President Shelly praises $20 million contract award for Navajo-Gallup Water System

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—Today, Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly praised U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewel’s announcement of a $20 million contract to assist with building the Tohlakai Pumping Plant, the first pumping plant for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The pumping plant will be located eight miles north of Gallup, N.M.

“This priority project will bring clean drinking water to thousands of Navajo citizens and much needed jobs to the Navajo Nation,” President Shelly said.

President Obama’s proposed fiscal 2015 budget requests an $80 million investment in the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project and has the capacity to deliver clean running water to approximately 250,000.

“President Obama’s proposed budget underscores the importance of delivering clean, safe drinking water to rural communities,” Shelly said.

The collaborative effort between the Navajo Nation and DOI highlights a working government-to-government relationship.

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“I express my support and thanks to the Obama administration for continuing to fund this high priority project for the health and economic benefit of the Navajo people,” President Shelly said.

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