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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Approving and Endorsing the Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021 through 2022

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0085-21

DATE: May 21, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAN JUAN RIVER OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR 2021 THROUGH 2022

PURPOSE: This resolution if approved will approve and endorse the Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021 through 2022

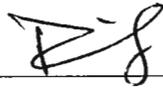
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Resources & Development Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Third Year, 2021

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 Primary Sponsor *Rick Marx*

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
12 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAN JUAN RIVER OPERATIONS AND
14 ADMINISTRATION FOR 2021 THROUGH 2022

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16 **WHEREAS:**

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee (“RDC”) as a
18 Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered RDC with oversight
19 of land, environmental protection and cultural resources. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (C).
- 20 B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
21 Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' Committee to
22 coordinate all federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and
23 branches of the Navajo nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of
24 services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)(4).
- 25 C. The Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021-
26 2022 is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 27 D. In a memorandum dated March 31, 2021, attached as **Exhibit B**, the Navajo
28 Department of Water Resources Department Manager describes the
29 Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021-2022.
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1 E. In the Water Resources Department memorandum, **Exhibit B**, it is explained that
2 “[t]he Navajo Nation has participated in this intergovernmental agreement since
3 2003. The previous agreement was for four years and this agreement is for an
4 additional two years beginning in 2021.”

5 F. The Water Resources Department memorandum, **Exhibit B**, further states: “The
6 Navajo Nation has three primary irrigation projects that would participate in this
7 agreement to limit diversions based on need and not the water rights. The Navajo
8 Nation is not waiving any water rights in this agreement. The agreement to limit
9 diversions based on the projected need allows the Bureau of Reclamation to allow
10 more water to be stored in Navajo Reservoir.”

11 G. The Section 164 Review Form No. 016164 is attached as **Exhibit C**.

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13 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

14 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and endorses the Recommendations for San Juan
15 River Operations and Administration for 2021 through 2022, attached as **Exhibit A**,
16 between the Navajo Nation and the Jicarilla Apache Nation, The City of Farmington,
17 Public Service Company of New Mexico, Arizona Public Service Company,
18 Hammond Conservancy District, Bloomfield Irrigation District, Farmers Mutual
19 Ditch, and Jewett Ditch for Navajo Dam operations and San Juan River
20 administration for calendar years 2021 through 2022.

21 B. The President of the Navajo Nation is hereby authorized to do all actions necessary
22 for the implementation of the intent of this resolution.
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