

**RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

ORIENTATION (REVISED)

**February 13-17, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

PRESIDING: Hon. Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson*
Hon. Casey Allen Johnson, *Vice-Chairperson*

LOCATION: Navajo Nation Land Department
2B Taylor Road, Building #8966
St. Michaels, Arizona 86511

via Telecommunications ***

Call-In Number: Confidential Call-In

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*** Space at the Navajo Nation Land Department is limited to the Resources and Development Committee and presenters. The Resources and Development Committee members and presenters who do not attend in-person may attend telephonically. The zoom connection number will be emailed to these individuals.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

1. Welcome; Roll Call; Invocation; and Introduction.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rickie Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/> Otto Tso

2. Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:

3. Review the Orientation Schedule:

4. Orientations:

A. Resources and Development Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. *Presenter: Rodney L. Tahe, Legislative Advisor, Office of Legislative Services*

B. Federal [and State] Work. *Presenter: Carlyle Begay, Federal/State Government Affairs Advisor, 25th Navajo Nation Council*

- Chaco Canyon and the Proposed Buffer Zone
- Navajo Housing Authority Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Abandoned Uranium Mines

- Other Federal [and State] Updates
- C. Drafting Legislations and the Concerns.** *Presenter: Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel*
- Regional Councils
 - Legislative Concerns
- D. Proposed Regulations and On-Going Projects.** *Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Acting Division Director, Division of Natural Resources; Ettie Anderson-Abasta, Department Manager, General Land Development; Steven Chischilly Jr., Environmental Specialist, General Land Development Department; Tico R. Charlee, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission; and Bernard Masters, General Counsel, Navajo Transitional Energy Company*
- Church Land Use Permits
 - Burial and Cemetery Regulations
 - Land Transfer from Navajo Transitional Energy Company to Nenahnezad, Navajo Nation (New Mexico)
5. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Recess.** _____

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 (ORIENTATION WILL START AT 1:00 P.M.)

1. **Welcome; Roll Call; Invocation; and Introduction.**
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2. **Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:**
3. **Orientations:**
- A. Navajo Housing Authority (NHA).** *Presenter: Aneva J. Yazzie, Deputy Chief Executive Office, Navajo Housing Authority*
- Vacant Appointments and Chief Executive Officer
 - Navajo Housing Authority Emergency Rental Assistance Program
 - NHA Updates
- B. Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI).** *Presenter: Dave Zeller, Chief Executive Officer, Navajo Agricultural Products Industry*
- Vacant Appointments
 - Completion of the Navajo Nation Indian Irrigation Project
 - NAPI Updates

C. Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA). *Presenters: Rex P. Kontz, Deputy General Manager; Rayni Nelson, Associated Deputy General Manager; and Deenise Becenti, Government & Public Affairs Manager, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority*

- Upcoming Vacant Appointments
- Defunded Navajo Nation CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act Projects
- NTUA Updates

5. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Recess.** _____

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 (REGULAR RDC MEETING)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

1. **Welcome; Roll Call; Invocation; and Introduction.**

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 Rickie Nez Danny Simpson Otto Tso

2. **Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:**

3. **Orientations:**

A. Division of Transportation (DOT) Updates. *Presenters: Garret Silversmith, Acting Division Director; Norma Bowman, Deputy Director; and Department Managers*

- Administration Updates
- Department of Highway Safety
- Department of Airport Management
- Department of Planning
- Department of Roads
- Department of Transit

B. Division of Economic Development (DED) Updates. *Presenters: Tony Skrelunas, Acting Division Director, and Department Managers*

- Administration Updates
 - Proposed Amendments to Streamline the Business Site Leasing Process
- Department of Business Regulatory
- Department of Real Estate
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Project Development

- Department of Support Services
- Department of Small Business Development

C. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Updates. *Presenters: Stephen Etsitty, Acting Division Director; Eugenia Quantana, Acting Director; and Department Managers*

- Administration Updates
 - Placement of Lukachukai Mountains Mining District, located in the Cove, Round Rock, and Lukachukai Chapters, being on the Superfund National Priorities List
 - Cyprus Amax Minerals Company & Western Nuclear, Inc. consent decree with United States and Navajo Nation Governments on the cleanup of 94 mine sites within the Navajo Nation
- Department of Waste Regulatory & Compliance
- Department of Air & Toxics
- Department of Surface & Groundwater Protection

5. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Recess.** _____

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

1. **Welcome; Roll Call; Invocation; and Introduction.**

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2. **Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:**

3. **Orientations:**

A. Division of Community Development (DCD) Updates. *Presenters: Calvin Castillo, Acting Division Director; James Adakai, Deputy Director; and Department Managers*

- Administration Updates
 - Updated Plan of Operation
 - Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Update
- Department of Administrative Services Center
- Department of Capital Projects Management
- Department of Community Housing Infrastructure
- Department of Navajo Nation Addressing Authority

B. Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Updates. *Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Acting Division Director, and Department Managers*

- Administration Updates

- Entered into Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Among the Navajo Nation, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of the Interior, and Other Federal Agencies
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Abandoned Mine Lands/Uraniun Mill Tailings Remedial Action (AML/UMTRA)
- Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Department of Forestry
- Department of General Land Development
- Department of Heritage & Historic Preservation
- Department of Navajo Land
- Department of Minerals
- Department of Park & Recreation
- Department of Resource Enforcement
- Department of Water Resources

5. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment.** _____