



Gila River Indian Community Breaks Ground on Historic Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project To Help Address Colorado River Drought

New 19.4 Mile Pipeline, Developed In Record Time, Will Help GRIC Better Manage Reclaimed Water, Improve Stability and Sustainability of the Colorado River System

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Press Release

SACATON, AZ. – In a Friday, May 19, morning ceremony attended by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton and other stakeholders, the Gila River Indian Community officially broke ground on its new Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project, or RWPP. The 19.4-mile pipeline – an \$83 million project funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – will allow the Community to more flexibly use its water resources and conserve even more water to Lake Mead. The Community signed the agreements funding this project just last month, but is already breaking ground on this critical project.

“The Community continues to lead the way in addressing the historic drought impacting Arizo-



Community Council members and members from Stantec join U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton (center), Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone for the May 19 groundbreaking ceremony in District 4. Kyle Knox/GRIN

na and the Southwest,” said Gov. Lewis. “By taking water conservation seriously and working closely with the Biden-Harris Ad-

ministration, our federal delegation and our Colorado River partners, we are making a meaningful difference not only for our people,

but for millions of people across the Southwest.”

Commissioner Touton said Reclamation and the Community

worked hand in hand for months on the project, which was announced in an April event with Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tommy Beaudreau and Senior Advisor to the President and White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu.

“We are pleased to join the Gila River Indian Community as we commemorate the start of this important project to deliver reclaimed water for on-reservation uses and to augment Colorado River supplies,”

said Commissioner Touton. “Working in partnership with Tribes and other communities across the West, we remain committed to enhancing the resiliency of the West to drought and climate change by deploying resources to conserve water and increase water use efficiency. The historic

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GRIC COVID-19 Task Force Reflects on Its Work



Members of the GRIC COVID-19 task force meet in-person for their last meeting, concluding three years of work during the pandemic. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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Community stakeholders that comprised the Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Task Force gathered at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass for their last official meeting on May 4. Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone reflected on the outcome of the work throughout the pandemic, and task force members received certificates of appreciation.

The task force managed the strategic response to the COVID-19 pandemic for three years. They ensured that measures were in place

to protect the Community and its members, workforce and enterprises. It also developed messaging concerning the pandemic and safety standards for treating COVID-19 infections and it distributed vaccinations, conducted contact tracing and provided aftercare.

The meeting marked the culmination of the tireless work everyone contributed, which enabled the Community to resume work, school, and everyday life.

“It was January 2020 that we developed this task force, well before we had any sort of sense that the [COVID-19] virus would become a national public health emergency,” said Gov. Stephen

Roe Lewis. He shared his sincerest gratitude to every department on the COVID-19 Task Force for committing their time, dedication and resources to the ever-changing health crisis and for strategizing to keep the Community safe.

The COVID-19 Task Force made several humanitarian efforts for the Community. First, they organized the first-ever federal vaccine event for tribal and state members, healthcare workers and nontribal members. It also provided much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to Gila River Health Care workers and every other department in the Community. Lastly, it distributed laptops for

employees and students to work virtually during the pandemic.

“To everyone here in the room, thank you for all you gave, and I can honestly say if there’s ever a situation like this again in the future, I know everyone in the room is already prepared, so thank you again from the bottom of my heart,” said Lt. Gov. Antone.

During the meeting, speakers shared some of the impactful moments that occurred during the pandemic. Due to restrictions, most meetings over the last three years were virtual, with limited in-person interactions. As a result, this gathering was a mix of emotions for many as they collectively revisited

their pandemic experiences for the first time.

“It’s heartwarming to see how much passion everyone has for our Community and it’s great to all be together in the same room again, for once,” said Suzanne Jones, GRIC Community Manager. “I’m very honored to be here, to work with everyone here, [I’m] proud of all of them, and I hope they’re proud of the work as well.”

Candalorian Preston, Tribal Health Director, said, “Today I feel very humbled and relieved, after hearing we were released of our duties. It was good to hear those words because it’s been a long three years.”

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Tribes Gather to Address MMIP Crisis May 5

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Gila River Indian News

Tribal members, leaders and more from across Arizona and states bordering it gathered at the Arizona State Capitol on May 5 to focus attention on the crisis concerning Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). The event attracted hundreds of attendees, ranging from Arizona activists and artists to Arizona state legislators, GRIC Community members, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

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Honwungsi Consulting Services and Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) organized the event to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day, which was first proclaimed by U.S. President Joe Biden in 2021 and then by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis for the Community in 2022.

The event started with educational workshops from 3 to 5 p.m. inside the Capitol building covering MMIP efforts and related topics, including one on the Arizona MMIP Study presented by Arizona State University's Research on Violent Victimization Lab.

At 5 p.m., former GRIC Lt. Gov. Robert Stone performed a traditional Community prayer to begin the gathering outside of the Capitol. Then Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs from the



Lt. Gov. Monica Antone shares her personal MMIP experience with losing a loved one with Sen. Theresa Hatathlie, who holds a photo of Lt. Gov. Antone's lost relative. Velia Moncada/GRIN

Office of Gov. Katie Hobbs, read the 2023 MMIP Awareness Day Proclamation. Chavez shared the collaborative efforts of state, federal and tribal agencies to address recommendations to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Task Force to reduce and end violence against Indigenous People in Arizona.

Lt. Gov. Antone, a current member of the state's Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, also addressed the gathering.

"To each of the tribes here, this is what we are all about..." she said. "All the pictures that you are holding dear to your heart, just know that our prayers always go out to you. Whatever we can do on this Missing and Murdered Task force, we are not going to give up on this, we are going to continue to fight, and we are not going to give up on finding these



The River Tribes United Dance Group from Colorado River Indian Tribes in Parker, Arizona listen to the speeches from tribal leaders at the MMIP walk at the Arizona State Capitol. Velia Moncada/GRIN

answers and having people work with us."

By 5:30 in the evening, hundreds of attendees wearing red clothing and accessories to represent the lost lives of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People blocked South 17th Avenue to circle the front of the Arizona Capitol building. Then, Chi'Chino Spirit O'otham Dance Group performed

traditional Akimel O'otham songs and dances.

At around 7:45 p.m., the Governor's Tower and State Capitol were lit in red and a small vigil was held with red imitation candles in front of the State Capitol in remembrance of the Indigenous lives lost in this epidemic of violence.



Members of the 2023-24 GRIC Royalty Court also attended the MMIP gathering at the Arizona State Capitol on May 5. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Mesa Community College students display their support at the MMIP Arizona State Capitol walk. Velia Moncada/GRIN

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HONORED OUR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

TOGETHER LET'S END THIS GROWING EPIDEMIC

The Caring House host inaugural remembrance services for MMIP

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The Caring House, part of Gila River Health Care, recently held its inaugural remembrance services and activities to raise awareness for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) among its residents. On May 3, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone visited and distributed red MMIP T-shirts to the residents in preparation for the upcoming MMIP Awareness Day on May 5.

“We know how important it is to the Community and the growing sense for elders wanting to participate,” said Ross Wilkoff, The Caring House Administrator. Remembrance services led by Alicia Gonzales, The Caring House

Recreation Therapist, said, “I think it’s fantastic that the residents get to honor their loved ones since we haven’t gotten to do anything for the past three years, it’s truly a blessing.”

During the first week of May, residents prepared for a solidarity event on May 5 through various activities. They colored hand-printed cutouts red and placed them on their face masks to symbolize support. Lt. Gov. Antone attended the event and distributed T-shirts to elders for the May 5 remembrance event. Almost 30 residents participated in the event.

“To be here and include them (elders) and let them be a part of MMIP week. I think it meant a lot to them because it’s part of healing and it shows the tribe

cares,” said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone after the distribution of the red T-shirts.

“I’m so glad that most of our people are doing the walks ... and we are going to participate too,” Velma Moreno, A Caring House resident from District 4. During the distribution, she shared her experiences and connection to losing a family loved one due to the national and tribal crisis.

Residents of The Caring House gathered in the gardens on the morning of May 5. They formed a prayer circle and sang gospel songs and prayers. Afterward, they participated in their own MMIP run/walk to continue their commemoration around The Caring House grounds.



Dozens of Caring House residents participated in it’s first MMIP Awareness Day event. Photo courtesy of GRHC

THD turns up the heat at Community Salsa Contest

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The Tribal Health Department hosted its first “Cinco de Mayo Salsa Contest” on May 5, held at the District 3 Service Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Many families and Community members attended the festive event, featuring a photo booth, DJ entertainment, fruit-infused water, churros, and salsa tasting.

Informational booths from Tribal Health Department, Genesis Program, and Gila River Health Care’s

Life Center were also on-site with incentives and health tips.

Eight salsa entries entered the contest, where five judges determined a first, second, and third-place winner.

The judges were prepared with scoring sheets and tortilla chips in hand to taste test the flavorful varieties of salsa. Then, they rated each salsa based on appearance, aroma, flavor, and freshness.

“It was fun, it’s my first time judging anything but I like salsa,” said Raymond

Antone, District 3, “I’m always trying to find the next hottest thing to eat.”

Valencelio “Rose” Chavez was announced the first-place winner and had her salsa shared with attendees. In addition, Chavez was awarded a stand mixer as her prize.

“I think everyone’s recipe is a secret but I thought I would try it,” said Chavez. It was her first time entering her salsa in a contest, and she shared that her recipe comes from Colorado, where she is also from.

The other winners that

day were Sequoia Lucero, Robert Blaine finished third.

Lucero and Blaine were both awarded a blender as their prize.

Tribal Health Department hopes to continue the event next year.



Kyrie Dukepoo, Program Manager for Tribal Health Dept. and Valencelio “Rose” Chavez, winner of the Salsa contest, thanks the judges and crowd. Emma Hughes/GRIN



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Community enjoy chips, salsa, and churros at the Tribal Health Dept.’s first Salsa Contest on May 5. Emma Hughes/GRIN

FITNESS & WELLNESS

‘Well for Culture’ Founders Lead Workshop at Cahokia

Velia Moncada
Gila River Indian News

Eighteen people participated in an interactive workshop on Indigenous wellness from 1-4 p.m. April 29 at Cahokia Socialtech + Artspace in downtown Phoenix. It was hosted by founders of ‘Well for Culture’ and co-authors of the book *The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well* by Chelsey Lugar (Lakota and Ojibwe) and her husband Thosh Collins (Onk-Akimel O’odham, Wa-Zha-Zhi, and Haudenosaunee).

‘Well For Culture’ was founded in 2013 by Collins

and Lugar to share teachings through social media in order to bridge a gap in Indigenous health while reclaiming former lifestyles of indigeneity.

“We needed to create something—a model that’s more comprehensive and easier to understand,” Collins said. In the introduction to *The Seven Circles* workshop, he asked participants, “What were the aspects in our original pre-colonial culture that allowed our ancestors to thrive in the environments that they did and survive colonialism?”

The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for

Living Well provides a template for attaining wellness by integrating Native philosophies and practices. The seven circles, which include Movement, Land, Community, Ceremony, Sacred Space, Sleep and Food, are defined and serve as a helpful guide for individuals looking to enhance their overall well-being.

The goal is for individuals to read all seven elements and incorporate them into their wellness journeys as best as they can. All seven elements connect to the larger circle that hosts spiritual, emotional, mental and physical wellness. Most of

these teachings reference those of Lakota, Ojibwe, O’odham and Haudenosaunee.

Chelsey and Thosh started the event by asking participants to form a circle and practice a combination of meditation and movement.

Then the group created a ‘Food Circle’ and the participants were served a traditional hanam (cholla bud) salad and venison soup. Next, the organizers provided writing materials to guide the participants through the seven circles, where they shared their connections and definitions of each teaching mentioned.

“I’ve just been feeling a lot of mind-body disconnection...,” stated DeAngela, a Seven Circles participant who didn’t give her last name. “I was just really looking to help find ways to support my own internal strength building, along with fitness and food, with all the seven elements that they brought in today, so to do this in person was an incredible experience.”



Thosh Collins guides participants on how to apply the Seven Circles in their lives. Velia Moncada/GRIN

The book “*The Seven Circles: Indigenous Teachings for Living Well*” can be purchased at wellforculture.com or any bookstore. You can also find more “Well for Culture” content on Apple and Spotify podcasts, YouTube, and Instagram under the same name.



Participants of The Seven Circles Workshop at Cahokia Socialtech+Artspace with Thosh Collins and Chelsey Lugar (Bottom Center) Velia Moncada/GRIN



A workshop participant presents her circle map. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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STAY CONNECTED. HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM IS GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH LOVING FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IF YOU NEED TO TALK OR RECEIVE GUIDANCE.



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H- HYDRATE

Drink more water than usual
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Remember to remind those you are with, especially children, women who are pregnant and elders, to stay hydrated.

E- ENVIRONMENT

Tune into local news outlets to stay up to date with local weather, look out for Excessive Heat warnings!



A- AWARENESS

Learn to recognize symptoms of heat illnesses and how they can progress. Learn the steps you need to take in order to help someone.

- Heat Cramps
- Heat Exhaustion
- Heat Stroke

T- TAKE ACTION

- Limit outdoor activities
- Wear lightweight light-colored clothing
- Use sunscreen and reapply often
- Take breaks in cool shaded areas
- Drink plenty of water before, during and after outdoor activities

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Community Health Education Program (520)562-5100

Tribal, State Leaders Applaud Gaming's Nearly \$2 Billion in Benefits

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

Leaders from various tribes and the state convened at the Arizona State Capitol on May 9 to commemorate the substantial \$1.98 billion contribution of tribal gaming to the state since 2004. Statewide tribal gaming has allocated considerable portions of its earnings to the Arizona Benefits Fund for critical purposes like education, emergency, trauma care, tourism, wildlife conservation and supporting neighboring cities, towns and counties.

"Tribal gaming is an economic driver for Arizona and our gaming contributions allow us to build and strengthen partnerships with our local cities and municipalities," said Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, who attended the news conference. "Tribal gaming in essence is tribal sovereignty, building our economic base, opportunities and advancement for our tribal members, and to also meet the many unmet needs."

The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA) led the program-

ming and shared the highlights of what these contributions mean for the state and its economy. "It's difficult to imagine what our state would look like without the significant contributions of our Indian gaming communities," said Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and AIGA.

Revenue contributed to the Arizona Benefits Fund has benefited the following statewide programs in the following amounts:

Education, \$877 million

Emergency services and trauma care, \$438 million

Cities, towns, counties, \$219 million

Tourism, \$125 million

Wildlife conservation, \$125 million

"I am so proud to join you today to celebrate an incredible milestone," said Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs. "Tribal gaming is a powerful exercise of sovereignty in the face of failed federal policies that only served to hurt and endure America's first citizens."

In her remarks, Gov. Hobbs emphasized the significant role of tribal gaming in boosting the state's economy and critical infrastructure. She also rec-



Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris Jr., Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, and GRIC Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis at the AIGA news conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

ognized the importance of maintaining a strong partnership with tribes to continue benefiting both the state and tribes in the future.

"To the tribal leaders here today, your investments have helped to make Arizona what it is today, on behalf of the people of Arizona, thank you," she said.

Tribal gaming revenue also set a record for the third quarter of fiscal year 2023, according to AIGA, contributing \$27.6 million to the Arizona Benefits Fund. This is up nearly 20 percent from the same period in fiscal year 2022. Given that num-

ber, in the fourth quarter of 2023, tribal gaming revenue appears to be on track to

exceed \$2 billion since its inception.



Sherry Cordova, Chairwoman for the Cocopah Indian Tribe, shares a history of tribal gaming at the May 9 news conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs expresses her gratitude for the tribal gaming contributions to the state at the May 9 news conference. Kyle Knox/GRIN

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May 29, 2023

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Kai Chuk'lig Mashath,

Sape Elithag/Proper Respect 2023

Submitted by
Huhugam Heritage
Center

The name for this month translates to Black Seed Moon, which refers to the decreased food supply in former years. Back in the day, all O'otham had left to eat were the dried, black seeds from the Baithaj (Saguaro cactus fruit). Now that the health crisis is nearly over, we need to be reminded of how we relate to our family, relatives, friends and community members. Our upbringing not only involved the proper use of hand tools and assigned chores, it also included other aspects of Life. Those instructions in proper behavior were taught to us by our Elders, parents and other relatives. One of the first lessons in morals was the phrase "Sap 'o 'e ve:machak!" (Be good and get along with others). This was especially important when we interacted with other community members not in our immediate family. As we grew old enough to attend school it became more essential, as we had to get along with our teachers and classmates. As we grew old-

er the phrase "Sap hekachith heg 'e mashchamig!" (Use what you learned in the right way.), became crucial, as we learned how to properly cut firewood without injuring ourselves and safely ignited the cooking fires. We were taught never to play with fire, but to treat it with respect, because it could kill someone if not attended properly. That was back in the day when there was no fire department. Another lesson taught to us was how we were to conduct ourselves at school, church and out in public. The phrase "Sap haichu 'ab wa:th!" (Conduct yourself in the proper manner.) That was especially important when we attended large communal church gatherings on the holidays, or large public events, such as the Mul-Chu-Tha. It was often the case that an older brother or sister took charge of us on our outings. We all had fun and rode the different rides and ate good foods. By the end of the night we were totally exhausted and fell asleep as soon as we had loaded into our family pickup truck for the ride home. One oth-

er phrase that was drilled into us was the instruction of "Sape ah ve:mthath heg hemachkam!" (Help others when they need your help.) This was important because not only were we expected to help our immediate family, but also our relatives on both our father's and mother's sides of the family. As we grew older, we were sent to live with our grandparents for the summer and helped them with everyday chores. We encourage you to learn these phrases and practice them with your family members. Some phrases may be slightly different between the villages. Speak with an Elder, or speaker in your family and learn how to pronounce the phrases. Test your knowledge with the Sape Elithag/Proper Respect word match.

A special Thank You to community Elders for sharing their knowledge of Sape Elithag/Proper Respect that made this article possible. Additional source related from A Pima Past, Anna Moore Shaw, 1974, University of Arizona Press.

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Solution on Page 10**

GRIC Hosts National Tribal Forum on Air Quality



Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis provides a tour to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Martha Guzman and her team at MAR-5 while attending the NTFAQ. Kyle Knox/GRIN

GRIN Staff
Gila River Indian News

The 2023 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) took place at the Gila River Resorts & Casinos—Wild Horse Pass May 1 through 4.

The NTFAQ is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), with funding made available by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and sponsor contributions, including the Gila River Indian Community.

The NTFAQ brings to-

gether tribes from around the nation to network and participate in pre-conference training, workshops and breakout sessions on air resource management, climate protection, air quality, air monitoring and more.

GRIC served as the hosting tribe for NTFAQ and organized off-site field trips, offering more opportunities for participants to learn about the Community and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The DEQ office is home to five departments: the Air Quality Program, Water Quality Program,

Pesticide Control Office, Waste Management Program and Wildlife and Ecosystem Management Program.

The DEQ showcased the work of these departments through Community outreach efforts and ongoing projects, including the GRIC DEQ Educational Center. During the NTFAQ conference, attendees toured the MAR 5 Interpretive Trail, Sacaton Air Monitoring Station and Huhugam Heritage Center. Visitors also had the opportunity to learn about GRIC's historic water settlement and its impact on the local Community.

Sape Elithag/Proper Respect 2023: Match the phrase with its picture!

"Sap 'e vem chichvith!"

"Sap 'e vem ñeñeokath!"

"Ha kaiham heg ge'eged!"

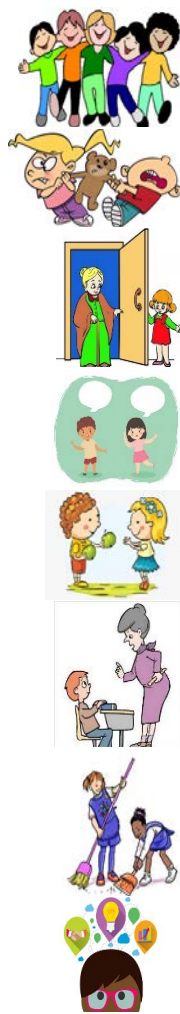
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"Sap 'o ha ve:machk!"

"Sap hekachith heg haichu mashchamig!"

"Sap haichu 'ab wa:th!"

"Sap 'i ha ve:mth heg hemachkam!"



ClipArt Courtesy Robert Johnson

GRIC COURT DATE NOTICE

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: Delora Griffeth vs. Edgar Mercado
CASE Number: FM-2023-0030-PT
CIVIL NOTICE OF HEARING
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.

Answer/Response Hearing
7th day of August, 2023
at 9:00 AM in Courtroom VII before the Honorable Charles Aragon
Westend Judicial Center,
4751 West Pecos Road,
Laveen, AZ 85339
DATED Monday, May 15, 2023

Public Notice

GRIC Department of Environmental Quality

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK REVIEW

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §58.10 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Program (AQP) will make its annual monitoring network plan available for public inspection prior to submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Annual Ambient Monitoring Network Review and Data Summary present changes to and data collected from the air quality monitoring network during calendar year 2022. This document will be available for review at the GRIC DEQ office located at 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, and on the AQP website at www.gricdeq.org under Public Notices. Public comments may be submitted in writing to GRIC DEQ Air Quality, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, Arizona, 85147. Additional information is available from GRIC DEQ Air Quality, 168 Skill Center Dr., Sacaton, AZ 85147, the AQP website (www.gricdeq.org under Air), or by calling 520-562-2234.

Submission

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - AUDITING SERVICES

Gila Crossing Community School
4665 W Pecos Road
Laveen, AZ 85336

Gila Crossing Community School (GCCS), located on the Gila River Indian Community, in Laveen Arizona, a federally funded grant school, is requesting proposals for Grant School Audit Services, to prepare the school's annual audit, subject to Single Audit A-133, for the school year ending June 30, 2024, with possible renewals for 2025 and 2026, respectively. The audit will consist of auditing the Gila Crossing School, tribally-controlled grant school, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §2501, et seq. GCCS serves approximately 500 students in Preschool through eighth grade. The School is funded primarily with federal monies, but also receives annually, a generous contribution from the Gila River Indian Community. Five (5) copies of the proposal and supporting documentation must be submitted to the School. Proposals must be in the format specified in this RFP and must be signed by the Offeror. The deadline for receipt of proposals by the School is 3:00 p.m., May 19, 2023. Proposals will be time-stamped upon receipt. Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Proposal for Auditing Services". All must be addressed to: Denise White, 4556 W Pecos Road, Laveen, AZ 85339.



HEADLINES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Monica Antone
Lt. Governor

From the Front Page

investments from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda have provided key resources to meet these goals, which will be crucial as we adapt to managing limited water supplies in the West.”

Recognizing the urgency of going beyond current system conservation measures, the Community developed the RWPP project in record time, working with Reclamation and its design and supply team to commence construction immediately. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024. The construction effort represents a major investment in Arizona companies as well, with the majority of the \$83

million contracted to T&T Stantec Construction for the installation of more than 19 miles of pipeline and two lift stations. Pipe fabrication will be handled by Diamond Plastics in Casa Grande, with Stantec Consulting, another Arizona company, handling design of the pipeline and pump stations.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is already making historic investments in our water infrastructure—improving drought resilience in tribal communities and big cities alike,” said Rep. Stanton, an East Valley Democrat who has worked in tandem with the Community on water issues. “Now we need to keep this momentum going and get more federal dollars from the Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act out

the door to continue conserving water long-term.”

The RWPP will move A+ reclaimed water the Community has through its CAP exchange agreements with Mesa and Chandler, which were part of its 2004 settlement. The pipeline 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.

The Community estimates the RWPP will reduce on-reservation use of Colorado River water on a long-term basis by up to 20,000 acre-feet annually. The Community has committed to make up to 200,000 acre-feet of this water savings available to Reclamation over a 10-year period, with a minimum of at least 78,000 acre-feet to be left in Lake Mead as system efficiency water over that period.

“Time and again, the Gila River Indian Community has demonstrated its deep commitment to strengthening our water future in the face of historic drought,” said Sen. Kyrsten Sinema. “I’m confident that, with leaders like the Community and Governor Lewis at the table, Arizona will continue our long-standing leadership in conserving water, deliver lasting solutions, and give Arizonans



U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis stand at the construction site for the new 19-mile pipeline. Kyle Knox/GRIN

peace of mind that our water supply is safe and secure for generations to come.”

Democrat U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly also cited the project’s important impact on water conservation.

“Gila River Indian Community’s Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project shows the long-term impacts that can be realized when tribal, federal and local governments work together for the benefit of our entire state and the Basin,” said Kelly. “This is exactly the type of project I envisioned when I fought so hard for drought and infrastructure funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The way to address long-term drought is through long-term term

conservation projects just like this.”

Gov. Lewis echoed the Community’s ongoing commitment to meeting the water needs of its people and the state.

“We must continue to move with speed and commitment when it comes to addressing water conservation and improving our much-needed infrastructure,” said Gov. Lewis. “This type of collaboration – which delivers real results for Arizona – must be the norm. I thank Reclamation for its work on the RWPP, just as I want to express my gratitude to the Administration, and all our Colorado River partners for their creativity and commitment to

solving the state’s water crisis. This is a landmark day for one and all, but it will not be the last such day.”



The shovels used for the groundbreaking feature an inscription commemorating the event. Kyle Knox/GRIN



U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton shares remarks on the reclaimed water pipeline and applauds GRIC’s efforts to address Arizona’s water issues. Velia Moncada/GRIN.

GRIC Hosts 6th Annual Women in Tribal Gaming Symposium

Emma Hughes
Gila River Indian News

The sixth annual Women in Tribal Gaming Symposium organized by the Tribal Gaming Protection Network (TGPN) took place May 2-3 at Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass. The event brought together hundreds of tribal representatives working in the gaming industry.

The Women in Tribal Gaming Symposium was launched in 2017 to “provide life-changing opportunities for women in tribal gaming and features some



Paul Etnire, AZ Dept. of Public Safety, and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone bring awareness to human trafficking during a panel. Emma Hughes/GRIN

of the industry’s best and most experienced gaming professionals and role models,” according to its mission statement.

“Enrich. Empower. Embrace.” was this year’s theme for the symposium, providing support and space for women to share their experiences and promote diversity within the tribal gaming industry. The keynote speaker was Jeannie Hovland, Vice Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Gila River Indian Community’s Lt. Gov. Monica Antone served on a panel about tribal leadership along with Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Chairwoman Rebecca Richards, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Vice Chair Victoria Diaz and Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Vice Chairwoman Latoya Cluff. Pascua Yaqui Council Member Herminia Frias moderated the discussion.

“Hearing the women in

leadership speak about topics relating to family, community, and even work and how they climbed the ladder was more inspiring to me,” said GRIC member Vonda Arvicio, Talent Acquisition Recruiter for Gila River Resorts & Casinos.

She added, “We don’t get a lot of that feedback as an individual or an employee, but seeing that my leadership chose me to come and attend this event was even more eye-opening.”

Throughout the two days, panels and workshops covered topics on mentorship, finance, information and technology, regulations on sports betting, economic development, human trafficking and more.

Lt. Gov. Antone provided awareness of human trafficking, which targets tribal casinos because they’re often located on the outskirts of cities and close to major highways.

“Sometimes you have to take a stand and make



Pascua Yaqui Councilwoman Herminia Frias, Gila River Indian Community Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Vice Chairwoman Victoria Diaz, during the sixth Women in Tribal Gaming Symposium at Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass on May 3. Emma Hughes/GRIN

sure that awareness is there,” said Lt. Gov. Antone. “It’s important that we have our team; we have a history of healing and we have statistics.”

DeJuna McDonald (Cherokee Nation) was honored at the symposium as the 2023 Woman Warrior.

She oversees the Sex Offender Registration program at the Cherokee Nation Office of the Marshal in Justice Services.

The Tribal Gaming Protection Network’s mission is to provide unique resources, educational materials and cutting-edge programs to

gaming professionals, regulators and governments to enhance the integrity and professionalism of gaming and tribal enterprises for the prosperity of tribal communities.

State's MMIP Task Force holds first meeting

Kyle Knox
Gila River Indian News

The state's newly established Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Task Force held their first meeting at the Arizona State Capitol. Lt. Gov. Monica Antone was present for the first meeting as one of the fourteen members, on May 8.

"It's monumental to be able to bring everyone in and continue the work that the MMIP committee completed," said State Sen. Theresa Hatathlie. Also, on this day, Sen. Hatathlie was named the chair of the MMIP Task Force. "We're action oriented and we're bringing light to this issue and making sure to elevate the task force messaging with access to the Attorney General and other resources without the many bureaucracies."

The task force is a direct result of Arizona Gov. Hobbs' executive order, signed in March, to establish a task force for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

The task force will provide direction for cross-departmental and interagency work involving MMIP and consult with government agencies, collect data, review policies, and propose recommendations that will develop pathways for justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Additionally, the task force will prepare and submit a report to Gov. Hobbs with recommendations for administrative or legislative action on or before Dec. 1 of each year through 2026.

Task force members include April Ignacio, Co-founder of Indivisible Tohono; Alane Breland,

Chief Prosecutor for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Capt. Paul Etnire, state trooper with the Arizona Department of Public Safety; Mikah Carlos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council Member; Wi-Bwa Grey, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council Member; Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, First Lady of the Navajo Nation; Jerome Kasey III, Vice Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; Kim Russell, Director of the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care; Alfred Urbina, the Attorney General for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Amber Crotty, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Myron Tsosie, Arizona State Representative; and Nick Debus, government affairs Director at the Arizona Attorney General's Office.



Mikah Carlos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Councilwoman, GRIC Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, and State Sen. Theresa Hatathlie at the first Arizona MMIP task force meeting at the State Capitol. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Community Celebrates Students Success and Graduates



Graduation season is here and the Community and GRIN look forward to highlighting all the school graduations, promotions, and graduates in our upcoming June issues.



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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

K-12 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT




My name is Kaydence Rain Apkaw, but most know me as "KK," I am a Junior at Casa Grande Union High School, and I am from District 4, Lower Santan Village.

I play varsity volleyball and basketball for Casa Grande Union High School. I also play on various other teams and travel to play competitively. Recently, I was awarded a 5A Honorable Mention for the 2022-2023 basketball season. Outside of school sports, I am also a Superintendent Student Ambassador for the Casa Grande Union High School District, focusing on student leadership and making positive changes. In addition, I enjoy baking, running, working out, playing toka, and spending time with my three dogs in my free time.

As a student, I know it's tough, and I've struggled, but I found that having good habits, writing down your goals, and having a good support system are necessary. Of course, my family is the biggest supporters of my achievements, especially my mom Talia and my older brother Jordan.

In the future, I plan to continue my education, and I am working towards receiving an athletic scholarship. While in college, I plan on studying Elementary Education and hope to become a teacher one day.

My advice for other students in the Community is to try different things and stay on top of your work. Soon you'll realize that multi-tasking will become your best skill in school. I've learned that at times, school and work may be challenging, and your grades may fall at times, but do your best, and things will get better. And I hope you all take care of yourselves in all aspects, whether physically, mentally, spiritually, or emotionally.

**Kaydence Rain
APKAW**

Casa Grande Union High School | 2024



STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2023

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS:

- 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)
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D.
- ENROLLED GRIC TRIBAL MEMBER
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Sape Elithag/Proper Respect 2023: SOLUTION!

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"Sap 'o ha ve:machk!"

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"Sap 'i ha ve:mth heg hemachkam!"

ClipArt Courtesy Robert Johnson

K-12 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT




Isaiah, Soke, Basha High School, 12th, D3

Recently, Isaiah received a certificate of recognition and appreciation Award from the East Valley Women's League. While in high school, Soke served four Years of J.R.O.T.C., two years in Honor Guard, and one year as Group Chief Master Sergeant. During his time in high school, Soke received much help from various people. He is grateful to his mother for constantly pushing and reminding him to do his best and continually praying for him. Soke's father was also a source of inspiration, always telling him that he had the potential to be great. Additionally, Rebecca Thompson supported him throughout all four years of high school, ensuring that he stayed on track. Soke also thanks Basha High School, particularly the J.R.O.T.C Colonel and master sergeant, for keeping him in line. After completing high school, Soke plans to attend Chandler-Gilbert Community College to obtain a certification or degree. His ultimate goal is to become a firefighter and return to work for the Gila River Fire Department.

Soke uses reminders and communication with family, teachers, and friends to balance school, work, and clubs. Soke believes that communication is key to getting things done. He also wants to share a quote by Ivan Beck: "Compromise is the death of innovation."

ISAIAH Soke



Basha High School | 2023

6 Summer Safety Tips

- Slop on the sunscreen.**
Don't forget to reapply often.
- Seek shade.**
An umbrella or large tree will do.
- Slap on a hat.**
The bigger the brim the better.
- Slurp on a cool beverage.**
Water is the best option.
- Slide on some sunglasses.**
Don't forget to protect your eyes.
- Slip on protective clothing.**
(Lightweight loose-fit long-sleeves)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Community Health Education Program (520)562-5100

It's Time To Put It On!

GRADUATION STOLE

THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT will provide students with a honorary stole to wear during graduation ceremonies. Student must be an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and graduating from qualified Institutions.


- > High Schools
- > Vocational School
- > Community Colleges
- > Universities

Please contact your K-12 Student Advisor at Coolidge High School, Coolidge Alternative Program, Casa Grande High School, Betty Fairfax High School, Vista Grande High School, Tempe Unified School District, and Chandler Unified School District. Student Advisors have identified graduating students.

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.



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL EDUCATION

Contact the Tribal Education Department for more information. Phone: 520-562-3662 <https://www.gricted.com>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

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

Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE TWO COUNCIL SEAT VACANCIES
 10. Global Gaming Expo October 9-12, 2023 – Las Vegas, Nevada (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business for any interested Council member to attend utilizing Dues & Delegations)
 Presenters: Government & Management Standing Committee
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ALLOW ANY INTERESTED COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE GLOBAL GAMING EXPO OCTOBER 9-12, 2023 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA UTILIZING DUES AND DELEGATIONS
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
 11. Recommended Federal Priorities for 2023 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with the following recommendation: to direct Akin & Gump to work with the Office of General Counsel and develop a 2024 Budget based on protecting the Community Water needs, working on 105 (L) leases and lobbying efforts for consideration by the Community Council)
 Presenters: Don Pongrace, Jason Hauter
 ITEM HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT AKIN & GUMP TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEVELOP A 2024 BUDGET BASED ON PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY'S WATER NEEDS, WORKING ON 105(L) LEASES AND LOBBYING EFFORTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 12. FY2023 Revenue Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive

Session with a recommendation to accept)
 Presenter: Dena Thomas
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE FY2023 REVENUE INTERNAL AUDIT 2ND QUARTER REPORT
 13. FY2023 Gaming Internal Audit 2nd Quarter Report (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)
 Presenter: Dena Thomas
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE FY2023 GAMING INTERNAL AUDIT 2ND QUARTER REPORT [ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA]
 14. Letter of Resignation submitted by Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs on May 1, 2023
 Presenter: Community Council
 HEARD BEFORE UNFINISHED BUSINESS #3
MINUTES
 1. April 19, 2023 (Regular)
 MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 •GOVERNOR HOBBS HAS SIGNED HB2062 ON MAY 2, 2023
 •SCIS CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD AT THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
 •WHPDA BOARD MEETING MAY 4, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.
 •THE FY2024 OPERATING BUDGETS ARE IN PROCESS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAMS
 •AN UPDATE ON THE COMPENSATION STUDY WAS REQUESTED
ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:41 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)
 > Denotes a CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Submission
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 Post Office Box 2138
 Sacaton, Arizona 85147
 (520) 562-9720
 FAX: (520) 562-9729

OFFICIAL MOTION
 I, Shannon White, Secretary of the Gila River Indian Community Council, hereby attest to the following Motion passed by the Gila River Indian Community Council at a REGULAR Meeting held Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers, Governance Center, Sacaton, Arizona.
 SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Statement of Charges Against Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs (Executive Session)

MOTION: Councilman Anthony Villareal, Sr. stated, as a result of the resignation from Councilwoman Wahlean Riggs, District 5, I make a motion to dispense with this matter of Impeachment and Statement of Charges, further directing that the Law Office and Council Secretary to produce a statement to the GRIN stating that the Community Council has dispensed with this matter and accepting the resignation and identify her unwillingness to give a written apology to the District 5 employees; second by Councilman Charles Goldtooth.

Vote: 14 Council Members Present-13 For; 1 Oppose; 0 Abstain; 3 Absent; 0 Vacancy; MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST: Shannon White, Community Council Secretary



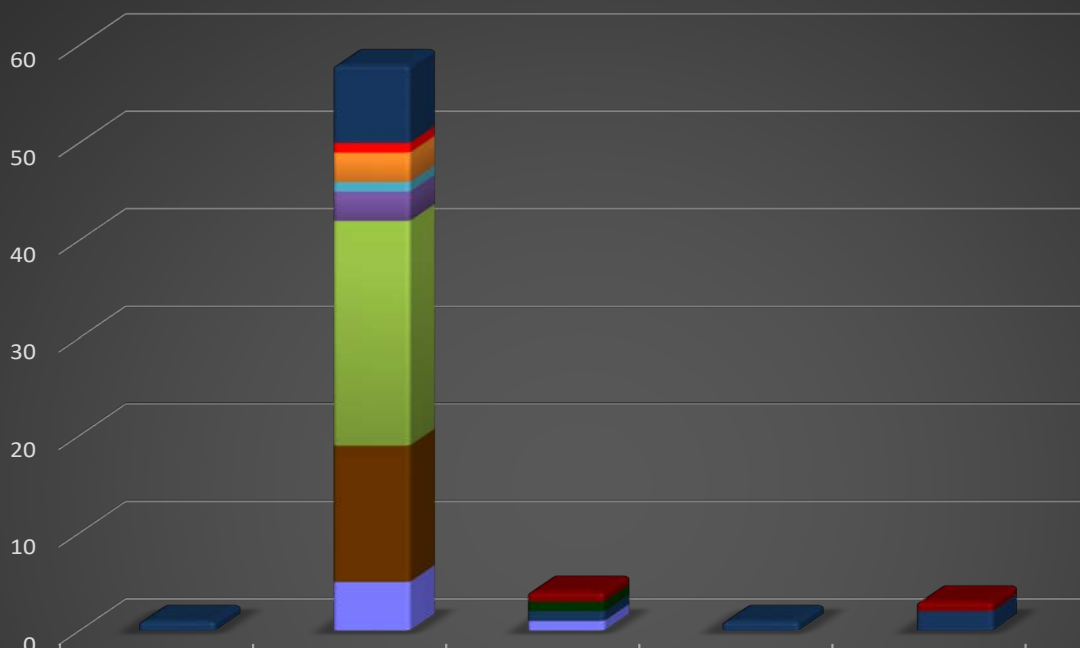
Submission
STATEMENT REGARDING FORMER DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE WAHLEAN J. RIGGS

On May 3, 2023, the Community Council was scheduled to hear, as an Unfinished Business agenda item, the approval of a Statement of Charges for the removal of District Five Community Council Representative Wahlean J. Riggs under Article XII of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community.

The basis of the Statement of Charges was former Councilwoman Riggs' failure to comply with a directive of the Community Council, made by motion after a meeting on February 23, 2023, in which Ms. Riggs was suspended for a period of 90 days without pay and directed to prepare an apology for her unacceptable behavior to the District Five employees and for publication in the Gila River Indian News. Ms. Riggs failed to comply with the Community Council's motion with respect to timely submitting the apology, submitting an adequate apology, and making the apology to District Five employees. The Office of General Counsel was directed to prepare a Statement of Charges for Ms. Riggs' removal based upon her unwillingness prepare an apology consistent with the Community Council's directive. A Statement of Charges for her removal was entertained by the Legislative Standing Committee at its meeting on April 25, 2023, at which time it was forwarded to the Community Council for consideration at its next Regular Meeting and to set a hearing for her removal. On May 1, 2023, while the Statement of Charges for removal was pending, Ms. Riggs delivered a letter resigning from her position to the Community Council Secretary's Office, and the matter of her resignation was added to the May 3, 2023 Council agenda. Ms. Riggs' resignation was accepted by the Community Council effective May 3, 2023.

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

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



	District 1	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT			1		1
BURGLARY			1		
DRUG VIOLATION	1	8	1	1	2
HOMICIDE		1			
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT		3			
ROBBERY		1			
SEXUAL ASSAULT		3			
SIMPLE ASSAULT		23			
THEFT		14			
WEAPONS OFFENSE		5	1		



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This project was produced by Inter Tribal Council of Arizona. Support for this project was provided through a cooperative agreement (Grant No. 6 U7AMC33714-02-01) from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

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**The deadline to file a claim in the bankruptcy is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).
The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).**

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. **This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. If you, a child in your care, or another loved one were harmed by Endo or a related company, including Par or American Medical Systems (AMS), or their products, including opioids, ranitidine, or transvaginal mesh, you may have a claim against one or more of these entities. To make a claim, you will need to submit a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. You may file a claim on behalf of yourself, a child in your care (including a child exposed to opioids in the womb), or a deceased or disabled relative. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Endo bankruptcy include but are not limited to:

- > **Opioid Claims:** Claims for death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of consortium, or neonatal abstinence syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.
- > **Ranitidine claims:** Claims for cancer, including bladder, esophageal, pancreatic, stomach, and liver cancer, among others.
- > **Transvaginal mesh claims:** Claims for pelvic pain, infection, bleeding, among others.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is actually received by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

For a more complete list of relevant companies and products manufactured and/or sold by Endo and its related companies, including full prescribing information and BOXED WARNINGS for OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets), and for more complete details about the bar date and instructions on how to file a confidential personal injury claim, visit [EndoClaims.com](https://www.EndoClaims.com) or call **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SALE?

Endo intends to sell substantially all of its assets in an auction and sale process in the bankruptcy case and subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. **Endo is seeking relief that the sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens, and encumbrances.**

If you disagree with the proposed sale, you must object to the sale in writing, so that your objection is received on or before **July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. **Any party in interest who fails to properly file and serve its objection by the objection deadline may lose its claim against Endo's assets if the sale is approved.** Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the bankruptcy court.

Complete details about the proposed sale, including any auction for Endo's assets, the date of the hearing to consider the sale, and instructions on how to file an objection, are available at [EndoClaims.com](https://www.EndoClaims.com) or by calling **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**CALL: 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)
929.284.1688 (International)**

VISIT: [EndoClaims.com](https://www.EndoClaims.com)

EMAIL: EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com

**WRITE: Endo International plc Claims Processing Center
c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC
Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850
New York, NY 10163-4850**



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