

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

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RESOLUTION NO.: PL 66-08

RESOLUTION OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE OF THE PYRAMID LAKE RESERVATION NIXON, NEVADA

- WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States government through the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); and
- WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council is responsible for enacting laws and regulations, and the planning and implementation of policy that directly affects the environment, specifically Water Quality within the exterior boundaries of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation (PLIR); and
- WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is authorized to promulgate and enforce regulations governing the conduct of members and non-members within the PLIR; and
- WHEREAS,** Water Quality Standards (WQS) will provide protection for the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of water bodies within the PLIR, and will provide the ability to regulate habitat protection for plant and wildlife species dependent upon the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake water resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, in conjunction with the University of California at Davis and Ecological Research Associates, and the USEPA, completed the Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) that demonstrates appropriate WQS for the Truckee River, Pyramid Lake, and all other surface waters within the PLIR; and
- WHEREAS,** the USEPA approved the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's application for treatment in the same manner as a state on January 30, 2007 to administer the WQS and Certification programs under Sections 303 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, giving Program Authority to develop WQS; and
- WHEREAS,** the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe provided public notice and has conducted a 45 day public comment period followed by a 45 day extension in 2007, and subsequently responded to all concerns raised by persons or agencies regarding the Tribe's WQCP;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the 2008 Water Quality Control Plan attached to and incorporated in this resolution; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council directs the formal submission of the 2008 Water Quality Control Plan to the USEPA for approval.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed of ten members, of whom 10 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2008 was adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.



Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary
Pyramid Lake Tribal Council