the purpose of implementing the mandatory provisions of the Settlement Act so that the Navy Water Rights will be managed primarily for the purpose of Pyramid Lake and Truckee River fishes; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution is a letter from the Tribal Chairwoman to Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the Honorable Deb Haaland, requesting government-to-government consultation regarding the Navy Water Rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs its Chairwoman to sign and send the attached letter to the Secretary of the Interior.

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 17th day of November, 2021 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
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