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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Navajo Nation Comments to the Bureau of Reclamation's "Public Review and Notice to Solicit Comments Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0044-26

DATE: February 20, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; NAVAJO NATION COMMENTS TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S "PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF POST-2026 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND STRATEGIES FOR LAKE POWELL AND LAKE MEAD"

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to support and approve the Navajo Nation's Comments to the Bureau of Reclamation's "Public Review and Notice to Solicit Comments Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead."

Final Authority: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Vote Required: Majority vote.

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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Eligible for Action: 2/26/26

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced By:

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6 (Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; NAVAJO NATION
12 COMMENTS TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S "PUBLIC REVIEW
13 AND NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT
14 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF POST-2026 OPERATIONAL
15 GUIDELINES AND STRATEGIES FOR LAKE POWELL AND LAKE MEAD"

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17 WHEREAS:

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
19 standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to coordinate
20 all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state
21 and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(6).
22 B. On January 9, 2026, the United States Bureau of Reclamation released the Post-2026
23 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.
24 C. The Navajo Nation submits its comments to the Bureau of Reclamation's "Public Review
25 and Notice to Solicit Comments Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of
26 Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead" which
27 is attached as **Exhibit A**.
28 D. "With current and forecasted hydrologic conditions, impacts to the Navajo Nation are
29 broader than previously anticipated, making paramount the need for active and
30 meaningful engagement with the Navajo Nation throughout the development, selection,

1 and implementation of Post-2026 Operational Guidelines, including adequate accounting
2 of the impacts to the Navajo Nation.” **Exhibit A**, page 1.

3 E. “The Navajo Nation recognizes and supports the Bureau of Reclamation efforts to
4 include Tribes in the process for the proposed federal actions in the Colorado River
5 Operations Post-2026.” **Exhibit A**, page 2.

6 F. The Navajo Nation’s Comments provided in **Exhibit A** are presented to the Bureau of
7 Reclamation in recognition that Tó’ée’iiná (water is life) and that water is essential to
8 provide for a permanent homeland for the Navajo People.

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10 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

11 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports and approves the Navajo Nation’s Comments to the
12 Bureau of Reclamation’s “Public Review and Notice to Solicit Comments Regarding the
13 Draft Environmental Impact Statement of Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and
14 Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead” which is attached as **Exhibit A** and
15 authorizes the submission of the comments to the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

16 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, Navajo Nation Vice-
17 President and the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and their designees to take all
18 steps necessary to advocate for the Navajo Nation's position with respect to this
19 resolution.