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## **Speaker Naize announces tentative dates for water rights settlement considerations, public commenting still open**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Speaker Johnny Naize has tentatively scheduled a Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee meeting for June 22 and a Council Special Session for June 27 for the purpose of taking up legislation 0230-12, which deals with the Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement.

On June 9, Speaker Naize introduced legislation 0230-12 to ensure a healthy dialogue occurred between “supporting and opposing individuals and parties,” he stated

“I feel that it is my responsibility to introduce this legislation so that the Nation can decide on the water rights settlement,” Speaker Naize announced in his statement to the public.

The release of Speaker Naize’s tentative schedule is the first public announcement indicating a timeline for Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee and Council consideration of the water rights settlement.

Speaker Naize set the tentative dates to allow time for hearings to be conducted in the areas pertaining to the water rights settlement.

In addition to the public hearings, Speaker Naize and the Naa’bik’iyati’ Committee Water Rights Task Force will also arrange for public commenting stations so as 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](mailto: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.

Once the schedule for public hearings and public commenting stations are arranged, the schedule will be available immediately.

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