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**Virtual Press Conference Re Introduction of House and Senate Bills to Approve
Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Tuesday, July 9, the Navajo Nation will host a press conference to provide an update on the status of the Nation’s Arizona water rights settlement. On Monday, July 8, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) and Arizona Representative Juan Ciscomani (R-Ariz.) introduced companion legislation to approve the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement. They were joined by Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.), Congressman Greg Stanton (D-Ariz.), Congressman David Schweikert (R-Ariz.), and Congressman Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.).

The update will be provided by Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley, Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Chairwoman of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission Joelynn Ashley, Attorney General Ethel Branch, and Members of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Negotiation Team.

The settlement will resolve the most significant outstanding water claims within Arizona. The virtual press conference will take place Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time via streamyard. All press who wish to join should RSVP by 9 a.m MDT to general@nndoj.org and slogg@nndoj.org for the streamyard link and instructions on how to join for questions.

The Navajo Nation government is committed to ensuring water for the Navajo People for now and indefinitely so that the Nation may maintain its permanent homeland.

The Navajo Nation is grateful for the ongoing support of its partners in this effort and will continue to work with them to ensure water security for the Navajo People.

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