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Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., 14 tribal leaders, meet with Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano at Capitol

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., met with Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and the leaders of 14 Arizona tribes at the Governor’s office here Monday to discuss gaming and other issues of concern.

Prior to his visit to Arizona Capitol, the President met with Northern Arizona University President John Haeger regarding the Native American Center planned for NAU.

President Shirley expressed his gratitude to the Governor for raising the profile of Arizona Native issues to the highest level of any Arizona gubernatorial administration, and for making it a priority of hers.

“We continue to look forward to working together,” President Shirley told the Governor. “If you could continue to look out for Native people, we would greatly appreciate it, as will our people.”

Among many issues discussed by the tribal leaders was water rights, the tribes’ aging population, the budget shortfall, the need for jail and youth detention facilities on tribal lands, the needs of Native veterans, and the struggle some tribes have



*Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., met with Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and the leaders of 14 Arizona tribes on Monday..
Photo by Mark Butler, Office of the Governor*

with obtaining uninterrupted electrical service to their lands.

Among the other tribes meeting with Governor Napolitano were: the Yavapai Apache Nation, the Havasupai Tribe, the Hualapai Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Cocopah Tribe, the Ak Chin Indian Community, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the Tohono O’odham Nation, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Pueblo of Zuni, the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

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*Prior to traveling to Phoenix, President Shirley met with NAU President John Haeger on the NAU campus in Flagstaff.
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