

NAVAJO THAW

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Report to Navajo-Hopi Land Commission



March 5, 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.



Almost 300 Attend Navajo Thaw Summit

Almost 300 people attended the Navajo Thaw Summit on February 21-22 at Twin Arrows. 22 breakout sessions provided information that will be incorporated into the Regional Plan. About 20 trade show booths were staffed by government agencies and other entities pledging to help the Region.



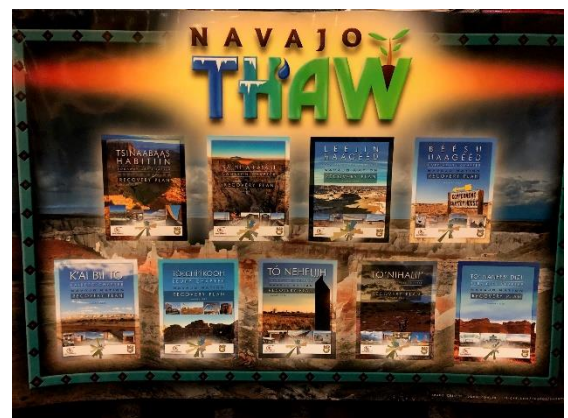
NHLC Chairman Otto Tso addressed the event on both days. After the opening prayer by **Vice President Lizer**, **President Nez** welcomed the participants and provided context and inspiration. **Congressman O'Halleran** commended the

Chapters for the Draft Chapter Recovery Plans and urged the Chapters to support the formation of the Navajo Thaw Regional Plan. **Tonalea Red Lake Chapter President Sarah Slim** offered insight from the Chapter perspective on how the region can benefit from plan implementation. **Former Vice President Rex Lee Jim** provided the morning prayer on Saturday. **Dr. Manley Begay** provided tremendous historical context and broad recommendations for moving forward. **Former Chairman Peter MacDonald** closed the Summit with a rousing call to action and to be bold about pursuing the needed funding.

Draft Chapter Recovery Plans Distributed

Each of the nine Chapters received a copy of their Draft Chapter Recovery Plan and were challenged to take the next five steps:

- 1 Read/edit/adopt your Chapter Recovery Plan
- 2 Form Steering Committees to help implement the Plan
- 3 Appoint a Member and Alternate to the Navajo Thaw Roundtable
- 4 Select a Priority Project for implementation
- 5 Invite the Navajo Thaw Support Team back for meetings



Regional Summit Agenda

February 21, 2020

Time	Session	Speaker/Facilitator	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast <i>Invocation/Opening Prayer: Vice President Myron Lizer</i>		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Moderator: Leonard Chee, OPVP Morning Keynote Session President Jonathan Nez: <i>“Welcome/Purpose/Importance”</i> Congressman Tom O’Halleran: <i>“A Challenge to Bring Forward a Comprehensive Plan”</i>		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
Breakouts			
① 10:00 am – 10:50 am	<i>Four Breakout Sessions on Specific Topics</i>		
② 11:00 am – 11:50 am	<i>Four Breakout Sessions on Specific Topics</i>		
12 Noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch Vice President Myron Lizer: “It’s About Time!” Delegate Otto Tso: “Perspectives from the NHLC” Tonalea/Red Lake Chapter President Sarah Slim: <i>“How This Will Work for the Chapters”</i>		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
Breakouts			
③ 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	<i>Four Breakout Sessions on Specific Topics</i>		
④ 2:30 pm – 3:20 pm	<i>Four Breakout Sessions on Specific Topics</i>		
⑤ 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm	<i>Four Breakout Sessions on Specific Topics</i>		
4:30 pm	<i>End of Day Wrap Up</i>		
February 22, 2020			
Time	Session	Speaker/Facilitator	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast <i>Extensive Morning Prayer: Rex Lee Jim</i>		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Morning Keynote Session Dr. Manley Begay: “Historical Impacts/Future Benefits”		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
Breakouts			
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12 Noon – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Closing Delegate Otto Tso: “Words of Inspiration as we Thaw the Freeze” Former Chairman Peter MacDonald: “Think Big. Be Bold.”		Diné A/B/D/E/G/H
End of Summit			