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President Signs Executive Order Restating Support of Water Project

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly signed an executive order reaffirmed his support of a $1 billion project.

President Shelly signed the order Jan. 3 that states the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project is a priority project of the Navajo Nation.

“The project is a huge challenge for the Navajo Nation that will cost nearly $1 billion and bring much needed water to the Navajo Nation and others. I know our programs have done a lot of work till now, but we need to stay focused and see this project through to completion,” President Shelly said.

Nearly all of the Executive Branch divisions and departments are involved with the project.

President Barrack Obama’s administration also made the project a national priority by expediting the project through the permitting and environmental review process. Of the 14 projects deemed a priority by the Obama administration, the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project is the only project that directly involves an American Indian government.

“We are proud of the support President Obama has given this project. This project will create jobs for the Navajo Nation,” President Shelly added.

A contractor for the project is expected to be selected by June 2012.

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