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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Amending RDCD-100-18 the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Project Plan for Crop Years 2017 and 2018 by Allocating $345,000 for Use by the Natural Heritage Program

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DATE: August 3, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING RDCD-100-18 THE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECT PLAN FOR CROP YEARS 2017 AND 2018 BY ALLOCATING $345,000 FOR USE BY THE NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purposes of this resolution, if passed, is to amend RDCD-100-18’s Exhibit C, the Crop Year 2017 (Year 1) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Project Plan to allocate $345,000 from Resolution RDCD-100-21 from use by the Fish and Wildlife Department for “Horse Management Reduction for Wildlife Habitat” to the Natural Heritage Program’s project to “review overdue grazing and agriculture land use permits that need to be returned to permit holders as soon as possible.”

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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0171-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
AMENDING RD00-180-18 THE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECT PLAN FOR CROP YEARS 2017 AND 2018 BY ALLOCATING $345,000 FOR USE BY THE NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to exercise oversight authority over, among other things, water, land, grazing, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, chapter activities, and economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C).

B. The Navajo Nation Council mandated the Resource and Development Committee to adopt an annual plan(s) for agriculture infrastructure projects to be funded through the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. CO-57-16, as amended, Section Four (A) (6)(c).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Resources and Development Committee passed RD00-100-21 AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE
FUND PROJECT PLANS FOR CROP YEARS 2017 AND 2018 AS MANDATED
BY THE SIHASIN FUND PASTURE RANGE AND FORAGE EXPENDITURE
PLAN ENACTED BY CO-57-16 AND AMENDED BY CMY-54-18. RDCD-100-
21 is attached as Exhibit 5.

B. The Navajo Natural Heritage Program has requested that the $345,000 allocated from
the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund by RDCD-100-18 to the Fish and Wildlife
Department for “Horse Management Reduction for Wildlife Habitat” for Year 1
funding, be moved to the Natural Heritage Program’s project to “review overdue
grazing and agriculture land use permits that need to be returned to permit holders as
soon as possible.” The budget forms are attached as Exhibit 1.

C. RDCD-100-18 at SECTION FIVE page 3 of 4 states that the Agriculture
Infrastructure Fund Project Plans “can be amended by the Resources and
Development Committee from time to time as necessary to fulfill the mandates of
CO-57-16 upon the recommendation of the Division of Natural Resources and
Department of Agriculture.”

D. The Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources through his concurrence
of the May 17, 2021 Request for Executive Review memorandum, attached as
Exhibit 2, recommends the redistribution of $345,000 from Resolution RDCD-100-
21 from use by the Fish and Wildlife Department for “Horse Management Reduction
for Wildlife Habitat” to the Natural Heritage Program’s project to “review overdue
grazing and agriculture land use permits that need to be returned to permit holders as
soon as possible.”

E. The Department of Agriculture supports the use of the Year 1 AIF allocation of
$345,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Department, Natural Heritage Program. The
Department of Agriculture Project Program Specialist Ferdinand Notah’s August 4,
2021 email, stating this support, is attached as Exhibit 3.

F. The Executive Official Review Document No. 016438 with the Department of Justice
statement of legal sufficiency is attached as Exhibit 4.
SECTION THREE. AMENDING RDCD-100-18

A. The Navajo Nation hereby amends RDCD-100-18's Exhibit C, the Crop Year 2017 (Year 1) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Project Plan, as set forth in Exhibit 1.