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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee;
Approving a Budget Modification in the Amount of \$810,000 to the Navajo
Department Agriculture, Ranch and Eastern Land Management Business Unit
915003**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0260-25

DATE: November 18, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$810,000 TO THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE, RANCH AND EASTERN LAND MANAGEMENT BUSINESS UNIT 915003

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve a budget modification increasing Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Business Unit 915003.

Final Authority: Resources and Development Committee

Vote Required: 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)

TRACKING NO. 0260-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$810,000 TO THE
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE, RANCH AND EASTERN LAND
MANAGEMENT BUSINESS UNIT 915003

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Department of Agriculture is within the Division of Natural Resources. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C § 501 (C) (1). The Department of Agriculture is within the Division of Natural Resources.
- B. A budget modification is an increase or decrease of \$500,000 or more to an existing business unit budget under original approved budget, which requires oversight committee approval. FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS MANUAL, Section 12 (C)(3).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Department of Agriculture has requested a budget modification in the amount of
2 \$810,000 for payment of grazing fee payments for leases of tribal ranches lands in the
3 states of Arizona and New Mexico and for bull lease payments for the Ranch and
4 Eastern Land Management Business Unit 915003. The Department of Agriculture has
5 prepared budget documents for the budget modification. The budget documents are
6 included in **Exhibit A**.
- 7 C. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, Navajo Tribal Ranches Enterprise
8 Fund, Fund Management Plan was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee
9 resolution BFS-95-02 and is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 10 D. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, Navajo Tribal Ranches Enterprise
11 Fund, Fund Management Plan Section I, **Exhibit B**, states that the Resources
12 Committee, now the Resources and Development Committee, will provide legislative
13 oversight.
- 14 E. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, Navajo Tribal Ranches Enterprise
15 Fund, Fund Management Plan Section II(B)(vii), **Exhibit B**, states that the purposes
16 of the Fund include “[t]o provide for such costs as may be required by the Bureau of
17 Land Management, State of Arizona, State of New Mexico, or US Forest Service laws,
18 regulations, or policies.”
- 19 F. The Office of the Controller in letter dated October 24, 2025, attached as **Exhibit C**,
20 provides the unaudited balance of the Tribal Ranches Proprietary Budget Business
21 Unit 915003 and confirms the availability of funds to fulfill the budget modification.
- 22 G. The Executive Official Review is attached as **Exhibit D**. All reviewers indicated the
23 request for a budget modification is sufficient.
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25 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE**
26 **DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE BUSINESS UNIT 915003**

27 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the budget modification increase in the amount of
28 \$810,000, modifying the total budget for Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture
29 Business Unit 915003 as indicated in the budget forms in **Exhibit A**.

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