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Council Delegate Kenneth Maryboy and Teec Nos Pos chapter officials declare state of emergency due to water shortages

Teec Nos Pos, Ariz. – On Thursday afternoon, Council Delegate Kenneth Maryboy (Mexican Water, Aneth, Teecnospos, Tólikan, Red Mesa) and chapter officials issued a memo declaring a state of emergency due to water shortages that have resulted in the deaths of livestock in the community of Teec Nos Pos, located near the four corners region.

The memo signed by Delegate Maryboy, chapter president Alfred Jim, grazing officer Herman Lee, and CLUP member Herbert Peterson states, “Ranchers and livestock owners have a concern for water for the livestock. In addition, because of limited water, livestock are beginning to perish.”

Delegate Maryboy attributed water shortages to the closing of several local water wells due to high levels of contamination.

“We had elderly people come by the chapter house saying they are worried about their sheep, horses, and cows because there is no water for them,” said Delegate Maryboy.

Chapter president Alfred Jim noted that many local residents have relied on one water trough that is currently not in operation.

Delegate Maryboy said the chapter notified and is awaiting responses from the Division of Community Development, Navajo Nation Emergency Management, Division of Community Development, Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, Apache County, and San Juan County in Utah.

Jim and Delegate Maryboy expressed dissatisfaction with the policies and procedures of the Local Governance Support Centers when dealing with emergency situations.

“We have to go through a lot of red tape and we can’t afford to do that,” stated Jim. “We need to get water out there as soon as possible.”

Delegate Maryboy added that the Tólikan chapter and Mexican Water chapter may soon declare a state of emergency due to water contamination in the area.

“We would like to get water tanks to haul water out there, but we need assistance,” said Delegate Maryboy. “We are open to any help that our community can get.”

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