



## Report to Navajo-Hopi Land Commission



February 20, 2020

### **Project Purpose**

To develop nine Chapter Recovery Plans and one Navajo Thaw Regional Plan to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze. The Community and Economic Development Plans will create a sustainable economic future while providing funding for priority housing, economic development, community development and infrastructure projects.

### **Congressional Briefing**

On February 10-12, NHLC Chairman Otto Tso and NHLC Vice Chairman Raymond Smith, Jr. joined President Jonathan Nez and Council Delegate Pernell Halona in Washington DC to brief Arizona and New Mexico Congressmen and Senators, describing the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and the intent of the Navajo Thaw Implementation Plan. Results from the trip included:

- Increased awareness of the effort by many parties that can help
- Improved understanding of how to position the planning effort to secure future federal funding

### **Navajo Summit February 21-22**

Over 150 people have pre-registered for the Navajo Thaw Summit on February 21-22 at Twin Arrows. 22 breakout sessions will provide information that will be incorporated into the Regional Plan. About 30 trade show booths will be staffed by government agencies and other entities pledging to help the Region.

The two-day agenda for the event is presented on the following two pages. Former Navajo leaders that were involved at the time of the land dispute will join Congressman O'Halleran, Tonalea Red Lake Chapter President Sarah Slim and others to inform and inspire.

# Regional Summit Agenda

Friday, February 21, 2020

Time	Session	Speaker/Facilitator	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	<p align="center"><b>Continental Breakfast</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Invocation: Vice President Myron Lizer</i></p>		Diné H/E/B
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p align="center"><i>Moderator: Leonard Chee, OPVP</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Morning Keynote Session</b></p> <p align="center"><i>President Jonathan Nez:</i> Welcome/Purpose/Importance</p> <p align="center"><i>Congressman Tom O’Halleran:</i> “A Challenge to Bring Forward a Comprehensive Plan”</p>		Diné H/E/B
<b>Breakouts</b>			
① 10:00 am – 10:50 am	A – Navajo Land Department	Mike Halona	Diné C
	B – BIA Priorities	Tony Robbins	Diné F
	C – WHPacific Report	Arlando Teller	Diné I
	D – Business Development Corridors and Tourism Strategic Plan	JT Willie	Diné D
② 11:00 am – 11:50 am	A – Brown & Caldwell Western Navajo Pipeline Analysis	Shem Liechty Mark Maryboy	Diné C
	B – Farm Boar Priorities	Leo Watchman, Jr.	Diné F
	C – Navajo Thaw Roundtable	Thomas Tso	Diné I
12 Noon – 1:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Lunch</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Tonalea Chapter President Sarah Slim:</i> “How This Will Work for the Chapters”</p> <p align="center"><i>Former President Peterson Zah:</i> “It’s About Time!”</p>		Diné H/E/B
<b>Breakouts</b>			
③ 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	A – NDOT	Garrett Silversmith	Diné C
	B – Carpenters Union Involvement	Matt Capalby	Diné F
	C – IHS Office of Environmental Health	Jeff Allen	Diné I
2:20 pm – 2:40 pm	<b>Break for Snacks</b>		
	A – Navajo Thaw Region / Relocates / NPL	Susan Eastman	Diné C

④ 2:40 pm – 3:30 pm	B – Tuba City Regional Health Care	Julius Young II	Diné F
	C – Water Rights and Mineral Rights	Jason John	Diné I
⑤ 3:40 pm – 4:30 pm	A – Establishment and Function of Steering Committees	Kimberly Janeway	Diné C
	B – Swaback Partners	Jeffrey Denzak	Diné F
	C – Navajo Power	Clara Pratte	Diné I
<b>February 22, 2020</b>			
Time	Session	Speaker/Facilitator	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>  <i>Morning Prayer: Rex Lee Jim</i>		Diné H/E/B
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Morning Keynote Session</b>  <i>Dr. Manley Begay:</i> “Historical Impacts/Future Benefits”		Diné H/E/B
<b>Breakouts</b>			
⑥ 10:00 am – 10:50 am	A – NHA Involvement	NHA Representatives	Diné C
	B – Navajo Thaw Business Council	Franklin Martin, Karen and Danny Barney	Diné F
	C – Sweat Equity and Liability Insurance Issue	Sarah Slim	Diné I
⑦ 11:00 am – 11:50 am	A – NNDCD Process, Projects and Priorities	Pearly Yellowman	Diné C
	B – NNPRD	Effie Yazzie	Diné F
	C – Faith-based Partnerships and Other Non-profits	Chuck Harper	Diné I
	D – “Former Testifiers” Committee	Cecilia Joe, August Gilwood, Raymond Maxx	Diné D
12 Noon – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch and Closing</b>  <i>Delegate Otto Tso:</i> “Closing and Inspiration”  <i>Former Chairman Peter MacDonald:</i> “Think Big. Be Bold.”		Diné H/E/B
<b>End of Summit</b>			