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Speaker Naize announces dates for water rights settlement hearings, encourages public commenting

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Speaker Johnny Naize and the Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee Water Rights Task Force scheduled four hearings to take place in areas directly affected by the Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River (LCR) Water Rights Settlement.

Pursuant to a directive issued by the Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee, Speaker Naize appointed Council Delegates Walter Phelps, Dwight Witherspoon, Lorenzo Curley, and Alton Joe Shepherd to arrange public hearings in order to capture the Navajo public’s comments on the water rights settlement.

In order to further fulfill the request of the Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee, public hearings have been scheduled for the following communities:

- Ganado Chapter House – Monday, June 18 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Pinon Chapter House – Thursday, June 21 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Dilkon Chapter House – Monday, June 25 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Leupp Chapter House – Tuesday, June 26 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In addition to the public hearings, the Office of the Speaker will coordinate “comment stations” in common areas (for example, senior centers and flea markets) in the communities identified above.

A certified Navajo interpreter and a recorder will be present at each public hearing and comment station. Comment station locations will be communicated via press release and placed on the Navajo Nation Council website (www.navajonationcouncil.org) as soon as they are determined.

The primary purpose of the comment stations is to accommodate elders and other Diné citizens who may not have internet access to email their comment.

Public comments will continue to be accepted by email (comments@navajo-nsn.gov) until the Council makes a final vote on the legislation. With the tentative date set, comments received by email will be accepted until June 27.

“I encourage all interested citizens who oppose or support the water rights settlement to submit their comment. I encourage you to assist family, friend, elders, youth to submit their comments,” Speaker Naize stated.

Yesterday Speaker Johnny Naize also announced a tentative scheduled for when the Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee (June 22) and the Council (June 27) will consider legislation 0230-12.

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