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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Speaker Morgan announces Sept. 29 Special Session agenda

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan announced the agenda for the Navajo Nation Council's Special Session, which is scheduled to convene on Sept. 29 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The session will begin at 10 a.m. with three legislative action items listed under new business. The agenda has no items listed under reports and old business.

Honorable George Arthur (T'iistoh Bikaad/San Juan/Nenanezad), chairman of the Resources Committee, is sponsoring the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement legislation (Legislation No. 0422-10), which would settle the Navajo Nation's and Hopi Tribe's water rights claims in the lower basin of the Colorado River and Little Colorado River system.

Two pieces of legislation sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson (Huerfano) are also on the special session agenda.

Honorable Simpson is sponsoring the Diné College Board of Regents Act of 2010. His legislation (Legislation No.0431-10), if passed, would amend Title 10 of the Navajo Nation Code: changing the appointment of five members of the eight-member Board of Regents to elected positions, amending the minimum age requirement to 25 years old and implementing a four year term limit.

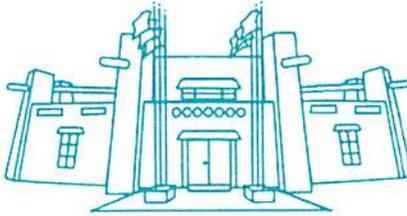
The Board of Regents' ad hoc positions would be exempt from becoming elected positions. These positions include the Chairperson of the Education Committee or the committee's designee, the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools and the student body president of Diné College.

On April 27, the Navajo Nation Council's Government Services Committee took action and removed three members from the eight-member Board of Regents, which has left the Board of Regents with no quorum to conduct business. The election of the Board of Regents would address the unfilled vacancies continually experienced under current provisions of Title 10.

Honorable Simpson is also sponsoring legislation (Legislation No.0470-10) that would approve a construction contract between the Navajo Nation and RJN Construction Management, Inc., for the completion of the Shiprock Home for Women and Children. The legislation goes before the full Council for consideration because it requires waiving laws of the Navajo Nation Code.

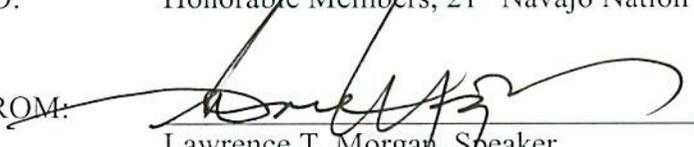
A complete copy of the special session agenda can be found online at www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members, 21st Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
21st Navajo Nation Council

DATE: 17 September 2010

IN RE: **Special Session**

Attached is the proposed agenda for the Special Session of the 21st Navajo Nation Council to be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Navajo Nation Council Chamber, Window Rock, Arizona.

Your attendance at this important session is therefore required.¹ Please contact Ms. LaVonne Tsosie, Director, Office of Legislative Services at 928.871.7254 if you have any questions.

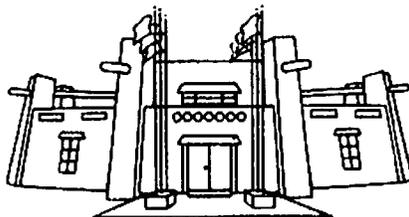
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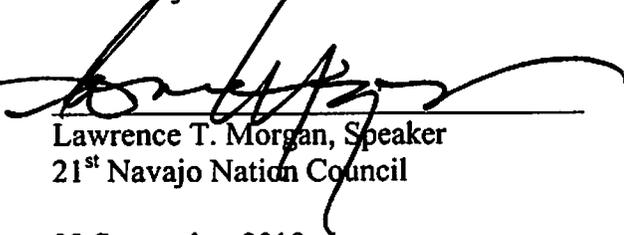
¹ 2 N.N.C. §183 (F) – “Nor shall the Speaker approve travel for any member of the Council which is to take place during a special or regular session of the Council except when such travel is to conduct a meeting with, or to give official testimony to, the government of another sovereign.”

LAWRENCE T. MORGAN
Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Francis Redhouse, Chairperson
ETHICS & RULES COMMITTEE
21st Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
21st Navajo Nation Council

DATE: 09 September 2010

IN RE: **Special Session**

This serves to request to be placed on the agenda of the Ethics & Rules Committee's regular meeting on Friday, September 17, 2010. This request is based on the attached memorandum from the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (Water Rights Litigation Unit). As you will note, DOJ is requesting a special session of the 21st Navajo Nation Council on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Upon your approval, I will have Ms. LaVonne Tsosie, Director, Office of Legislative Services, prepare a proposed Special Session agenda which will be presented to your Committee. Thereupon, Ms. Tsosie will make the necessary arrangements based on my request.

Your attention is appreciated. Please contact Ms. Tsosie at 928.871.7254 if you have any questions.

ATTACHMENT
APPROVAL () DISAPPROVAL ()


Francis Redhouse, Chairperson
Ethics & Rules Committee
21st Navajo Nation Council

pc: Charles Long, Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker
Frank Seanez, Chief Legislative Counsel, Office of the Chief Legislative Counsel
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**NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

LOUIS DENETSOSIE
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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

George Arthur, Chairperson
Resources Committee,
Navajo Nation Council

FROM: *BNB/cgt*
Stanley M. Pollack, Assistant Attorney General
Water Rights Litigation Unit,
Navajo Nation Department of Justice

DATE: September 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Request for Special Session

I am writing to request that the Navajo Nation Council hold a special session on September 24 to consider Legislation 0422-10, the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement, which is generally referred to as the Arizona Water Rights Settlement.

Thank you for considering this request.

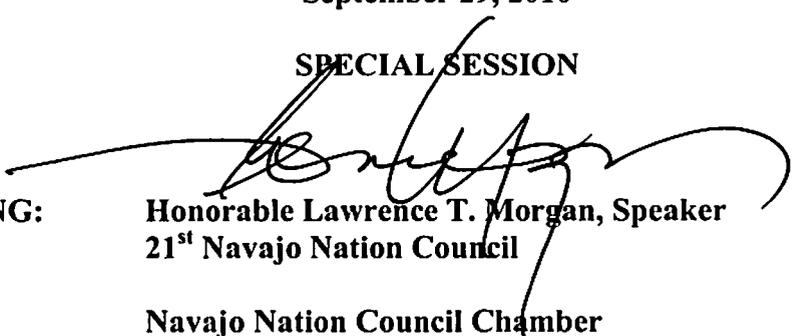
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CC: Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission

**PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE
21ST NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

September 29, 2010

SPECIAL SESSION

PRESIDING:  **Honorable Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
21st Navajo Nation Council**

PLACE: **Navajo Nation Council Chamber
Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)**

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1. **Call the Special Session to Order; Roll Call; and Invocation.**
 2. **Recognize the Guests and Visiting Officials to the Navajo Nation.**
 3. **Review and Adopt the Agenda for the Special Session of the Navajo Nation Council.**
 4. **Reports: None**
 5. **Old Business: None**
 6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Legislation No. 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 Tribes 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. *(Sponsor: Honorable George Arthur)*
 - B. **Legislation No.0431-10:** An Act Relating to Government Services and Education; Approving the Dine' College Board of Regents Act of 2010. *(Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson)*
 - C. **Legislation No. 0470-10:** An Action Relating to Community Development and Finance; Approving a Construction Contract Between the Navajo Nation and RJN Construction Management, Inc. for Completion of the Shiprock Home for Women and Children, Waiving 2 N.N.C. §223, Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act, 5 N.N.C. §201 et seq, Navajo Nation Arbitration Act, 7 N.N.C. §1101 et seq., Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, 12 N.N.C. §800 et seq., Navajo Nation

Procurement Act, 12 N.N.C. §301 et seq., the Navajo Nation Business and Procurement Act, 12 N.N.C. §1505, and Certain Requirements of Other Navajo Nation Laws. (*Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson*)

7. Close of Special Session; Announcements; and Adjournment.