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## Water projects making progress under the Nez-Lizer Administration



**PHOTO:** Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez meeting with local officials and residents in the rural community of Tolani Lake, Ariz., on May 21, 2019.

**TOLANI LAKE, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez convened a meeting on May 21 with local officials and residents in the rural community of Tolani Lake, Ariz., to discuss how the Nez-Lizer Administration is helping to advance water projects that includes water line extensions, installation of water tanks, earthen dam repairs, water resources for livestock and agriculture, and more.

He was joined by officials with the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources and Water Management Branch. Also in attendance were Tolani Lake Chapter officials, the Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and community members who reported on the progress of ongoing projects including the extension of several miles of water lines that will bring clean water to Navajo families in Black Falls, Leupp, and others that were impacted by the former Bennett Freeze.

"A couple months ago Vice President Myron Lizer and I went out to Black Falls Bible Church and spent several hours listening to the needs and requests of local residents, many of whom live without electricity and running water," said President Nez. "Tuesday's meeting provided an opportunity for us to revisit with community members and discuss how we can continue working together to complete the ongoing projects."

President Nez met with the Department of Water Resources and Water Management Branch on Monday, to begin laying out timelines to complete the projects to manage the Nation's water resources responsibly by providing adequate water for homes, farming, and livestock and also to prevent flooding by rebuilding and creating earthen dams.

Following the meeting, the group visited several project sites in Tolani Lake where new water lines and water tanks are being installed for homes, agriculture/farming, and livestock use.

In early February, President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer visited with local community members at Black Falls Church, to hear directly from residents about their water needs and other issues. At that time, they assured the residents that the local communities would see progress under their administration.

"It's great to see these projects move forward thanks to the leadership at the local level working in partnership with the Department of Water Resources. Vice President Myron Lizer and I fully support your work and we thank you for helping your people and your communities," said President Nez.

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