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SPONSOR: Crystalynne Curley

TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Confirming the Appointment for Mr. Cletis B. Mark to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission as the Eastern Agency Commissioner Pursuant to Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission Plan of Operation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0164-25

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CLETIS B. MARK TO THE NAVAJO NATION WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION AS THE EASTERN AGENCY COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO NAVAJO NATION WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm the appointment of Mr. Cletis B. Mark to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission as the Eastern Agency Commissioner.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

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
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION RELATING
TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF MR. CLETIS B. MARK TO THE NAVAJO NATION
WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION AS THE EASTERN AGENCY
COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO NAVAJO NATION WATER RIGHTS
COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C §500(A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has final authority to confirm appointments of members to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission (“NNWRC”). 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(9) and Resolution GSCAP-07-04, NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 5(B).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The purpose of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission is to ensure that the water rights of the Navajo Nation are vigorously pursued, effectively coordinated, and to

1 enhance the communication between all entities engaged in water rights efforts on
2 behalf of the Navajo Nation. Resolution NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 2.

3 B. The Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission shall consist of seven (7) members with
4 no less than five (5) members being enrolled members of the Navajo Nation. NNWRC
5 Plan of Operation, Article 4(A).

6 C. No elected official from any city, county, state, federal or tribal government shall be
7 eligible for appointment to the NNWRC. NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 4(F).

8 D. Commission members representing the Navajo public shall serve a term of four (4)
9 years and may be reappointed. Terms will expire on November 19 of the appropriate
10 year. NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 4(C).

11 E. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation shall appoint two (2) members; the President of
12 the Navajo Nation shall appoint two (2) members; and the Chief Justice of the Navajo
13 Nation shall appoint one (1) member. NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 5(A).

14 F. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council is assigned to appoint one (1) member from
15 the Eastern Agency and one (1) member from the Fort Defiance Agency; the President
16 of the Navajo Nation is assigned to appoint one (1) member from the Shiprock Agency
17 and one(1) member from the Chinle Agency; and the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation
18 is assigned to appoint one (1) member from the Western Agency. Such
19 recommendations may be of individuals with experience in, but not limited to the fields
20 of engineering, economics, hydrology, natural resources law or serving in the capacity
21 as a public official. NNWRC Plan of Operation, Article 5(C).

22 G. Mr. Cletis B. Mark fulfills the requirements to be appointed as the Eastern Agency
23 Commissioner of the NNWRC. Mr. Mark's Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood, letter
24 of interest to be appointed to the NNWRC, and his resumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

25 H. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation has appointed Mr. Cletis B. Mark as the Eastern
26 Agency Commissioner of the NNWRC. Speaker Crystalyne Curley's NNWRC
27 appointment letter for Mr. Mark is attached as **Exhibit B**.

28 29 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

30 The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby

1 confirms Speaker Crystalyne Curley's appointment of Mr. Cletis B. Mark to the Navajo
2 Nation Water Rights Commission to serve the remainder of the four-year term as the
3 Eastern Agency Commissioner which shall expire on November 19, 2028, in
4 accordance with the NNWRC Plan of Operation.
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