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TITLE: An Action Relating To The Resources And Development; Approving A Request From The Technical, Construction And Operations Branch Of The Department Of Water Resources To Reallocate Chinle Field Office Funds And Combine With Many Farms Irrigation Office Funds

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AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT: APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE TECHNICAL, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO REALLOCATE CHINLE FIELD OFFICE FUNDS AND COMBINE WITH MANY FARMS IRRIGATION OFFICE FUNDS

PURPOSE: Approving a budget reallocation request from the Technical, Construction and Operations Branch of the Department of Water Resources regarding Chinle and Many Farms Irrigation Office funds.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch (TCOB) is a program within the Department of Water Resources, which is within Fish and Wildlife Department within the Division of Natural Resources.

B. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C § 501 (C)(1).

C. Budget revisions involve changing an approved budget from the approved budget plan and requires approval of the Resources and Development Committee as oversight. Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Instructions Manual, Section XIII (C).

D. Upon request of the affected program, the oversight committee may reallocate funds appropriated by the Navajo Nation Council to the program over which the Committee
has oversight authority by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Committee Chair being permitted to vote on the matter regardless of the absence of a tie vote. 2 N.N.C. § 185 (A)

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Budget Resolution CS-68-18 authorized the carryover of funds in the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000.00) for the purchase of the Department of Water Resources Field Offices.

B. The funds were designated to replace five (5) field offices located in Ganado, Many Farms, Chinle, Leupp and Pueblo Pintado.

C. The TCOB Chinle field Office is located off Highway 191 in Chinle, Arizona. The parcel does not have a land withdrawal designation. The current location does not provide adequate space to store equipment and host a new building, and expanding the size of the lot is not possible. The TCOB Chinle Field Office is not staffed.

D. The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch of the Department of Water Resources has requested a reallocation of Chinle Field Office Funds so that they may be combined with Many Farms Irrigation Office Funds for more efficient service. See Exhibit A.

E. The TCOB Many Farms Irrigation Office is located off Highway 191 in Many Farms, Arizona. There is adequate space to store equipment and host a new, larger building. The TCOB Many Farms Irrigation Office is staffed and able to serve the needs of a combined office.

F. The TCOB strives to provide quality and timely regulatory services to our Navajo People. The TCOB will continue servicing the Chinle and Many Farms region of the Navajo Nation. Relocating the TCOB Chinle Field Office to a larger, staffed building will enhance services to our Navajo People.

G. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest purpose of the Navajo Nation to approve the budget reallocation as found at Exhibit B combining the Chinle Field Office and the Many Farms Irrigation Office funds for the purposes stated above.
SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the budget reallocation as found at Exhibit B combining the Chinle Field Office and the Many Farms Irrigation Office funds for the purposes stated above.

SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

The Office of Management and Budget is hereby directed to make the reallocation in accordance with the budget documents found within Exhibit B as attached and made a part hereto.