



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-2012

NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IS A NAVAJO NATION PRIORITY PROJECT; THE SUCCESS OF THIS HIGH-PROFILE PROJECT WILL SHOWCASE THE NAVAJO NATION AND ITS DIVISIONS AND PROGRAMS; AND WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCESSIBLE WATER TO THE EASTERN NAVAJO NATION

January 3, 2012

WHEREAS:

The Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project (Project) is one of only fourteen projects selected nationwide to be a priority of President Obama and his administration to create jobs. Bureau of Reclamation is the lead federal agency tasked to construct the Project with the assistance of the Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache Nation and City of Gallup. This project is an enormous challenge for the Navajo Nation and its programs. However, it is also an excellent opportunity for the Navajo Nation to showcase its programs and their coordination in order to successfully complete this high profile project to President Obama and the rest of the United States.

The Project will provide a reliable long-term water supply to much of the Navajo Nation within New Mexico. The Project has an estimated construction cost of almost \$1 billion. In addition to the proposed United States' Presidential budget, the Bureau of Reclamation will receive up to \$60 million in mandatory appropriations during FY2012, FY2013 and FY2014 for a total of \$180 million that may be used for Project construction if all requirements to construction are met.

This Project continues to be a high priority for my administration as well. I would like to express my continued support for its expedited implementation and urge cooperation among all Navajo Nation programs to make this Project a reality. This Project is an example of the success brought about by years of hard work by staff and representatives of the Navajo Nation, State of New Mexico and United States.

Over the next several years the Project will be constructed in Reaches (phases). Construction may occur concurrently on several Reaches over the next several years. It is important that the Navajo Nation programs align themselves properly to coordinate information and permitting of the various Reaches of the Project. Navajo Nation Water Management Branch (NNWMB) of the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources serves as the coordinator of

information within the Navajo Nation executive branch and the reviewer of public information, including all press releases, for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project on behalf of the entire Navajo Nation. NNWMB may be reached at (928) 729-4004.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

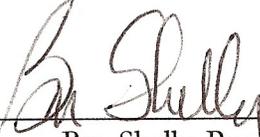
The Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project is a priority project of the Navajo Nation.

The programs within the Executive Branch are hereby directed to promptly process all necessary permits, contracts, any related matters to this Project for its successful coordination, implementation and construction. The programs and personnel are hereby directed to review and streamline their SAS review process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

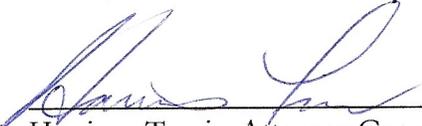
I, Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in the Office of the President pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005 (A) and (C)(14), hereby direct this Executive Order shall become effective immediately and remain in effect until rescinded, to be binding upon Navajo Nation Executive Branch Directors, employees, and agents, and to be subjected to enforcement under the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual.

Executed this 3rd day of January 2012.



Ben Shelly, President
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:



Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General
Navajo Nation Department of Justice