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## **The 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council**

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### **Council work session for water rights settlement scheduled for Oct. 29**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** - The 21st Navajo Nation Council will convene for a work session on Friday, Oct. 29 beginning at 10 a.m., to continue discussions surrounding the proposed water rights settlement of the Navajo Nation.

On Sept. 29, a special session was held for the Council to consider Legislation 0422-10: "An Action Relating to Resources and Intergovernmental Relations: Approving the Proposed Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement to Resolve the Water Rights Claims of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe for Water From the Little Colorado River System and From the Lower Basin of the Colorado River in Arizona in the Form of or Substantially Similar to the Form as Set Forth in Exhibit A." The Council voted 49-32 to table the legislation.

A presentation was provided by Mr. Stanley Pollack, Navajo Department of Justice, Honorable George Arthur (Burnham, San Juan, Nenahnezad), and Ben Cowboy, Navajo Water Rights Commission at the special session. After considerable discussion, the Council concluded more public education be provided and input garnered from communities on the proposed settlement agreement.

As directed, public education forums took place across the Navajo Nation, with a special session scheduled for Nov. 4 to consider the water rights settlement.

For more information on the work session agenda, please visit [www.navajonationcouncil.org](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org).

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