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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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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0171-21

**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.**

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

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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**

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 RDCD-100-21 AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;

1 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE  
2 FUND PROJECT PLANS FOR CROP YEARS 2017 AND 2018 AS MANDATED  
3 BY THE SÍHASIN FUND PASTURE RANGE AND FORATE EXPENDITURE  
4 PLAN ENACTED BY CO-57-16 AND AMENDED BY CMY-54-18. RDCD-100-  
5 21 is attached as **Exhibit 5**.

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

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

17 D. The Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources through his concurrence  
18 of the May 17, 2021 Request for Executive Review memorandum, attached as  
19 **Exhibit 2**, recommends the redistribution of \$345,000 from Resolution RDCD-100-  
20 21 from use by the Fish and Wildlife Department for “Horse Management Reduction  
21 for Wildlife Habitat” to the Natural Heritage Program’s project to “review overdue  
22 grazing and agriculture land use permits that need to be returned to permit holders as  
23 soon as possible.”

24 E. The Department of Agriculture supports the use of the Year 1 AIF allocation of  
25 \$345,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Department, Natural Heritage Program. The  
26 Department of Agriculture Project Program Specialist Ferdinand Notah’s August 4,  
27 2021 email, stating this support, is attached as **Exhibit 3**.

28 F. The Executive Official Review Document No. 016438 with the Department of Justice  
29 statement of legal sufficiency is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

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1 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RDCD-100-18**

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