



Governor Lewis holds a signed Lower Colorado System Conservation Agreement among members of the Washington, D.C. delegation, Community Council, and GRIC Royalty at MAR-5. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Gila River Indian Community Enters into three Major Agreements with Department of the Interior to Address Drought Conditions on Colorado River

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Press Release

SACATON and PHOENIX, Arizona. - During a morning visit to the Gila River Indian Community, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Boudreau, Senior Advisor to the President and White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu, and Deputy Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner David Palumbo announced up to \$233 million in two historic infrastructure funding and conservation agreements to help the Gila River Indian Community and water users across the Colorado River Basin protect the stability and sustainability of the Colorado River System. The visit to the Community included a vis-

it to the Community's innovative Managed Aquifer Recharge site #5 at Olberg Bridge as well as to the site for its innovative solar-covered canal project. While at the solar-covered canal project, Deputy Commissioner Palumbo presented the Community with the executed grant for funding a substantial portion of the project costs.

The Community's LC System Conservation Agreement is the first major system conservation agreement executed by Reclamation under the LC System Conservation Program announced in Oct. 2022. Pursuant to the agreement, the Community has committed to provide up to 125,000 acre-feet of its Colorado River entitlement as system conservation for each of the next three years, at a fixed price of \$400 per acre foot, for a

total of up to \$150 million. This is the largest commitment of water to the LC System Conservation program to date and represents a major milestone for the Department in its efforts to stabilize the Colorado River System. The cities of Phoenix and Tucson, the other two large entitlement holders to water from the Colorado River served by the CAP System, also announced major commitments to the LC System Conservation Program in agreements that are to be finalized in the coming days. The funding for all these agreements is being provided through the Inflation Reduction Act.

The Infrastructure agreement announced today is for a shovel-ready project that the Com-

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Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Celebration Returns



Pee Posh Veterans Association lead the parade at the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace celebration on April 15. Velia Moncada/GRIN

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The Gila River Indian Community celebrated the 160th annual Five Tribes Treaty of Peace on Saturday, April 15, in District 7 — Maricopa Colony.

"Remembering the Footsteps of Our Leaders of Peace" was this year's theme for the event, which recognizes the 1863 treaty between the Akimel O'otham, Pee-Posh, Hualapai, Yuman, and Chemehuevi.

The five tribes came together as sovereign nations, signing a peace treaty to promote peace among the tribes and help protect their people and American settlers from other hostile tribes in the region.

After three years of being held virtually due to the COVID-19

pandemic, the celebration returned to the public, where Community members and visiting tribes reunited once again.

This year hundreds of Community members from across GRIC, visiting tribal members and veterans from the Tohono O'odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Quechan Indian Tribe, traveled to District 7 for the day's events.

"It was a really powerful feeling to see everyone back after three years," said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, "From our elders to our children, I think it's important to teach them this rich history that we have here, the historical meaning behind the Five Tribes Treaty

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President Biden Advisor Susan Rice tours GRIC

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

On Tuesday, April 4, President Biden's Domestic Policy Advisor and former Ambassador Susan E. Rice visited the Community. During the visit, Ambassador Rice toured the Community beginning at the Huhugam Heritage Center, where Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and members of the GRIC Community Council greeted her upon arrival.

The visit allowed Ambassador Rice to view some of the innovative water and education improvements in the Community. The tour included the new Casa Blanca

Community School (CBCS), the site of the new Gila River Police Dept., Managed Aquifer Recharge Site #5 (MAR-5), and the location of the Community's proposed solar-covered canal project.

"Thank you to everyone for welcoming me. It's a real honor to be here today. On behalf of President Biden, Vice President Harris, and all of us back in Washington, D.C., it was very important for us to have the opportunity to show our appreciation and respect for this extraordinary Community," said Ambassador Rice.

Gov. Lewis presented Ambassador Rice with a necklace made from a cactus rib at the Huhugam

Heritage Center before departing on the Community tour.

On the first stop at CBCS, Principal Franklin provided a tour of the new school, highlighting many of the enhanced features of the campus. She shared that many technological upgrades to the school became vital during the pandemic, including the remote learning system the teachers and students used.

CBCS is one of two schools constructed using the 105(l) lease agreement. GRIC developed this innovative lease and has paved the way for new projects to break ground, including a new Gila Riv-

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Lt. Gov. Antone, Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, and Susan E. Rice (top center) stand with Huhugam Heritage Center staff and Keli Akimel Hua Modk dancers on April 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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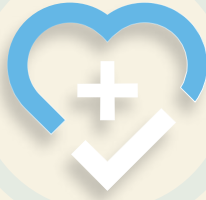
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'Share Your Voice' shares information and awareness for SAAM

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Crime Victim Services and Gila River Health Care's SANE Forensic Nursing Department held an information fair for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), on Tuesday, April 4, at the District 6 Learning Center.

For the past 22 years, April has become Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The first Tuesday of the month is the 'SAAM Day of Action,' an opportunity to begin the month with highly visible and coordinated actions.

Gila River Police Department, SANE, Crime Victim Services, Tribal Social Services, On Eagles Wings Domestic Violence Shelter, and Gila River Health Care's Behavioral Health Department were on-site, providing plenty of information on what they have to offer and how they can assist victims of sexual abuse and harassment.

Sexual assault affects not only the survivor but can also affect families, friends, and even neighbors.

Every day, hundreds of Americans are affected by sexual violence, according to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

Most sexual assaults occur at or near the victim's home. As many as 67 percent of Native American women experience sexual assault in their lifetime. And nearly half or more cases of rape were perpetrated by someone known to the victim.

GRIC has been working to combat these statistics through services and assistance from Community departments.

One such program is the Crime Victim Services. The program actively assists victims and survivors by providing advocates who offer vital information, emotional support, and help find additional resources. Advocates also go to



Community members and families came out to the Sexual Assault Awareness event at the District 6 Learning Center on April 14. Emma Hughes/GRIN

court with victims and contact organizations to assist with obtaining necessary information pertaining to their case. They serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, families of homicide, and other violent crimes.

SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) provides a team of nurses specially trained to care for both the physical and emotional care fol-

lowing these traumatic events. The SANE team services sexual assault, strangulation, domestic violence, interpersonal violence, child abuse and neglect, elder abuse, and human trafficking. In addition, SANE provides confidential services, keeping their medical records from the hospital records.

All month long, GRHC recognizes SAAM with activities such as

"Teal Tuesday," which encourages GRIC members to wear teal on every Tuesday of the month. Sharing a selfie with GRHC will enter a person in a raffle. And April 26 is "denim day." This day encourages people to wear jeans to show support for victims and survivors of sexual assault.

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Crime Victim Services provided information and incentives promoting the "Share Your Voice" theme. Emma Hughes/GRIN

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GRIC youth crowned at Phoenix Union High School District royalty pageants



(L-R) Jade Silas, 2023-24 Miss Indian Betty Fairfax First Attendant, Charlize King, 2023-24 Miss Indian Betty Fairfax, Diego Rhodes, 2023-24 Mr. Indian Betty Fairfax, and Skye Donahue. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Velia Moncada

Gila River Indian News

This month, two Phoenix Union High School District schools hosted their annual Native American royalty pageants. Many Community youth attend Betty H. Fairfax High School and Cesar Chavez High School in Laveen so it was no surprise a number GRIC youth competed.

This year Diego Rhodes from District 6 was awarded the 2023-24 Mr. Indian Fairfax title, accompanied by Charlize King, Navajo Nation, as the 2023-24 Miss Indian Fairfax on April 12.

Then on April 12 Jacob Lewis from District 6 was crowned the 2023-24 Mr. Indian Cesar Chavez High School. And Morningstar Delowe, District 6, was crowned the new 2023-24 Miss Indian Cesar Chavez High School.

The schools' pageant-ries allow Native American students to become ambassadors within their schools and showcase their cultural knowledge and values throughout their diverse school population.

Betty Fairfax High School Pageant

On Wednesday, April

12, three contestants vied for the title of Mr. and Miss Betty Fairfax at the Betty Fairfax High School performing arts center. The pageant began with greetings and a blessing from former 2022-23 Miss Betty Fairfax, Candace Foulke, from District 7. The pageant then commenced with the introductions of Diego Rhodes, District 6, Jade Silas, District 6, Skye Donahue, District 6, and Charlize King from the Navajo Nation.



Outgoing Miss Indian Betty Fairfax Candace Foulke addressed the audience at the April 12 pageant. Velia Moncada/GRIN

The competition portion of the evening consisted of a talent showcase, tradi-

tional talent, cultural knowledge, and an "A Day in the Life" casual attire demonstration. Finally, contestants answered questions about the night's theme of "Honoring Our Wellbeing Through Truth Telling."

The evening included farewell remarks from 2022-23 Miss Betty Fairfax, Candace Foulke. She also showcased her Pee Posh culture by dancing to bird songs during this time. Looking ahead, Foulke is preparing to run for the 2023-24 Miss Indian PXU pageant in Nov.

After judges tallied their scores, Diego Rhodes and Charlize King were announced as the new 2023-24 Mr. and Miss Indian Betty Fairfax, with Jade Silas serving as Ms. Indian Fairfax First Attendant.

Diego Rhodes looks forward to representing his peers and working with new people throughout his reign. Likewise, Charlize King looks forward to representing Betty H. Fairfax as an Indigenous woman.

Cesar Chavez High School Pageant

Then on April 14, Cesar Chavez High School hosted its 2023-24 Mr. and Miss Indian Cesar Chavez



(L-R) 2023-24 Miss Indian Chavez High School Morningstar Delowe, 2023-24 Mr. Indian Chavez High School Jacob Lewis, 2023-24 Miss Indian Betty Fairfax Charlize King, and 2023-24 Mr. Indian Betty Fairfax Diego Rhodes. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Velia Moncada joins GRIN staff



Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Hello my name is Velia Moncada. I am excited to introduce myself as GRIN's new Community News-person to join the team.

I am an enrolled mem-

ber of the Gila River Indian Community from District 4. However, I grew up outside of the Community in Chandler.

I am a former GRIC Tribal Scholarship recipient. I graduated from Arizona State University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Wellness with a minor in Spanish.

My background in journalism writing began from experiences at my high school's newspaper club and as a Chapter Reporter for the FFA (Future Farmers of America) program at Chandler High School.

Since then, I have continued to strengthen this

skill throughout college and working professionally.

My passions outside of work include acting for theatre and film, sketching/painting art, and hiking trails across the great state of Arizona. One fun fact about me is that I am a former Miss Chandler Latina 2021-2022, in which I advocated gardening for food sovereignty within the Community and honoring the relations to my Native American and Latino culture.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to connect and learn more about the Community while also sharing the voices and stories of the people.

Thank you.

High School pageant. Three contestants competed this year—Morningstar Delowe, District 6, Alexiana Goldtooth, District 6, for Miss Indian Cesar Chavez High School, and Jacob Lewis, District 6, for Mr. Indian Cesar Chavez High School.

"We are happy that you are here tonight with us, because this pageant hasn't happened in a couple of years, and we are excited to bring back the Miss but also we are starting the Mister as well," said Anna Blackwa-

ter, GRIC Tribal Education Department Student Advisor.

Like Betty H. Fairfax, the judged programming for the evening included a talent showcase, traditional talent, cultural knowledge, and "A Day in the Life" casual attire demonstration. Finally, contestants answered questions about the night's theme of "Embracing Our Identity by Sharing Our Stories."

After the program, judges crowned Morningstar Delowe as the 2023-24

Miss Indian Cesar Chavez High School and Jacob Lewis as the 2023-24 Mr. Indian Cesar Chavez High School.

Delowe plans to serve as an excellent example as a Native student and embrace more of her culture in school while also teaching younger students her traditional customs. Meanwhile, Jacob Lewis plans on using his title to learn more about his culture by hosting cultural events during the school year.

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of Peace because it needs to be passed down.”

The celebration began with an early morning walk/run, where members from the Community and other tribes gathered at a field across the District 7 Multipurpose Building for the two-mile remembrance walk.

“It’s so beautiful to have this day out here, so peaceful, you can pray on your way out there. It’s all just really nice,” said Sandra Miller, Tohono O’odham, after her run.

Later that morning, cars

began to line up alongside 83rd Ave in preparation to view the parade. Judges were present for the parade and designated the following winners this year: first place; Gila River Royalty, second place; Tohono O’odham Nation Veterans, and third place; Pee Posh Veterans Association.

“I’ve been attending this event since 2010, been marching in the parade for a long time,” said Michael Smith, a member of the Pee Posh Veterans Association, “It’s always an honor to help out wherever I can.”

“This is American history, if not our own history as well, that we need to continue to honor,” said Gov. Lewis, “With everything in

the world, I think it still has a lot of significance.”

Community arts & crafts vendors and informational booths from GRIC departments were also present throughout the day. The event also included a horseshoe tournament and plenty of outdoor activities for the youth.

Throughout the morning, live vaila music poured out from the District 7 ramada performed by Two Rivers. Then the night concluded with a dance and performance by Gertie & the T.O. Boyz.

And like past years, a Bird Dance competition was also held for men and women of all ages. This year’s winners of the contest are:

Ages 50+
First place male, Chris Emerson
First place female, Valerie Welsh-Tohbo
Ages 35-49
First place male, Darwin Welsh III
First place female,

Joyce Paya
Ages 18-34
First place male, Tyrone Harper
First place female, Mariela Sanchez
Ages 12-17
First place male, Da’Trae French

First place female, Candace Foulke
Ages 7-11
First place male, Rylee Carlyle
First place female, Eimyah Ameelynah



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone hands out incentives at the parade. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gila River Royalty pose for a photo with members of the American Legion Post 802 Fort Yuma Veterans Association. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Dancers prepare for the Five Tribes Bird dancing competition on April 15. Photo courtesy of Paul Molina



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Five Tribes Treaty of Peace Chair Volleyball Tournament draws many teams to District 7



The Jackrabbits from District 1 won the Five Tribes Chair Volleyball tournament on April 6. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Before the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace celebration, District 7 coordinated a chair volleyball tournament on Thursday, April 6. This event was a staple of the annual celebration that returned this year, gathering over 28 teams from across the state before the April 15 celebration.

District 7 Elder Co-

ordinator Jasmine Reece expressed her gratitude for bringing the event back and for the number of teams that registered. “Today was great and a way for me to give back to the elderly population, because it gives me a better understanding of how to work with them.”

Teams came from GRIC, Colorado River Indian Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian

Community, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, The Yavapai-Apache Nation, and Tohono O’odham Nation.

After a full day of play, the “Jackrabbits” from District 1 took first place, “Gila River O’odhams” from District 3 placed second, and the “SX Unknowns” from San Xavier (Tohono O’odham Nation) came in third place.



Kwi Hiosig Mashath

The name for this month means “mesquite tree flowering moon” and refers to mesquite blossoms appearing on the kwi. The trees we are most familiar with are called Velvet Mesquite and refers to the velvety texture of the leaf underside. In days gone by, kwi have been known to grow 30 to 50 feet in height and several old stumps can still be found that are several feet in diameter. Kwi is the O’otham tree of life and goes through five stages of growth each year. The first stage is Kwi i’ivakithak (Mesquite budding out) and occurs in March. This is closely followed by kwi hulkadaj and means that the flower buds have formed and are still green. The next stage of growth is called Kwi Hiosig Mashath, which means “Mesquite tree flowering moon” and occurs in April. After the blossoms are pollinated by honey bees the bean pods form and are

called vihog. For several weeks, the vihog grow from tender green pods, to full ripe maturity filled with sweet pulp, juices, and seeds. When the vihog reach maturity, O’otham call this stage of growth vihog baikam, meaning that the vihog is ready to be harvested. When a thicket of kwi stands closely together, this is called s-kuik, meaning that there are many Mesquite trees in one place. Some trees produce plain yellow to almost white bean pods while others produce pods with reddish or purplish stripes. O’otham families have their own s-kuik staked out and often harvested from the same trees each growing season. After harvesting, the vihog are taken home and spread on a canvas or hard ground to dry in the sun. After drying for several days the vihog are stored away for later use. O’otham made use of kwi as food, in home construc-

tion and tools. Items made from kwi include: bith ki: (sandwich house); kosin (storage shed); kwi chu’i (mesquite flour); chepa (wooden mortar); kua’ag (firewood); vath’o (shade ramada); cheth’thondag (support post); olas ki: (roundhouse); vav’nadag (house rafter); koli (livestock corral); ushab (mesquite sap); u:s kusal (wooden spoon) and vihog (mesquite bean pod). The word search will test your memory of items from kwi.

A special Thank You to community Elders for sharing their knowledge of kwi that made this article possible. Additional source related from At the Desert’s Green Edge: An Ethnobotany of the Gila River Pima, Amadeo Rea, 1997, University of Arizona Press.

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Kwi Hiosig Mashath Word Search 2023

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Community prepares for MMIP Awareness Day

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

As May approaches, the Gila River Indian Community prepares for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Awareness Day virtual walk/run event on May 5.

In 2020 the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives passed resolutions declaring May 5 as a day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

In 2021, GRIC Community Council declared May 5 as a day of awareness for MMIP by proclamation.

This year the Community will host a virtual two-mile walk/run for Community members to show support in solidarity for those that have been affected by this crisis.

Organizers for the Community event chose to remain virtual this year once again. Participants from the past two years expressed that they enjoyed participating in this event at



A rendering of the 2023 MMIP Awareness day t-shirt that will be distributed for participants. Courtesy of CPAO

the areas they felt a connection to. Some of these places are areas where their loved ones went missing or where they had their last cherished memories with the individual.

Participants that register for the walk/run will receive a red commemorative MMIP t-shirt. The t-shirt features three figures representing the O'otham and Pee Posh within the Com-

munity. The logo shows two women dressed in O'otham and Pee Posh clothing. And in the middle stands a male entity representing men. Behind the silhouettes is a basket design representing the Community.

The May 5 MMIP Awareness Day will also include an in-person walk/run for GRIC employees at the Governance Center in Sacaton. The gathering will be the first ever collective two-mile walk for employees in support of MMIP.

Additionally, the Arizona State Capitol and Honwungi Consulting LLC., will host an MMIP Awareness gathering on May 5.

Community members are also encouraged to attend the state capitol gathering.

The gathering will feature workshops, a remembrance walk, and guest speakers beginning at 3 p.m.



Photo from the 2022 MMIP gathering at the State Capitol. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Submission

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association – Army Women United (WACVA-AWU) will host their upcoming convention at the Gila River Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino from 4-6 August 2023. WACVA-AWU is the only federally chartered organization for women veterans with a focus on serving active and veteran Soldiers.

The theme of the 2023 Convention is "She Changed Her Attire and Set the World on Fire." It consists of representatives from the national organization as well as chapters located across the country. Hosting this year's convention are Chapter 95 (Sierra Vista) and Chapter 68 Saguaro (Phoenix). Business meetings are conducted at the Convention to set the vision for the upcoming year and to decide formally on bylaw changes. Attendees also

attend three social events including a Friday night dance party, Saturday Pallas Athene Luncheon and Sunday President's Luncheon. There is a Memorial Service for members who have passed away over the past year. Our guest speaker this year hails from Sandusky, Ohio and has a true passion for women's military history. We will also feature uniforms and traditions from earlier days of the Women's Army Corps.



It has been exciting for us, as an organization, to learn more about the tribe and reservation upon which our venue operates. We hope to forge a strong bond with veterans from the Gila River Indian Community through this convention and for the future.

We look forward to assembling at this special venue to welcome and honor our women veterans who selflessly continue to serve others.

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Missing & Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)

May 5th is proclaimed as Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day. Join us in solidarity and honor MMIP victims during a virtual walk/run on

Friday May 5, 2023

How to participate:

- Visit mygilariver.com announcements or scan QR code for registration link. Deadline to register is Friday April 21, 2023 at 5 pm
- Event is open to GRIC members only.
- Choose a familiar & safe route (1.5 mile course or ½ mile elder course) and walk, jog or run on Friday May 5, 2023
- You are encouraged to wear red during the walk/run
- Incentives available for the first 800 who register.

Share your photos on social media to help raise awareness about MMIP using #GRICMMIP23. Photos can be emailed to: Special.Events@gric.nsn.us

For questions please contact Special Events Coordinator (520) 562-9713 or (520) 610-8336

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: Chastity Rochelle Bread vs. Matthew Michael Chico
CASE Number: FM-2019-0029-PT
This case has been scheduled and YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR on the date, time and place designated below. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR your hearing may be held in absentia and a warrant may be issued for your arrest, forfeiture of your bond,

judgment in favor of the other party, or jail time may be ordered.

MOTION HEARING

Thursday, May 4, 2023
at 10:00 AM in Courtroom I before the Honorable Sheriff L Cassa
AKIMEL O'OTHAM LODITHA KUD KI,
721 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ.
DATED Monday, March 27, 2023

Proposed Construction of Modular Building for Gila River Indian Community in Sacaton, AZ

Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Crime Victims Services Program's proposal to construct one (1) modular building (the Proposed Action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA describes the proposed project, defines the resources located in the project area, and evaluates the potential impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clarkgroupllc.com. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: Gila River Indian Community Victim Services Building

Project Proponent: Office for Victims of Crime

Project Location: 259 Indian Route 24, Sacaton, AZ 85147

Purpose of the Proposed Action: The purpose of the project is to improve services to victims of crime. If implemented, the Proposed Action would allow Crime Victim Services to be transitioned into the new Victim Services Department, which would operate out of the new modular building. Moving to a new modular building would allow Crime Victim Services to expand their capacity beyond the 750 to 1,000 residents they serve each year to meet the total demand within GRIC. The new modular building would also allow for training community partners, professional development for program staff, and more outreach and public awareness activities.

Proposed Action Description: The Proposed Action considered under this Draft EA is to construct one (1) modular building on the Family Advocacy Center campus in Sacaton, AZ. The site has an existing concrete pad that will be removed, and a new concrete foundation will be poured for the modular building. The modular building will serve as office space for staff handling victim advocacy and case management, filing for crime victim compensation, crisis intervention, literacy education and job training, medical and dental referrals, mental health counseling, support groups, and more. The new modular building would be approximately 2,058 square feet in size and would be placed inside the existing stone wall surrounding the Family Advocacy Center campus. The dimensions of the building will measure 36 feet wide by 66 feet long. The total area of ground disturbance from demolishing the existing concrete pad would be 40 square feet, and the ground disturbance from pouring the new concrete foundation would be approximately 38 feet by 68 feet. The total area of the new concrete foundation once completed would be approximately 36 feet by 68 feet. The new construction would require water, sewer, and electrical connections, all of which are present either on or immediately adjacent to the project site for the Proposed Action.

Public Comments: OVC is accepting comments on this Draft EA from May 5, 2023, through the end of the day of June 5, 2023. Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupllc.com, or mailed to The Clark Group LLC, 137 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

Date of Posting: May 5, 2023



HEADLINES EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Antone
Lt. Governor

Water Agreements Continued

munity developed over the course of the past year. The project will allow the Community to more flexibly use its water resources and conserve even more water to Lake Mead. The Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project, or RWPP, will construct a 19.4-mile pipeline to move A+ reclaimed water supplies the Community has through its CAP exchange agreements with Mesa and Chandler, which were part of its 2004 settlement. This will allow the Community to use this A+ effluent in a more flexible way and free up the remaining amounts of Colorado River water currently delivered to the Community through the CAP system.

Recognizing the urgency of going beyond system conservation and investing in long-term system efficiency infrastructure, the Community has developed this project in record time and worked very closely with Reclamation and its design and supply team to be in position to commence construction immediately, and to complete the project before the end of 2024. The Community and Reclamation worked cooperatively to confirm cost for the project at \$83 million, which will be funded through funds made available by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Community estimates that the RWPP will reduce the Community's on-Reservation use of Colorado River water on a long-term basis by up to 20,000 AF each year. The Community has committed to make up to 200,000 AF of this water savings available to Reclamation over a 10-year period, with a

minimum of at least 78,000 AF to be left in Lake Mead as system efficiency water over that period.

In addition to the two major agreements announced by the Biden-Harris Administration today, the Community also received from Reclamation the executed grant for funding its portion of Phase I of its solar-covered canal project. Phase I of the solar project will install solar panels over approximately 1,000 feet of canal, which will produce approximately 1 megawatt of power. This project is an essential pilot project that has helped to shape the consideration of this innovative drought response tool. Working closely with Reclamation, the Community has been able to design the project and confirm that it can be constructed without additional ROW acquisition or environmental review, greatly accelerating the project timeline.

Reclamation is funding a portion of the project, with the remainder being funded through the Tribal Partnership Program within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is currently completing its validation study, which will be complete by the end of April. Thereafter, the Community will enter into a project agreement with the Corps and expect to begin construction on this project by June 30 of this year. Construction can be completed before the end of this year. The Community is already looking to Phase II of this innovative new concept, which not only produces green energy, but protects canal water from evaporation loss, and represents an accelerated pathway for bringing transformational energy supplies

on line. The Community will use part of the funding from Reclamation, which is a reimbursement for design costs already incurred by the Community, to fund the Phase II feasibility study and design, helping to accelerate that project timeline as well. Phase II is currently contemplated for a sixteen mile stretch of the Casa Blanca canal, with potential power of up to 100 megawatts at full development.

"Today is another historic day, not only for the Community, but for our State and for the entire Colorado River basin," said Gila River Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. "These three agreements, taken together, represent a future of how we can work together to confront the urgency of this moment. They are a true model of how this Administration is working with all parties, especially tribes, to find, foster and fund innovative solutions that will have a long-term impact for the Colorado River. The agreements will provide significant benefits for the Community, but we have all worked hard to ensure that they serve a broader purpose as well," he said. "By focusing on local suppliers for our RWPP, we are ensuring that the benefits of this impressive investment will create jobs for the benefit of us all here in the State. And, in a broader sense, I hope that our agreements will provide an example of how the invaluable resources provided through the BIL and IRA are and can be put to positive use in conserving water to Lake Mead, not just through system conservation, but more importantly, through investments in long-term infrastructure efficiency projects. This is our genuine priority, and the Department embraced our concept from the outset and worked diligently with us to make this a reality."

Governor Lewis concluded: "But I want to emphasize that today is not about just the Community, but about all those in our State and region who are stepping up to confront our common urgent problem. I am so proud that our neighbors in Phoenix and Tucson are also very close to finishing their agreements. This demonstrates that Arizona as a whole takes the issue of conservation and efficiency very seriously and that we are prepared to share the burden of fixing this problem together. We all, of course, also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our Arizona delegation, especially Sena-



Gov. Lewis holds the letter of intent for the Community's Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project with Tommy Beaudreau. Kyle Knox/GRIN

tors Sinema and Kelly, who worked so hard to pass both the IRA and the BIL, and to the Biden-Harris Administration for its commitment

to solving this problem with tribes and not for us. "As they say, actions speak so much louder than words, and our announce-

ments today should resound loudly and proudly across our state, our region and entire country."



Gov. Lewis shares how the significant new water agreements will benefit GRIC and water users throughout the state at the April 6 news conference at the Arizona State Capitol. Kyle Knox/GRIN



White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu addresses the gathered audience at the MAR-5 signing ceremony. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Lt. Gov. speaks during Arizona Gov. Hobbs' 'First 100 Days in Office' address

Emma Hughes

Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone was featured as a guest speaker during a press conference at the State Capitol for Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs' "First 100 Days in Office" address.

"It is a true honor to be here today to celebrate Gov. Hobbs' first 100 days in office," said Lt. Gov. Antone, who commended Hobbs on her continued efforts to work with tribes throughout the state.

Lt. Gov. Antone added,

"As a tribal leader I have had the honor of watching the fast pace of Gov. Hobbs in her first 100 days in office, I have truly witnessed the governor of our great state elevating tribal relations."

Tribal leaders and representatives present for the press conference included: Arizona Sen. Theresa Hatathlie, Navajo Nation's first lady Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice President Ricardo Leonard.

"The folks standing behind me represent organi-

zations and individuals who have played an active role in my first 100 days and who benefited from the actions that we've taken so early in my term," said Hobbs, "looking back at these first 100 days, we've already taken action on so many urgent issues including reproduction rights, water, corrections reform, and infrastructure just to name a few."

Hobbs thanked Lt. Gov. Antone, "My office's partnership with Gila River and Arizona's 22 tribes has been a highlight of my first 100 days."

Within that time Hobbs has been actively working and meeting with tribes, including GRIC. In Jan., Hobbs attended the 'Road to Healing' listening session held by Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland at the Gila Crossing Community School. It was noted as the first governor to participate in a listening session of that kind.

"She promised to bring trust and accountability and she proved this as she made an effort to listen to the trauma and abuse stories at boarding schools," said Lt. Gov. Antone, "Gov. Hobbs has recognized and made deep strides to develop teams to help our communities."

Hobbs stated "From the executive order I signed,



Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs, and Arizona Sen. Theresa Hatathlie at the State Capitol. Emma Hughes/GRIN



Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone commends Arizona Gov. Hobbs during the news conference. Emma Hughes/GRIN

to establish a task force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, to the announcement last week of billions of new dollars to expand access to clean water for Tribal communities in Arizona, we will continue to work alongside our Tribal leaders to make sure that Indigenous communities thrive."

Hobbs has also put focus on housing and human services, health and reproductive rights, affordable and thriving economy, education, public safety, border security, and corrections reform.



Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs discussed her 100 days in office during a news conference on April 12, at the State Capitol. Emma Hughes/GRIN

Susan E. Rice Visit Continued

er Police Station in Sacaton.

Later in the day, Ambassador Rice toured MAR-5 and learned of its significance for conserving water and bringing back wildlife and plant life to the Community. Henrietta Lopez provided the tour, detailing

the benefits of the plants at MAR-5 and their use for basket makers.

The tour concluded with the future site of the Community's solar-covered canal project. Ambassador Rice learned that this project would be the first in the Western Hemisphere and could generate sufficient energy to offset the Gila River

Irrigation Drainage District (GRIIDD power demand). And the project would make GRIIDD the first and only completely green irrigation district. Among the many benefits, the solar-covered canal project will also conserve water from evaporation while generating energy.



Henrietta Lopez provides a tour for Ambassador Rice and shares the significance of the native plants found at MAR-5. Kyle Knox/GRIN



CBCS Principal Kim Franklin showcases the schools skylights found throughout the school's classrooms. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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- APPLICATION
- 200 WORD ESSAY
- CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD (DATED BY MARCH 1, 2023)
- ACCEPTANCE LETTER
- ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT (VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ONLY)
- PROGRAM OF STUDY
- OFFICIAL CLASS SCHEDULE
- STUDENT AID REPORT (FAFSA 2023-2024)
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- > Community Colleges
- > Universities

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University and Community College graduates please call your Student Advisor with Student Services at (520) 562-3316.

Parents of Boarding Schools, please contact Ivy Namingha at (520) 562-3662.


Please contact the Tribal Education Department if you are not funded through the Scholarship Program or do not have a K-12 Student Advisor located at your school.


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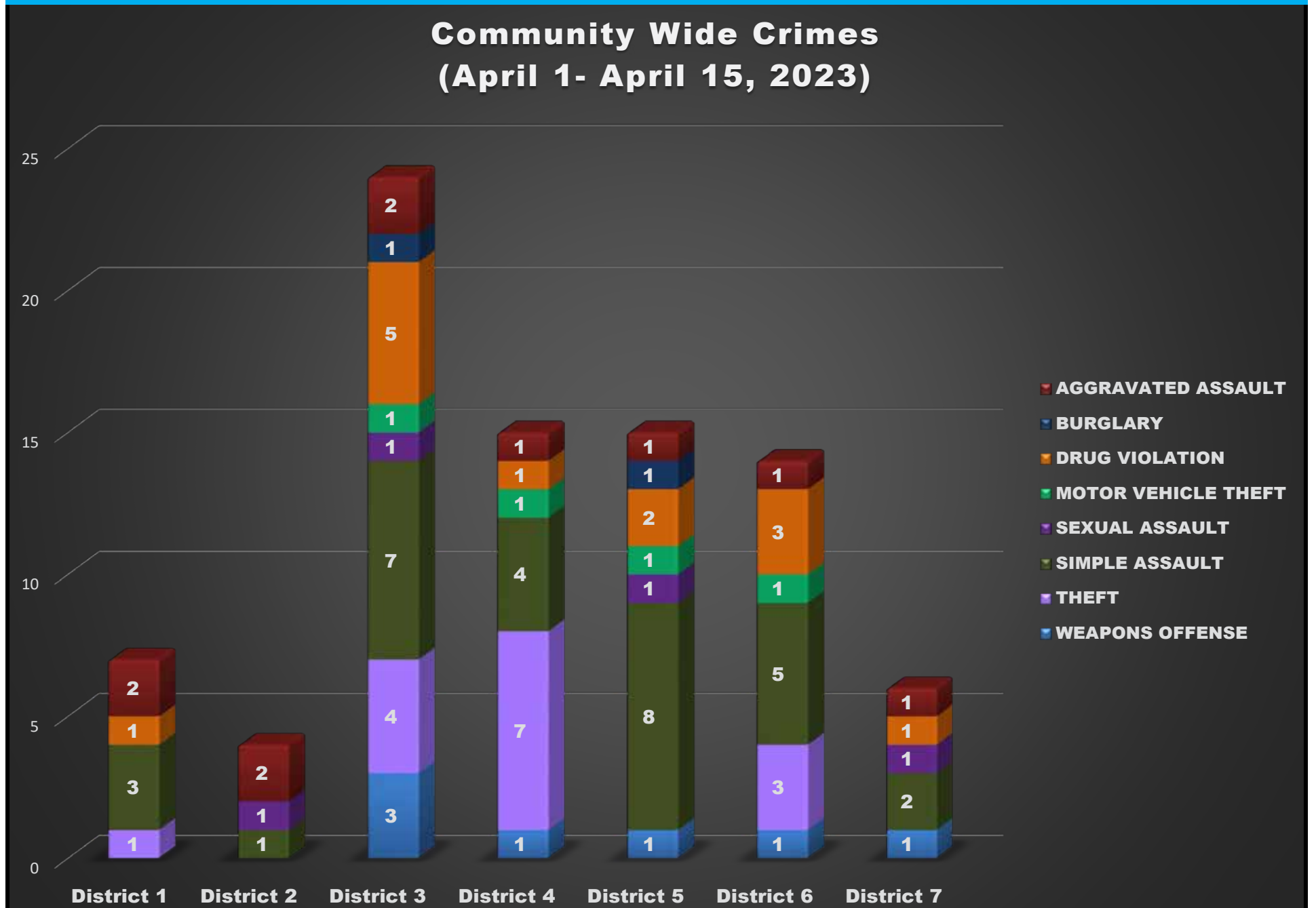
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Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Community Wide Crimes (April 1- April 15, 2023)



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • April 5, 2023

ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Ann Lucas

ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Rodney Jackson; D4- Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya, Regina Antone; D5- Marlin Dixon, Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Terrance Evans (9:09); D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Present via WebEx:

D3- Avery White

D5- James De La Rosa

D6- Charles Goldtooth

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman

D4- Christopher Mendoza (Travel)

D5- Wahlean Riggs

D7- Devin Redbird (Bereavement)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE RESOLUTION #4 AND NEW BUSINESS #5 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #5, ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1, #2, #3 #5, AND #6; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #6 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction – Akimel O'Odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council Coordinator, Ms. Gwendolyn Morago

Presenters: Suzanne Jones, Gwendolyn Morago

MS. SUZANNE JONES INTRODUCED MS. GWENDOLYN MORAGO WHO HAS BEEN HIRED AS THE AKIMEL O'ODHAM/PEE POSH YOUTH COUNCIL COORDINATOR. MS. MORAGO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS A SECRETARY III FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY OBTAINING HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN BUSINESS LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT CHANDLER GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE IS EXCITED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE YOUTH. VARIOUS COUNCIL, LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS WELCOMED AND CONGRATULATED MS. MORAGO ON HER NEW POSITION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

REPORTS

1. Gila River Health Care Thwajik Ki Residential Treatment Center FY2021-2022 Report

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Priscilla Foote, Shannon Sims, Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

2. Gila River Health Care Opioid Update and Emerging Threats

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Viji Murugavel, Priscilla Foote, Dr. David Eppheimer, Beth Fabrick, Dr. Anthony Santiago

REPORT HEARD

3. Missing and Murdered Task Force Update/Sober Living

Presenter: Lt. Governor Monica Antone

REPORT HEARD

4. K-12 Program Monthly Report – January 2023

Presenter: Lance Reyna

REPORT HEARD

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council February 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission Board, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia Acosta

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report February 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. FY2023 Schedule of Investments – February 28, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of A Gila River Indian Community Ad Hoc Economic Development Opportunity Steering Committee For The Purpose Of Assisting The Community In Evaluating And Acquiring Off Reservation Properties For Business Development (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Javier Ramos, Bartley Harris, Elizabeth Antone, Barney Enos, Jr., Teresa Mandelin, Kenneth Manuel, Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Of Consent To Grant A Temporary Special Event Liquor License To The Chandler Compadres, Inc. For Use At The Whirlwind Golf Course On April 7, 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Approving The Management Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And CGPM Managers, LLC For Golf Management Services Which Includes A Limited Waiver Of Sovereign Immunity (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Casaundra Wallace, Elizabeth Antone

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Approving And Ratifying An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Phoenix, Arizona, And The Gila River Indian Community, A Sovereign Nation, To Construct Sidewalks Within Phoenix Right Of Way And A City Owned Parcel (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Steven Johnson, Calvin Touchin

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Approving A Protocol For Expenditures From The Alcohol Tax And Drug And Alcohol Abuse Prevention Fund (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda; H&SSC concurs)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. A Resolution Approving Modification No. 2 To The Gila River Indian Community Operating Budget For Fiscal Year 2023 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel External Audit/Financial Report FY2022 (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, Darin White, Bakertilly Auditing Firm, GRSG Board of Directors

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE GILA RIVER SAND & GRAVEL EXTERNAL AUDIT/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY2022

2. NCAI Mid-Year June 4-9, 2023 – Prior Lake, Minnesota (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Government & Management Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND NCAI MID-YEAR JUNE 4-9, 2023 IN PRIOR LAKE, MINNESOTA USING DUES & DELEGATIONS

3. 13th Annual Native American HealthCare Conference June 6 – 7, 2023 in Temecula, CA (H&SSC forwards to Council for any interested Council Member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Health & Social Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE 13TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CONFERENCE JUNE 6-7, 2023 IN TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA USING DUES & DELEGATIONS

4. Citizen's Advisory Board One (1) Appointment (LSC forwards the appointment of Shelby Francisco to the Citizen's Advisory Board to Council with a recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT SHELBY FRANCISCO TO THE CITIZEN'S ADVI-

SORY BOARD FOR DISTRICT 6

*5. Community Services Department Assessment (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council in Executive Session)

Presenters: Stephen Lewis, Monica Antone, Suzanne Jones Sunshine Manuel, April Olsen, Glenas'ba Augborn, Michael Preston

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Employment Agreement – Assistant General Counsel (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation for approval and placement on the consent agenda)

Presenters: Thomas Murphy, Javier Ramos

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7. Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. Special Audit Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Dena Thomas, Thomas Murphy

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE GILA RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT AND FURTHER TO RELEASE THE SPECIAL AUDIT TO THE GRTI BOARD FOR FURTHER CORRECTIVE ACTION

8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. 2022 Final Audit Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Kenneth Manuel, Tony DeMark, Anthony Gerlach

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE GILA RIVER GAMING ENTERPRISES, INC. 2022 FINAL AUDIT REPORT

9. 16th Annual Native American Economic Development Conference June 6 -7, 2023 in Temecula, CA (EDSC forwards to Council for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)

Presenter: Economic Development Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE 16TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE JUNE 6-7, 2023 IN TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA USING DUES & DELEGATIONS

MINUTES

1. March 15, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. March 23, 2023 (Special)

APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• NEGOTIATION TEAM MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:00 P.M.

* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

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The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education K-12 Program, in cooperation with the Wellness Center, Presents.

1st Annual HAIKU Ramble

Categories
 Elementary - Grades (K-5)
 Middle School - Grades 6-8
 High School - Grades 9-12
 College/Adult

Haiku theme:
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 (BLOOMING EARTH/LAND)

Submissions Accepted
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