

DISTRICT 13 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT 13 COUNCIL OFFICIALS LIFTING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR WATER USE FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES FOR FARMERS, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY RESIDENCE AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT RUSSELL BEGAYE AND NAVAJO NATION IRRIGATION OFFICE, SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO TO RELEASE THE SAN JUAN RIVER IMMEDIATELY TO IRRIGATE THE CROPS AND WATER FOR THEIR LIVESTOCK.

WHEREAS:

1. District 13 Council consist of Burnham, Upper Fruitland, Nenahnezad and San Juan Chapter Officials, Farm Board and Grazing Members; and
2. District 13 Community Chapters have been impacted by a man-made disaster which began on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 north of Silverton, Colorado when a significant hazardous waste spill occurred at Gold King Mine, causing unspecified contamination of the Animas River which has ultimately converged into San Juan River of San Juan County, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation; and
3. District 13 Council Chapters of the Navajo Nation communities depends upon the river for potable water, farming, ranching as well as many other domestic necessities; and
4. District 13 Council Chapters are aware that the State of New Mexico Environment Department, Speaker of the Navajo Nation and The San Juan County Executive Officer have address this same hazardous situation, initiating advocated precautions and San Juan County declared an emergency at that time; and
5. District 13 Council Chapters have been informed by Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, State of New Mexico Environment Protection Agency and other independent scientist that have tested San Juan River that they are sure that the River is safe to use for irrigation and livestock, water test reports attached as Exhibits; and
6. District 13 Council Chapters have been approached by the community members, farmers and livestock owners that the Navajo Nation Irrigation Department of Shiprock, New Mexico and the Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye to release the irrigation water to them so they can irrigate once again, the crops are suffering from lack of water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. District 13 Council officials hereby support the lifting the Declaration of Emergency for the farmers, and all members of the community residence and requesting the Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Navajo Nation Irrigation Office, Shiprock, New Mexico to release the San Juan River water immediately to irrigate the crops and water for their livestock.

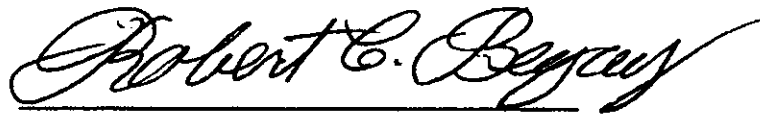
CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the District 13 Council Chapters at a regularly called meeting at which a quorum was present at the Nenahnezad Chapter (Navajo Nation), New Mexico and that the same was passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained, this 24th day of August, 2015

Motion: Norman Begaye
Second: Hubert Harwood



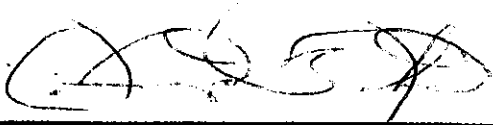
Rickie Nez, Chairperson



Robert C. Begay, Vice-Chairperson



Esther Keeswood-Begay, Secretary



LoRenzo C. Bates, Council Delegate