

# HÓZHÓOJÍ NAHAT'ÁH BAA HANE'

Over the past four years, the Office of the President and Vice President has worked with various divisions, departments and programs under the Navajo Nation Executive Branch to accomplish many great things for the Navajo People. Here are a few highlights from the past four years.



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## THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT PRESENTS 4 YEAR LIST OF UPDATES

### 2011

- APS Lease Agreement** March 8, 2011  
25-year agreement with \$172 million annually.
- Conducted Town Hall Meetings** April 2011  
We reached out to hear from the Navajo people on various topics such as water rights, development of an energy policy and the condition of our Navajo rangelands.
- Delivered Drinking Water to Western Agency** April 12, 2011  
Using a 4,000-gallon truck, we delivered water to more than 155 families in Black Falls, Box Springs, Grand Falls, and Leupp.
- Issued Commercial Tobacco Free Executive Order** April 27, 2011  
Passed by the Navajo Nation Council, this order was for the health and safety of Navajo people at government offices and businesses.
- \$1.5 Million Purchase of Turquoise Ranch** June 10, 2011  
This 375-acre property was for the benefit of relocated Navajo families.
- Launched Navajo Nation Chamber of Commerce** June 24, 2011  
This effort grew from the business leaders roundtable discussions held in April 2011.
- Náásgóó Hozhóogo Hoot'áál** August 30, 2011  
Division of Community Development Post LGA Certification Summit aimed at decentralizing services from central government and empowering chapters.
- Operation Breathe Safe** September 15, 2011  
This was the closure and decontamination of Administration Building No. 1 due to black mold infestation from decades of neglect and non-maintenance.
- Testified in Washington, D.C. on Navajo Head Start** September 19, 2011  
We reported on Capitol Hill to keep Head Start under the umbrella of the Navajo Nation and deal with monitoring issues dating back to 2010. The previous administration made the request to privatize the program and we disagreed and fought to keep it on Navajo.

### 2012

- Navajo Nation Sales Tax Distribution Reform Act of 2012** January 10, 2012  
Worked with the Navajo Nation Council to provide \$6 million in scholarships for Navajo students during spring semester.
- Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Executive Order** January 3, 2012  
We signed the executive order to reaffirm support of this \$1 billion project that will deliver running water to more than 250,000 people.
- Tres Amigas Energy Distribution** March 5, 2012  
We met with private businessmen to unite the three electrical power grids across the U.S. This would include the sale of Navajo Nation energy through a transmission super station in Clovis, N.M.
- Central Consolidated School Memorandum of Agreement** March 16, 2012  
This was done in cooperation with Division of Dine' Education and in accordance with the 2005 Navajo Sovereignty in Education Act to improve the quality of education and implement Navajo language, culture, history, character and government standards in the curriculum.
- Little Colorado River Water Rights Public Forums** March 2012  
Public outreach for comments regarding the Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2012 in Pinon, Ganado, Oak Springs, Leupp, Teesto, and Ft. Defiance. The LCR water rights claims were ultimately voted down by the Navajo Nation Council.
- Tribal Identification Distribution** May 21, 2012  
Provides tribal members with alternative to Certificate of Indian Blood and state identifications at a cost of \$17. Strengthens tribal sovereignty.
- \$5 Million TIGER grant** May 23, 2012  
The only TIGER grant received for the state of N.M. for road improvements to a 12-mile project for Torreon Road.
- Navajo Nation Farm Bill with USDA and NAPI** June 2012  
This effort supplemented 7,000 acres of farmland for pinto beans and 25,000 acres of land for corn and potatoes.
- Sandia Laboratory Memorandum of Understanding** October 23, 2012  
This agreement provides the Navajo Nation technical assistance in the area of energy and technology development. In the long run, it will spur the growth of new jobs.
- NCI Financial Assistance** December 24, 2012  
Presented a \$300,000 check to keep the center open to provide drug and alcohol abuse counseling and services. Navajo Nation has provided more than \$813 million to NCI since 2003 in partnership with Division of Health and Dept. of Behavioral Health Services.

### 2013

- Administration Building No. 2 Remediation** January 2013  
Once again, due to black mold infestation and a public health state of emergency, the deteriorating conditions at Administration Building No. 2 are finally being addressed after years of neglect. This was done for the safety and health of tribal employees.
- FEMA Declaration of Emergency** January 25, 2013  
Using the amendments provided in the Stafford Act, we declared an emergency for the frozen waterlines across the Nation in cooperation with the Commission on Emergency Management for Window Rock, Pinedale, Crownpoint, Shiprock, Kayenta, Chinle and Dilkon.
- Navajo Generating Station Lease Extension** February 16, 2013  
In addition to saving hundreds of jobs, the renegotiation of the NGS lease extension through 2044 provides \$42 million in annual revenue to the tribal budget. This is a major achievement when you consider the original 1960s lease was \$608,400 per year.

### 2013 CONTINUED

- Streamlined the SAS 164 Review Process** April 23, 2012  
We amended Section 164B of Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code to cut down the review time to one month. New process does not require legislative review and limits review time for reviewers to one week.
- BNSF Thoreau Rail Port** June 6, 2013  
This effort with Burlington-Northern Santa Fe is to develop a 300-acre industrial park in Thoreau, N.M. for economic development, jobs, and delivery of coal, oil, and gas to international markets.
- Navajo Star Wars** June 14, 2013  
Navajo Nation Museum worked with Lucas Films, Ltd. and other Hollywood companies to dub the original Star Wars in Navajo for screening. This was an innovative approach to language preservation and cultural appreciation.
- PNM Agreement for Workforce Development** July 26, 2013  
This workforce development training program funded by PNM was for \$2 million. The annual funding is \$200,000 per year over five years for Navajo students at NTU and San Juan College majoring in energy industry related fields.
- Navajo Generating Station Lease Extension Signing** July 30, 2013  
New agreement will provide the Navajo Nation with \$1 billion in revenue through 2044. The 25-year commitment will save jobs and spur economic development.
- Navajo Route 20 Construction** August 29, 2013  
This \$35 million project provided paving for a 27-mile stretch of road connecting the Bodaway-Gap, Coppermine and LeChee Chapters. The Federal Highway Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation funded the road construction.
- Navajo Forestry Products Inc. Clean Up** August 21, 2013  
The NFPI site has been a hazardous area for decades, in addition to being an eyesore for the traveling public. The dilapidated building has been a site for graffiti vandals and a fire burned part of the building in the recent past.
- Navajo Nation Energy Policy of 2013** October 22, 2013  
Passed by a vote of 13-6 by the Navajo Nation Council, this legislation updated the 1980 energy policy to reflect current needs and innovations. This was an effort developed through town hall meetings early on in the administration.
- Navajo Technical Energy Company Navajo Mine Purchase** October 31, 2013  
The purchase of Navajo Mine by NTEC saved more than 800 jobs and \$41 million in annual revenues to the Navajo Nation General Fund. It also beefed up the energy portfolio for the Nation.
- San Juan River Water Rights Settlement** November 1, 2013  
Guaranteed in this general stream adjudication with the state of N.M. was the development of the Navajo-Gallup Water System Project, scheduled for completion in 2024. Litigation for this effort began in 1975.

### 2014

- FEMA Executive Order** January 15, 2014  
Developed policies and procedures to administer grants and projects from FEMA. Provides provisions for the Nation to receive funds as grantee and sub-grantee status.
- Navajo Nation General Leasing Act of 2013** March 3, 2014  
The U.S. Department of Interior approved the General Leasing Act and provided the Navajo Nation to approve residential and business site leasing. This streamlined process was the model for the HEARTH Act, currently used by the rest of Indian Country.
- NTUA Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation** March 4, 2014  
This order by the FCC will allow NTUA Wireless to step into mobile communications on the Navajo Nation to provide mobile services. It also gives the Nation jurisdictional authority over mobile communications providers on the reservation.
- Tsoodzil Traditional Cultural Property Designation** March 18, 2014  
The N.M. Supreme Court decision affirmed the TCP designation for Mount Taylor. More than 400,000-acres was granted TCP status. The Nation lobbied the United Nations for the status and also provided maps and GIS data for the effort.
- U.S. Route 491 \$78 Million Funding** March 26, 2014  
In cooperation with N.M. Governor Susana Martinez and N.M. Department of Transportation, the final 21.8-mile stretch of four-lane highway construction on U.S. Route 491 will be completed. After decades of service, Sen. John Pinto will finally retire.
- \$1 Billion Court Settlement with Tronox Inc.** April 2014  
The Tronox Inc. v. Anadarko Petroleum Corp. was finally settled by the U.S. Justice Department for \$5.15 billion. Navajo Nation received a portion of the settlement, equaling \$1 billion for cleanup of 49 abandoned uranium mines left behind by the former Kerr-McGee Corp.
- Capital Improvement Projects Five-Year Plan Approval** May 6, 2014  
In development for more than 14-years, the Navajo Nation CIP five-year plan was approved to provide infrastructure and other projects to the 110 chapters across the Nation. This was a joint effort with the Navajo Nation Council.
- \$554 Million Settlement for Trust Litigation** June 4, 2014  
This landmark settlement will bring more than half-a-billion dollars into the Navajo Nation for trust responsibility mismanagement by the federal government. Again, this was another successful effort in partnership with the Navajo Nation Council.
- Navajo Nation Adult Guardianship Act of 2014** June 13, 2014  
The Adult Guardianship Act was signed into law to protect the disabled Navajos living on the Nation and to give them a voice in court proceedings and guardianship decisions. They have equal rights to finances, housing, employment and education. It was the first time the Navajo Nation Code was amended for the disabled in 45 years.

These are only a few of the accomplishments we've

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