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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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

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed legislation in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

[Signature]

Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0085-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAN JUAN RIVER OPERATIONS AND
ADMINISTRATION FOR 2021 THROUGH 2022

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee (“RDC”) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered RDC with oversight of land, environmental protection and cultural resources. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (C).

B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik’iyáti’ Committee to coordinate all federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)(4).

C. The Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021-2022 is attached as Exhibit A.

D. In a memorandum dated March 31, 2021, attached as Exhibit B, the Navajo Department of Water Resources Department Manager describes the Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2021-2022.
E. In the Water Resources Department memorandum, Exhibit B, it is explained that "[t]he Navajo Nation has participated in this intergovernmental agreement since 2003. The previous agreement was for four years and this agreement is for an additional two years beginning in 2021."

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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