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Tracking No. 0245-19

DATE: August 6, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE TECHNICAL, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO REALLOCATE CHINLE FIELD OFFICE FUNDS AND COMBINE WITH MANY FARMS IRRIGATION OFFICE FUNDS

PURPOSE: Approving a budget reallocation request from the Technical, Construction and Operations Branch of the Department of Water Resources regarding Chinle and Many Farms Irrigation Office funds.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

3 INTRODUCED BY

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5 (Prime Sponsor)



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10 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO REALLOCATE CHINLE FIELD
11 OFFICE FUNDS AND COMBINE WITH MANY FARMS IRRIGATION OFFICE
12 FUNDS

13 BE IT ENACTED:

14 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 15 A. The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch (TCOB) is a program within the
16 Department of Water Resources, which is within Fish and Wildlife Department within
17 the Division of Natural Resources.
- 18 B. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee for the
19 Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C § 501 (C)(1).
- 20 C. Budget revisions involve changing an approved budget from the approved budget plan
21 and requires approval of the Resources and Development Committee as oversight.
22 Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Instructions Manual, Section XIII (C).
- 23 D. Upon request of the affected program, the oversight committee may reallocate funds
24 appropriated by the Navajo Nation Council to the program over which the Committee
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1 has oversight authority by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Committee Chair being permitted
2 to vote on the matter regardless of the absence of a tie vote. 2 N.N.C. § 185 (A)
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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 5 A. The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Budget Resolution CS-68-18
6 authorized the carryover of funds in the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars
7 (\$700,000.00) for the purchase of the Department of Water Resources Field Offices.
- 8 B. The funds were designated to replace five (5) field offices located in Ganado, Many
9 Farms, Chinle, Leupp and Pueblo Pintado.
- 10 C. The TCOB Chinle field Office is located off Highway 191 in Chinle, Arizona. The
11 parcel does not have a land withdrawal designation. The current location does not
12 provide adequate space to store equipment and host a new building, and expanding the
13 size of the lot is not possible. The TCOB Chinle Field Office is not staffed.
- 14 D. The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch of the Department of Water
15 Resources has requested a reallocation of Chinle Field Office Funds so that they may
16 be combined with Many Farms Irrigation Office Funds for more efficient service. See
17 Exhibit A.
- 18 E. The TCOB Many Farms Irrigation Office is located off Highway 191 in Many Farms,
19 Arizona. There is adequate space to store equipment and host a new, larger building.
20 The TCOB Many Farms Irrigation Office is staffed and able to serve the needs of a
21 combined office.
- 22 F. The TCOB strives to provide quality and timely regulatory services to our Navajo
23 People. The TCOB will continue servicing the Chinle and Many Farms region of the
24 Navajo Nation. Relocating the TCOB Chinle Field Office to a larger, staffed building
25 will enhance services to our Navajo People.
- 26 G. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to
27 be in the best interest purpose of the Navajo Nation to approve the budget reallocation
28 as found at Exhibit B combining the Chinle Field Office and the Many Farms Irrigation
29 Office funds for the purposes stated above.
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1 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

2 The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
3 approves the budget reallocation as found at Exhibit B combining the Chinle Field Office
4 and the Many Farms Irrigation Office funds for the purposes stated above.

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6 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

7 The Office of Management and Budget is hereby directed to make the reallocation in
8 accordance with the budget documents found within Exhibit B as attached and made a part
9 hereto.

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