RESOLUTION OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE USDA RCPP GRANT

WHEREAS

SECTION ONE. STANDING COMMITTEE AUTHORITY AND POWER

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (A) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation empowered the Resources and Development Committee to oversee the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America. Treaty of 1850, Sept. 24, 1850, 9 Stat. 974 and Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- B. The Navajo Division of Natural Resources is submitting an application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Regional Conservation Partnership Program (USDA RCPP). Attached as Exhibit A, is a copy of the Navajo Division of Natural Resources Regional Conservation Partnership Program Narrative.
- C. As stated in the Navajo Division of Natural Resources Regional Conservation Partnership Program Narrative, "[t]he Navajo Nation is severely stressed by desertification, chronic drought and climate change, aggravated by the chronic lack of

adequate coordinated technical and financial support for ranch and farm conservation, management and improvement. These factors contribute to average annual soil losses estimated at more than 100,000 tons; average annual surface water losses of at least 250,000 acre-feet of storage capacity of reservoirs on the Colorado River system."

- D. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter by Resolution No. CCC-08-0160-16, attached as Exhibit B, supports Navajo Division of Natural Resource's application to USDA RCPP for the grant opportunity.
- E. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support the Navajo Division of Natural Resources submission of an application to USDA RCPP for the grant opportunity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation supports the Navajo Division of Natural Resources Association application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Regional Conservation Partnership Program (USDA RCPP) grant funding opportunity for the benefit of the Navajo Nation Chapters within the Little Colorado River Watershed.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, to advocate for the Navajo Division of Natural Resources Chapters Association application to the USDA RCPP.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Leupp, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 0 opposed, this 22nd day of September 2016.

LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon Second: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

23nd Navajo Nation Council Naabik'iyati' Committee

DATE:	September 22, 2016

Legislation <u>0284-16</u> (Main Motion)

Motion: Hon. Dwight Witherspoon

Second: Hon. Jonathan L. Hale

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Honorable LoRenzo Bates Speaker

23nd Navajo Nation Council Naabik'iyati' Committee

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Navajo Nation Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) 9-18-2016 draft summary

Partners: Navajo Nation DNR (lead and PL 566 Sponsor); LCRWCA, SWCDs; Dine College, Army Corps of Engineers; BIA we will get over \$6 million of USDA-NRCS technical assistance for watershed planning, leveraged from ACE and other partner contributions.

The Navajo Nation RCPP is an unprecedented partnership aligning Navajo and federal governments, Navajo producer associations, communities, and local organizations with the NRCS mission. The Navajo Nation RCPP requests an NRCS PL-566 Watershed Planning Team for five years, targeting three sub-watersheds of the Little Colorado River (LCR) Basin. Navajo Nation partners will contribute more than 1:1 to this planning, and will historically underserved limited resource Navajo producers prepare for EQIP and other USDA assistance.

The Navajo Nation RCPP includes the Navajo Division of Natural Resources, the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association, Navajo Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Army Corps of Engineers (ACE), and Bureau of Indian Affairs. It encompasses 25 Navajo Nation Chapters in the LCR Basin of the Navajo Nation.

PL 566 Planning will focus on three LCR sub-watersheds: (1) Dinnebito Wash, upstream of Hopi Tribal lands; (2) Oraibi Wash, upstream and downstream of Hopi lands to the LCR confluence; and (3) the Upper Puerco River from its headwaters to Lupton, Arizona; and Black Creek from its headwaters to its confluence with the Puerco River at Houck, Arizona. ACE will take the planning lead for the Oraibi and Upper Puerco. NRCS will supplement ACE work and take the lead on a PL 566 Watershed Plan for the Upper Dinnebito.

RCPP Partners will participate in and support PL 566 planning activities; will address barriers to Navajo participation in EQIP; will conduct bilingual/bicultural outreach and education to emerging producers' associations, and support conservation planning; and will support youth conservation demonstration projects.

This partnership strengthens relationships among communities, producers and decision-makers, paving the way for Navajo Nation to access resources for strategically targeted and accelerated conservation implementation to improve resource conditions in the project area, approximately 25% of Navajo Nation.

2017 RCPP Full Proposal Guide

The 2017 Announcement for Program Funding (FY17 APF) describes the implementation guidance for NRCS Program rules, regulations, definitions, proposal requirements, and proposal review process. This guidance is based on the legislation of the 2014 Farm Bill Program Authorization for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

RCPP is not a grant. An RCPP award will direct NRCS Program funds and activities matched by partner funds and activities to be used for the shared priorities of the proposal. The following will help you move an asked-back pre-proposal to a full proposal. This full proposal, if awarded, will be the foundation for an agreement between NRCS and the lead partner to accomplish the proposal outcomes.

NRCS must operate within the confines of Congressional Laws and agency policies. Ensure that you work with your NRCS Point of Contact (POC) to understand and address the following:

- All requested funding for the proposal should consider:
 - Funding contributed by each cooperating partners
 - What are the roles, expertise, and value of the people who will charge their time to the project?
 - How will partner match contribute toward conservation on eligible land?
 - Funding contributed by NRCS
 - All conservation activities, land, and participants must meet program requirements.
 - How much NRCS federal funding, Financial Assistance (FA), is needed for conservation on eligible land?
 - What is the NRCS estimated personnel costs, Technical Assistance (TA)? How many NRCS and what is the expertise of the personnel needed?
 - Funding requested by the partner for partner activities
 - Are these activities that NRCS currently accomplishes or can accomplish?
 - Cost/benefit for federal dollars being spent outside the agency to accomplish agency goals.
 - Do these activities requested for funding meet the RCPP policies?

Additionally, as you respond to the Full Proposal Narrative questions remember that each question gives an opportunity to describe how partnership with NRCS will drive successful outcomes. Response lengths of the Full Proposal Narratives are limited to focus on the most essential information of the proposal. Successful RCPP proposals will specifically demonstrate how projects will lead to measurable outcomes such as changes in TMDL or delisting of a species.

Prior to addressing the narrative questions, please meet with your partnership team to fully develop your partnership responsibilities. Make sure you use the review criteria on pages 15-17 of the APF as discussion topics and challenge team members to identify opportunities and/or responsibilities to be addressed as questions are specifically answered. Proposals will be scored on their ability to identify, prioritize, and achieve outcomes, through the engagement of program participants.

The goal of RCPP is to strategically invest public resources to improve conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of our nation's natural resources. We can do more together.

RCPP Narrative Elements for Full Proposal (4000 character limit per item)

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1. Describe the lead partners and the partnership team. What makes this partnership adept at addressing the resource concern(s) and capable of accomplishing the proposed project? Describe past successes of the lead partner with respect to experience executing projects of similar size and duration. Characterize the expertise of individuals recruited to help solve the complex resource challenges. Are any of the project partners new to agricultural conservation activities? If so, describe the expertise these partners bring to the project.

The Navajo Nation RCPP partnership aligns tribal, federal and local governments, associations of Navajo producers, communities, and local organizations with the NRCS mission. The Navajo Nation RCPP requests an NRCS PL-566 Watershed Planning Team for five years, to complete plans on three sub-watersheds of the Little Colorado River Basin. Navajo Nation partners will contribute more than 1:1 support, and will get historically underserved Navajo produces ready for EQIP and other USDA assistance programs.

The Navajo land tenure system overlays ranchers and farmers' traditional use areas with tribal and federal jurisdictions whose practices, regulations and policies are currently not aligned. Effective change on the ground must engage all stakeholders and decision-makers.

NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) is Lead Partner and Sponsor of PL 566 activities. DNR brings essential authorities, expertise, and coordinating capability to the project. DNR manages, protects and conserves Navajo natural and cultural resources. DNR's Agriculture, Water Resources and Wildlife Department staff have successfully completed projects of comparable scope, including inter-agency collaboration on a livestock water pipeline and distribution system in Tolani Lake; rehabilitation of the Ganado irrigation project; coordinated PL 566 watershed planning and implementation on the Assayi Watershed; and operation and maintenance of irrigation projects along the San Juan River, including Cudei system improvements. DNR also collects precipitation and streamflow data, and conducts hydrological assessments.

DNR staff has well-established relationships with District Grazing Committees and Farm Boards across the project area. DNR is the Navajo Nation's lead with federal agencies, works closely with BIA on land use permitting; and has a longstanding relationship with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) on Section 203 and Planned Assistance to States projects. DNR directs Bureau of Reclamation investments on Navajo Nation, and with the NRCS State Office is planning how to implement large-scale EQIP projects.

THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS' ASSOCIATION (LCRWCA) is co-Applicant through the LCRWCA's Fiscal Agent, the Tse Si Ani Chapter, a sub-division of the Navajo Nation government. The LCRWCA will work closely with DNR and the Navajo SWCDs as RCPP Coordinating Partner. The LCRWCA is an association of 25 Navajo Nation Chapters that has built a coordinated watershed conservation outreach and planning program; a well received youth leadership conservation corps; and strong relationships with all Navajo RCPP Partners. A recent US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant gives the LCRWCA additional capacity to communicate and collaborate with Hopi stakeholders on shared watersheds.

Describe the natural resource challenge(s) that your project proposes to address. Provide information that validates
the critical need for both federal and partner investment of resources. Your description should include relevant
scientific data such as resource assessments, models, physical data, and/or historic trends, etc.

The Navajo Nation is severely stressed by desertification, drought, and climate change aggravated by the lack of coordinated technical and financial support for ranch and farm conservation, management and improvement. These factors contribute to average annual soil losses estimated at more than 100,000 tons; average annual surface water losses of at least 250,000 acre-feet from Navajo watersheds; and consequent sedimentation and loss of tens of thousands of acre-feet of storage capacity in reservoirs on the Colorado River system.

On many Navajo watersheds, livestock numbers are out of balance with the land and plants and wildlife. Overgrazing leads to loss of plant abundance and diversity... when the rains do come, they come very hard, very little sinks in, most rain runs off, making ever-worse sheet and gully erosion and downstream sedimentation of dams and reservoirs. Water tables drop in the upland valleys, springs dry up, the wildlife disappear.

According to the US Geological Survey, annual rainfall in western Navajo Nation has fallen below 3 inches during the most recent drought, and the areal extent of sand susceptible to movement and frequency of sand/dust storms have increased significantly (Redsteer et al 2011). The 2013 Assessment of Climate Change in the Southwest United States reports that the southwest is the most climate-challenged region of North America due to increase warming, decreased soil moisture and stream flow. The report adds that Native populations in this region are among the most vulnerable groups to climate change due to the coupled effect of harsh climatic impacts and high rates of poverty; that Navajo elders have noticed declines in snowfall, surface water and water supplies; and that sacred springs, medicinal plants, and animals have disappeared or declined and dust storms have increased (Garfin et al 2013).

DNR's Department of Fish and Wildlife reported in spring 2015 a loss of 30 fishing lakes over the past 30 years due to drought, low snowpack and lack of aquifer recharge. Wildlife surveys show low fawn-to-doe ratios and while drought hasn't directly affected priority species such as eagles, it does decrease the availability of their prey such as prairie dogs and rabbits.

Navajo SWCD Local Work Group meetings have prioritized resource concerns for range, farms, woodlands, and wildlife. SWCS priority concerns correlate closely with concerns identified by LCRWCA Chapters, raised by the Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee in hearings throughout the Navajo Nation, and stated by farmers and ranchers of the Navajo Farmer and Rancher Congress. These resource concerns include:

- 1. INSUFFICIENT WATER/DROUGHT 1) Loss of capacity to capture, store, and release rainfall and surface water; 2) Impaired rangeland health and hydrologic function; 3) Insufficient quantity, quality, reliability, and distribution of drinking water for livestock in every pasture; 4) Degraded plant condition, loss of health, productivity, and vigor, inadequate community structure/composition; 5) Plants do not produce the yields, quality and soil cover expected; 6) Inadequate feed for livestock; and 7) Excessive noxious and invasive plants.
- 2. WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION 1) Reduced capacity to limit accelerated loss of soil resources (erosion) from wind and water; 2) Sheet, rill and concentrated flow erosion; 3) Excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface waters; and 4) Dust storms with particulate matter < 10 micrometers.
- 3. INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH, WILDLIFE AND INVERTEBRATES 1) Inadequate water, food, and shelter quantity and quality for wildlife; 2) Loss of plant health, productivity and vigor, including wildlife habitat and potential habitat for species of concern; 3) Declining species of concern and conservation measures not in place; 4) Habitat fragmentation.

3. Characterize the geographic focus of the project. Provide sufficient background that explains why this area was selected. Consider how the project size will lead to successful, measurable outcomes in addressing the defined resource challenges. Discuss any prioritization or targeting that will achieve maximum success and whether it will be based on relevant scientific data.

The Navajo Nation includes over 17 million acres in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah—one of the most biologically and culturally diverse regions of the U.S. Over 12,000 historically underserved extremely limited resource Navajo family farmers and ranchers comprise nearly 20% of all Indian farmers and ranchers in the U.S. The target area for the Navajo RCPP program is the Navajo portion of the Little Colorado River (LCR) Watershed, including 25 of the watershed's 53 Navajo local governments (Chapters) mostly in Coconino, Navajo and Apache Counties in Arizona, and McKinley County in northwestern New Mexico. The project area includes all or part of the LCR's 18 major sub-watersheds, 5 of which originate on Navajo Nation, pass through the Hopi Reservation, and reemerge on Navajo land before reaching the LCR mainstem. The Navajo RCPP planning area surrounds Hopi Tribal lands.

We selected 3 sub-watersheds in the project area for focused watershed planning using NRCS PL 566 Watershed Authorities (henceforth "PL 566 planning" as distinguished from "conservation planning" with individual or groups of producers). These PL 566 planning areas are from west to east: a) the upper Dinnebito Wash, from its headwaters south to the Hopi boundary (190,852 acres); b) the Navajo portions of the Oraibi Wash upstream (225,196 acres) and downstream (101,697 acres) of Hopi Tribal lands; and c) the Upper Puerco River, encompassing all of Black Creek from its headwaters to Houck, Arizona (2 sub-watersheds each less than 250,000 acres, a total of 498,000 acres); and the Upper Puerco River from its headwaters to Lupton, Arizona (4 sub-watersheds each less than 250,000 acres, a total 745,500 acres).

We selected these watersheds to coordinate with and enhance two projects already planned by ACE on the Oraibi Wash, and the Black Creek/Upper Puerco River. The Upper Dinnebito Wash is included because it drains a part of the Black Mesa that has significant resource concerns (inadequate water, degraded water quality, loss of wildlife habitat) and strong community interest to address those concerns. Completed PL 566 and ACE plans will lead to implementation and demonstration of a range of conservation practices that will improve resource conditions and encourage future participation.

While PL 566 planning is underway, partners including DNR, LCRWCA, SWCDs, BIA and Dine College will coordinate complementary work across the entire project area on: producer outreach; training conservation planners and completing conservation plans; coordinating youth projects to conserve soil and water on the upper ends of small tributaries; coordinating with agencies on data collection and monitoring; and supporting formation of producer groups to access regular non-RCPP EQIP resources, as well as to prepare for new RCPP applications.

We selected the 25-Chapter project area to address the needs of the area's roughly 6,000 underserved limited resource Navajo small family ranchers and farmers. We estimate that fewer than half of these producers currently meet NRCS criteria for EQIP eligibility. Overlapping and sometimes conflicting processes for completing conservation plans to meet BIA, DNR and NRCS agency standards can be confusing for producers. Navigating the conservation planning process will be more readily accomplished with coordinated guidance and support from RCPP partners. Unique conditions on Navajo Nation, including its complex land tenure system, present additional barriers to producer participation in EQIP, especially with regard to demonstrating control of the land. For example, the RCPP project area includes Navajo Partitioned Land where for 40 years the BIA has withheld the grazing permits typically used to prove control of the land for Navajo ranchers. Including this area in the RCPP project area offers an opportunity for partners to work together to develop innovative approaches that remove these kinds of structural barriers and increase access to USDA programs.

4. Describe the proposed conservation systems selected to accelerate outcomes. This includes conservation practices, activities, enhancements, restoration work, easement acquisition, and other partner approaches.

The Navajo RCPP will complete three watershed plans and work with producers across the entire project area to pave the way for implementing an array of optimized conservation systems through regular EQIP, and future RCPP applications.

ACE will take the lead on PL 566 planning for the Oraibi Wash and Black Creek/Upper Puerco with an NRCS watershed team supporting and supplementing the ACE work to complete a plan that meets NRCS criteria. NRCS will take the lead on a PL 566 plan for the Upper Dinnebito Wash. These plans will include completing NEPA compliance requirements.

In addition to participation in PL 566 planning activities – (a) coordinating public participation processes, (b) providing technical review and input, (c) assisting with analyses of concerns, and (d) formulation and cost-benefit analyses of alternatives), Navajo RCPP partners will also work on solutions to structural and procedural barriers to producer participation in EQIP.

Thus, the LCRWCA, SWCDs and Dine College will (e) facilitate streamlining and cohering multiple agency conservation planning processes; (f) focus on outreach, education and demonstration activities using bilingual and bicultural materials to recruit producer participation and help emerging producers' associations complete conservation plans; (g) facilitate group discussions to refine resource concerns and strategies to address those concerns, and to articulate conservation goals and objectives; and (h) invite producer participation in resource inventories through workshops and working alongside NRCS Field Office and Navajo Partner conservation planners.

This work will open the door to targeted and accelerated conservation implementation funded through regular EQIP and CSP; ACE and other agency programs (e.g., USEPA, Bureau of Reclamation, USGS), future RCPP applications; possible PL 566 appropriations; as well as ongoing Navaio Nation investments.

Primary Navajo Nation resource concerns focus on loss of capacity to capture, store, and release rainfall and surface water, and inter-related impaired rangeland health and hydrologic function, degraded plant condition (loss of plant health, productivity, and vigor), and consequently, insufficient quantity, quality, and distribution of water, feed and cover for livestock and wildlife.

On the Black Creek sub-watershed, these resource concerns were aggravated by the Assayi Fire in 2014 which burned some 14,000 acres. When the rains came, the area experienced severe erosion, soil loss, influx of invasive species, and loss of wildlife habitat. These new resource concerns also will be addressed in the Black Creek PL 566 and ACE planning.

To address these concerns, we anticipate that, at a minimum, conservation systems emerging from ACE and PL 566 planning coordinated with non-RCPP EQIP conservation planning will:

- (a) Start at top of the most degraded sub-watersheds and work downstream;
- (b) Engage youth conservation corps and local families to install loose rock and rock/wire check dams to check and back-fill gully erosion, retain sediment, retain runoff, increase soil moisture and vegetation, and contribute to aquifer recharge and raising water tables (Nichols et al., 2012; Renganayaki et al., 2013);
- (c) Complete grazing management plans that provide for prescribed grazing paired with long-term vegetation and wildlife habitat monitoring conducted by partners and our youth conservation corps;
- (d) Install runoff water spreaders and diversions to slow runoff and reduce sediment;
- (e) Restore riparian areas and reduce wind erosion by deferred grazing, removal of invasive noxious species (e.g. tamarisk and Russian olive), and native shrub and trees species plantings; and
- (f) Establish soil-building cover crops on farmlands to hold soil moisture, reduce wind erosion, and improve soil health and fertility

5. Describe any activities that have already taken place addressing the resource concerns in the geographical focal area. Describe any previous attempts to resolve or any barriers to project success. Consider geographic scope, participation rates, implementation and project goals/outcomes in your response.

DNR collaborates with USGS, Bureau of Reclamation, and others on water resource monitoring and data collection; on range condition monitoring and management with NRCS, BIA and others; with the BIA IRMP on the Former Bennett Freeze Area (FNBA) and Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL - on lower LCR, Moencopi, Dinnebito, Oraibi, Polacca and Jeddito sub-watersheds); operation and maintenance of major irrigation projects; PL 566 watershed planning and implementation at Assayi and on the east-central New Mexico sub-watersheds of the Rio Grande; and ACE Section 203 projects. DNR is working closely with NRCS and BIA on a common conservation planning process that meets NRCS technical standards.

LCRWCA has worked with partners and 25 Navajo communities on structural and procedural initiatives, including adapting the NRCS 9-step planning process into a more Navajo-friendly culturally grounded alternative. To date LCRWCA has completed steps identifying resource concerns and articulating desired future conditions in 20 communities. Compiling resource inventories has proven to be a barrier. Much existing resource information is held by agencies but is not catalogued or readily accessible, especially to communities and producers who need good data to make the best possible decisions.

Where producers are receptive, the LCRWCA has helped launch and facilitate resource analyses, formulation and evaluation of alternative plans, working with partners and producers to analyze resource data, formulate and evaluate alternative plans, and select preferred alternatives. This work needs refinement, but the ground is prepared for NRCS conservation planning. LCRWCA is helping Chapters to prioritize goals, strategies and objectives for each sub-watershed; to identify and pursue financial and technical resources to realize their goals; and to design appropriate community-based conservation project organizational and management systems.

In 2016, the LCRWCA worked with the Navajo Department of Workforce Development to hire, train and supervise some 30 Navajo and Hopi youth leaders and 380 summer youth to complete loose rock and rock and wire check dams, spring clean-outs, noxious weed removal, and other conservation projects in 20 Chapters.

Navajo SWCDs have worked over the past 35 years identifying resource concerns and conducting outreach activities. They have developed and maintained strong partnerships with Navajo Nation programs, schools, colleges, communities and community-based organizations, including Navajo Nation's District Grazing Committees, Farm Boards, and Department of Agriculture; local community-based organizations including the LCRWCA, Dine College; New Mexico State University; Arizona Association of Tribal Conservation Districts; Indian Nations Conservation Alliance; the USDA-NRCS, and the BIA. They have also identified and documented barriers to Navajo farmer and rancher participation in USDA and other technical and financial assistance programs. Barriers include: 1) difficulty navigating various agencies' regulations and processes for obtaining or transferring ag permits, conservation planning and applying for USDA programs; 2) chronic lack of resources including paying up front for EQIP practices, even if reimbursed soon after completion; and 3) the complex of structural and regulatory barriers described above for proving control of land and allowing for applications from groups of producers.

BIA is completing range inventories reservation-wide. Inventories for Black Creek and lower Oraibi sub-watersheds have been completed. They will inform the PL 566 plans, and provide valuable information on resource conditions and current carrying capacity. BIA provides these reports to DNR who will share the inventories with participating partners and watershed stakeholders. BIA has also worked on noxious weed control in the Black Creek and Pueblo Colorado LCR sub-watersheds.

6. Consider how your proposed activities relate to past and current NRCS accomplishments. Describe how a team approach will lead to more efficient and effective outcomes. Does your approach supplement or enhance an existing project, initiative, or local/regional plan? If so, please elaborate.

The NRCS is a relative newcomer to the Navajo Nation. Although there was an active SCS presence on the Nation between 1935 and 1939, this ended at the outset of the Second World War; the NRCS did not return until the formation of the Navajo SWCDs under Navajo law in 1981. Since that time, five NRCS Field Offices have worked diligently with producers on conservation planning and EQIP contracts in the five Navajo SWCDs. Much of this work has been frustrated by lack of coordinated assessment and resolution of the many structural, administrative and cultural barriers to Navajo participation in EQIP and other USDA programs. As outlined in this narrative, the emerging RCPP partnership will create an unprecedented favorable climate for multiple agency focus on resolution of these barriers.

Between 1993 and 2000, NRCS staffed a watershed team to work with Navajo Nation on watershed planning and related natural resource assessments. Among other accomplishments, the team completed a plan for the Assayi sub-watershed, on the upper Black Creek and provided the Navajo Nation with an excellent demonstration of the value of integrated interdisciplinary approaches to natural resources planning, conservation and management. The Navajo RCPP is bringing NRCS expertise and holistic planning back to Navajo with opportunity to mentor and build capacity within Navajo Nation. We also anticipate innovative linkages between the NRCS and the Nation's 1994 Land Grant Institutes to build capacity among partners and producers, and within the Land Grant Program itself.

In the mid 2000s, an innovative partnership between NRCS, DNR, BIA, Bureau of Reclamation, Tolani Lake Chapter, and the Tolani Lake Livestock Water Users Association planned and built a pipeline and series of pump stations and tanks to supply reliable livestock water as a grazing management tool in Tolani Lake. This project demonstrated significant rangeland improvement resulting from agency and producer partnerships, gave an example of how to address the land control barrier, and is a model which the Navajo RCPP hopes to replicate throughout the project area.

In 2012, the NRCS funded a Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) to a Tolani Lake NGO, to develop, test and document the use of solar-powered (photovoltaic) pumping for irrigation in remote areas where the only alternative for Native farmers was pumping with diesel fuel. This project was completed in 2016, successfully demonstrating solar pumping for irrigation on two Navajo farms and for one Hopi farming community; and is being proposed to NRCS for inclusion in approved EQIP practices. The Navajo RCPP will follow up and seek to expand this conservation initiative.

In 2016, the BIA is nearing completion of a regional Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) for the Former Bennett Freeze Area, in the west of the project area. Another BIA-led IRMP is about to start in the Navajo Partitioned Lands portion of the Navajo Nation. IRMPs are authorized by the American Indian Agricultural Resources Management Act of 2000 (25 U.S.C. 3701 et seq), which sets forth a resource planning and management approach well aligned with NRCS PL 566 planning. The RCPP offers an unprecedented opportunity to intensify and focus required community input into these IRMPs, and to allow the BIA, NRCS and ACE to coordinate closely their respective planning methods.

The above illustrates the effectiveness of multiple-partner collaboration in this complex administrative landscape. The RCPP Partnership's time has come. Together we can build on past successes, focus our efforts on removing barriers to producer participation in conservation, and get the planning in place to improve resource conditions on Navajo Nation strategically and effectively.

7. Describe the project approach and timeline. Conceptually consider how the partnership team (including NRCS) will work together on tasks. Describe roles, responsibilities and capabilities of each partner as they relate to project goals, solutions, and accomplishments.

We assume a start date immediately after the RCPP agreement is signed. LCRWCA will first hire a Partnership Coordinator to support DNR on project management, reporting, and partner coordination, working closely with NRCS and partner-appointed points of contact. S/he will facilitate focused work sessions and partner meetings, document outcomes and progress, and share results among partners and stakeholders. In year 1, we will concentrate on establishing strong teams to work on four main activities: PL-566 plans for each of the sub-watersheds, producer outreach education, conservation planning complementary to the PL 566 work, and youth conservation projects.

Watershed planning teams will be staffed and inventory work will begin in year one with the bulk of the planning work completed years 2 through 4. Youth will complete conservation projects in years 1 through 5. Conservation planning support will be ongoing through the project period.

DNR's Agriculture, Water Resources and Wildlife Department staff will participate in PL 566 planning with RCPP partners, District Grazing Committees and Farm Boards. DNR will align ongoing projects with Navajo RCPP goals. DNR's heavy equipment and operators will be available to support conservation work.

ACE will take the lead on watershed planning for Black Creek/Upper Puerco River, and the Navajo portions of the Oraibi Wash. ACE will staff a planning team to complete these two watershed studies. NRCS will supplement the ACE team with a part-time planning team for each project that will include a Planning Team Leader/Conservationist, Rangeland Management Specialist, Wildlife Biologist/Environmental Specialist, Civil Engineering Specialist, Hydraulic Engineer/Hydrologist, Soil Scientist, Cultural Resource Specialist, and GIS Specialist. An Economist will join the team in the final year. The NRCS team will support ACE during the technical assessments for each watershed, and will lead on NEPA analyses and formatting the completed ACE plan to meet NRCS specifications. NRCS will take the lead on the Upper Dinnebito Wash PL 566 plan. NRCS will staff the team with a full-time Planning Team Leader/Conservationist, Rangeland Management Specialist, Wildlife Biologist/Environmental Specialist, and Civil Engineering Specialist as the core team supplemented by part-time support from a Hydraulic Engineer/Hydrologist, Soil Scientist, and Cultural Resource Specialist plus a half-time Economist in the final year.

In each watershed planning area, DNR, BIA, NRCS and other agencies will provide available data, reports, GIS resources, and technical input as requested. LCRWCA staff will coordinate closely with the SWCDs and Dine College to conduct public outreach, education, and involvement activities. DNR, Navajo EPA, and BIA staff will review the planning documents to ensure they meet all NEPA compliance standards. BIA will also coordinate its IRMP activities on the NPL portions of the Dinnebito and Oraibi sub-watersheds with the ACE and NRCS watershed planning work.

LCRWCA and the SWCDs will coordinate the Outreach Team to develop, test and refine culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach, training and capacity building materials and methods to ensure that producer outreach (a) is strategically focused in areas where producers understand and are ready to form associations; and (b) is targeted to support producer association conservation planning and applications for EQIP and other resources needed to implement their plan. The Outreach Team will work closely with NRCS Field Office staff to prepare these groups of producers for regular (non-RCPP) EQIP, and for future RCPP applications and other resources.

8. Describe any innovative or creative methods the project and partnership will utilize to provide solutions to the identified resource concerns. For example, will new or emerging markets be utilized, will practice standards or enhancements be expanded upon, or will new strategies be employed to overcome previous adoption limitations?

The Navajo RCPP is the first time the major land and resource managers on Navajo Nation have come together in a formal partnership that engages the tribal government, federal agencies, SWCDs, agricultural officials at the district and local levels, Chapter-level planners, communities, and producers as individuals and groups. This assemblage has the accumulated experience, authority, and capacity to address key structural barriers that have hindered conservation. Together we can access federal funding including Army Corps of Engineers, USDI, and USDA programs, with a focus on NRCS EQIP and PL 566 resources. The Navajo RCPP provides an opportunity to combine our efforts and resources to share known and find new mechanisms to break through barriers that have held back conservation on Navajo Nation. This provides a unique and unprecedented opportunity to coordinate a strategic approach to address priority resource concerns.

In this Navajo RCPP, NRCS funding is focused on comprehensive PL 566 watershed planning. Partner contributions will fund building local capacity for implementation. We will build on the innovative community-based culturally grounded conservation outreach and planning work put in motion through the LCRWCA with the Navajo SWCDs and Dine College. In addition, we will investigate opportunities to work with First Nations Development Institute and Resource Management Systems LLC to apply and further refine their group conservation planning method developed and piloted with 14-R Ranches in the New Lands area of Navajo Nation. Together and in collaboration with DNR and NRCS Field Offices, SWCD and LCRWCA will conduct strategic outreach to share options for conservation with producers ready to form associations and tap into alternative approval and funding mechanisms with local or tribal governments to access regular EQIP and other funding resources during this project period and after.

Engaging Navajo Youth with conservation is our most exciting innovation. Over the past two years, LCRWCA has invested in training a leadership cadre of 30 Navajo and Hopi youth who then take their skills back to their communities to teach and mentor other youth to be conservation leaders. We have seen lives change along with the landscape they are healing with the small check dams, water catchments, and other conservation installations they build together.

9. Clearly state intended uses of partner cash and in-kind resources. Describe partner commitments to perform specific activities, particularly ones that are not typically performed by NRCS. Letters of Financial Contribution are required in the Full-proposal submission package. Please upload them into the Data Tool, "Letters" tab.

ACE

- Black Creek/Upper Puerco River Watershed Study — \$1,392,750 over 5 years TA to complete watershed study meeting NRCS criteria, including alternatives to address resource concerns. Cost share requirements will be met through RCPP partner contributions (DNR and LCRWCA).

- Upper Puerco River Planning Assistance Project - \$225,000 in Year 1 TA to complete drainage management plan with data collection and hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. Cost share requirements will be met through LCRWCA's contribution.

- Oraibi Wash Watershed Study - \$1,600,000 in TA to complete a watershed study meeting NRCS criteria including alternatives to address water resource concerns in the study area. Cost share requirements will be met through the LCRWCA's contribution.

SWCDs

- RCPP partner coordination \$135,000 in-kind over 5 years for RCPP coordination and planning for conservation outreach and public involvement in the planning area, in three Navajo SWCDs;
- Outreach to Ranchers and Farmers \$273,600 in-kind over 5 years for outreach education in three SWCDs; includes culturally/linguistically appropriate outreach and capacity-building materials;
- Conservation Planning (resource concerns, desired future conditions, resource inventories) \$345,600 in-kind over 5 years for conservation planning activities with farmers and ranchers in the planning area; with RCPP partners;

LCRWCA

- Coordination \$500,000 in-kind over 5 years to coordinate and manage the partnership including communications; monthly partnership meetings; documenting LCRWCA contributions over the project period, subject to Navajo Nation Council annual appropriation; contributes to required 25% match to ACE work on Oraibi and Upper Puerco;
- Outreach and EQIP Intake/Application Review \$1,000,000 in-kind over 5 years working with SWCDs on outreach and outreach materials, travel support for outreach; meetings with local Grazing and Chapter officials, SWCDs and regional producers, subject to NN Council annual appropriation; contributes to required 25% match to ACE work on Oraibi and Upper Puerco:
- Conservation Planning \$1,000,000 TA over 5 years to complete resource concerns, desired future conditions, resource inventories with SWCDs, NRCS Field Office staff, for producer associations; subject to NN Council annual appropriation;
- Coordinate Watershed Studies \$500,000 in-kind over 5 years to work with partners to coordinate Upper Puerco and Oraibi Wash Watershed Studies and manage NEPA process for selecting and implementing the preferred alternative(s); contributes to required 25% match to ACE work on Oraibi and Upper Puerco;
- Youth Leadership \$500,000 in-kind over 5 years working with Chapters and Navajo Workforce Development to hire and supervise youth working with data collection, watershed assessment and restoration projects.

DINE COLLEGE LAND GRANT PROGRAM

- Coordination and Outreach for Conservation Planning Training -\$18,780 in-kind over 5 years to conduct conservation planning training with farmers, ranchers and RCPP stakeholders.

DNR

In-kind support to the RCPP over five years will include:

- Sponsoring PL 83-566 Watershed Authority program activities;
- Providing project oversight and coordination, with LCRWCA;
- Reporting to Navajo Nation leadership and stakeholders;
- Meeting ACE cost-share requirement for Upper Puerco planning area;
- Supporting ACE and NRCS planning in Oraibl and Dinnebito planning areas;
- · Facilitating EQIP eligibility for Navajo producers; and
- · Coordinating data collection to share data, identifying gaps, and coordinating research efforts.

BIA

In-kind support to the RCPP over five years will include but not be limited to -

- · Coordinating IRMP activities with ACE and NRCS planning;
- · Coordinating NEPA compliance for all planning activities; and
- · Sharing data, helping identify gaps and coordinating inventory efforts.

10. What is your plan for documenting project success? Is there a feedback mechanism or evaluation criteria that will determine whether the final product has accomplished the project goals? Describe how changes will be detected once implementation is complete?

Because this Navajo RCPP is primarily a planning project, major metrics for success will include: (1) the number of PL-566 watershed plans and conservation plans completed over the project period; (2) documented progress on number of barriers removed to producers' access to NRCS programs, including the regular non-RCPP EQIP, CSP, future RCPP proposals, and other funding pools; (3) the number of approved contracts to USDA programs during the project; and (4) increased numbers and capacity of partners to work together effectively and leverage resources for Navajo land and people.

LCRWCA will take the lead on documenting progress on all Navajo RCPP activities as described in this application and in partner contribution letters. Partners will report progress quarterly and informally at monthly Partnership meetings to share successes and challenges. Navajo RCPP Partners will work with other agencies and institutions including Navajo Nation EPA, US Geological Survey; US Bureau of Reclamation, USDA ARS (with their Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model – RHEM), tribal colleges and Universities to coordinate data collection and monitoring to establish baseline data and adaptive management methods that will help determine the effectiveness of conservation efforts. The primary measurable indicators of outcomes and benefits from conservation implementations resulting from this RCPP planning are listed below. We will also seek to observe, track and document secondary less easily measured indices, to assess the diverse long-term impacts of this work.

ENVIRONMENTAL - Primary indicators: reduction in sediment loads per year, with attendant benefits to water quality (turbidity, TDS) and wildlife habitat; number of conservation plans completed, and acres planned; number of plans with practices implemented, practices applied and acres benefited; on cropland, irrigation water application dates and amounts applied; acre-feet or tons of soil and of runoff water conserved per year. Secondary indicators: on rangeland, trend monitoring to monitor changes in plant communities; beneficial changes in wildlife abundance, diversity, community composition; water quantity and quality impacts on downstream springs, water tables, alluvial aquifers.

SOCIAL - Primary indicators: numbers of historically underserved very limited resource producers who participate; and numbers of participating communities and of community-based youth and youth-serving organizations (youth groups, youth conservation corps, schools, colleges and universities). Secondary indicators: quality of life increases (e.g., reductions in diabetes and obesity due to increased outdoor activities of youth) due to inter-relationship of improved health of watershed ecosystems and the communities dependent on them.

ECONOMIC - Primary indicators: value of acre-feet of protected water storage in downstream reservoirs (storage that would have otherwise been lost to sediment loads from Navajo watersheds); and value of flood protection and of wildlife habitat protection benefits accruing. Secondary indicators: documented value-added, improved risk management, and increased returns to livestock producers; and value of restored and improved ecosystem functions and services. We are very aware of the challenge to quantify this last value; however we will work with partners to learn how to do this to understand and appreciate more fully all the costs and benefits of our actions ("market" and "externalities" alike).

11. How can the methodology and accomplishments of this project be transferred or expanded to other geographic focal areas with similar resource challenges?

This initial Navajo RCPP project is focused on three sub-watersheds within Navajo Nation portions of the Little Colorado River (LCR) Basin in Arizona and New Mexico. The project area covers less than a quarter of Navajo Nation, providing much opportunity for replication on Navajo Nation alone. As they are proven, refined, and documented, the methodologies of this project — 1) combining intensive culturally-grounded community-based participatory planning with 2) intermediary facilitation of producer access to USDA programs 3) strengthened and guided by state-of-the-art technical expertise and support — will be adaptable to the rest of the Navajo LCR watershed, and to Navajo portions of the San Juan and Rio Grande watersheds in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. In particular, the EQIP models proven successful in Tolani Lake and piloted in Cudei can serve as models for other communities on Navajo Nation and perhaps for other tribes.

The Navajo Nation, with the largest land base and possibly the most complex land tenure system of any Tribe in the US, is a challenging environment for inter-agency collaboration and streamlining overlapping jurisdictions. Although conditions, rules and structures vary among tribes, innovative mechanisms developed and tested in this partnership may provide models for tribal-federal-producer partnerships in other parts of the US.

Thus, as BIA and NRCS and the Navajo Nation agree on a common conservation planning process, this will greatly help coordinate and integrate BIA IRMP with NRCS PL 566 and conservation planning processes. Similarly, collaboration among NRCS and ACE on side-by-side watershed planning (e.g., on the Dinnebito and Oraibi) will help agencies and Navajo stakeholders understand better how each agency works, and how most effectively to collaborate on future projects on the Navajo Nation and elsewhere in the country.

12. Describe any available data that demonstrates demand for project solutions. This can include surveys, existing application demand, etc. Estimate how many eligible producers, in the geographic scope, are likely to participate, and how this was calculated. Describe the basis of your estimation. Does the project include comprehensive strategies for encouraging participation of historically underserved producers (see definition)?

A major demonstration of the need for solutions lies in the extent, severity and magnitude of the resource concerns themselves. In every community participating in the LCRWCA's pilot outreach and planning efforts, the community response has been overwhelmingly:

"Where have you been? This should have been done 20 years ago..."

Of some 6,000 historically underserved extremely limited resource Navajo small family ranchers and farmers in the project area, we estimate that fewer than half meet current definitions of EQIP eligibility, due to lack of correspondence between the Navajo land tenure system and EQIP regulations.

In addition to specific administrative barriers described above, Navajo producers have not participated in NRCS conservation programs, or other USDA assistance programs, because: 1) they do not know about the programs; 2) they do not understand how to apply; 3) the application process requires English language and literacy and record-keeping skills which may not be present; 4) there has been insufficient outreach and education to address the preceding; 5) the BIA has administered Navajo land tenure / land use permit, the IRMP process, and the NEPA compliance process – all without adequate coordination with NRCS' differing approaches and expertise; 6) Navajo Nation entities, especially grassroots producers, have been caught in the middle between differing agency views and approaches, policies and procedures, leading to confusion and often stalemate. People give up on getting any help.

For example, as described under barriers in Q3, producers in the NPL do not have control over their traditional use grazing land or farms. Permit transfers are frequently held up in extended probate. In some cases, paperwork or reports are missing that keep a producer out of compliance with Grazing Regulations. For any of these reasons, a producer would not be EQIP eligible without an alternative pathway to meet regulatory or statutory requirements of NRCS programs. Consequently, although NRCS had no new EQIP applications on Navajo last year that is not a measure of lack of demand, but an indicator that the barriers to application have been overwhelming.

The entire Navajo RCPP initiative is designed as a comprehensive strategy to pave the way for and encourage participation of historically underserved Navajo producers.

allow for any size operation to participate. Was any resource data or research used to justify ranking criteria? Describe any local and/or partner input that was considered and the process utilized to gather input. N/A

13. Describe potential criteria to evaluate and rank RCPP applications. Ranking criteria should be transparent, fair, and

14. Describe the cost-effectiveness of the approach. Explain alternative approaches that were considered, including a no-action alternative. Consider these questions in your response: Are the project costs in line with current regional averages? Are there additional values that can be attributed to project success, such as local economic gains? Will this project address social issues, particularly with respect to environmental justice or persistent poverty that have long term economic consequences if not addressed?

As discussed above, Navajo Nation producers have had no access to NRCS assistance between 1940 and 1980; and have had great difficulty accessing NRCS programs since 1980 due to the barriers noted. At the same time, neither the BIA nor the Navajo Nation separately have been able to address resource concerns effectively, while the resource conditions themselves have deteriorated due to drought, a shift in grazing from intensively managed sheep to less intensively managed cattle, and a warming climate. The RCPP offers an opportunity to surmount isolated and fragmented approaches, and integrate multi-agency technical assistance to complete fully participatory watershed level plans as the foundations for improvement of conditions at a meaningful scale on this vast landscape.

'No action' is not acceptable. We can safely say that Navajo Nation conditions are bad and getting worse. Working in groups is more cost-effective than working alone. Project costs are in line with historically underserved producer averages, with an adjustment for the remoteness of our project area.

Completing foundational plans will allow Navajo producers to put conservation practices in place that will improve productivity of our ranches and farms. We believe that increased conservation will lead to increased productivity with attendant increased local social and economic gains.

As stated in Q10, once conservation implementation is underway, in addition to environmental indices, we will monitor and document social and economic benefits.

Additional Questions

regulatory requirements" Section 1271B (d)(4)(A) of the 1985 Act. Briefly describe the regulation or potential regulation; the impact or potential impact of the regulation on producers, including any economic impact or impact on production; what mechanism (e.g., State-level or "safe-harbor" agreement or Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances) will allow project activities to be considered under the regulation. N/A

15. If applicable, indicate how the project will assist "producers in meeting or avoiding the need for natural resource

16. Does the proposal include any activities that are not included in an NRCS conservation practice standard or enhancement? If so, briefly identify the beneficial and adverse effects of those activities on affected natural resources (soil, water, air, plants, and animals) and specifically statutorily protected resources (e.g., cultural and historic resources, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, etc.). This information will help NRCS determine the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation needed. If project actions are covered by an existing NEPA document, provide the name of the document, a link, or indicate how a copy can be obtained. No.

strongly encouraged to work with NRCS to fully understand NRCS program purpose and limitations. If any Adjustment of Terms are being requested, please refer to Appendix A in the APF for Definitions. N/A

17. If Adjustment of Terms are needed in order to achieve project objectives, please describe here. Partners are

18. Does the project require Alternative Funding Arrangements? If the project requires Alternative Funding Arrangements, please describe how it will meet the goals and objectives of RCPP. Refer to Section III, Part C. for AFA eligibility and requirements and Appendix A in the APF for Definitions. N/A

Please use this space to provide relevant information that was not included in the previous questions or in the Data Entry Tool.

PARTICIPATION:

Agencies and organizations easily focus on internal priorities and work loads. This RCPP opportunity motivates and enables diverse resource-stressed organizations to consider together common resource concerns and conservation priorities, and pool resources to leverage NRCS assistance on Navajo Nation. Preparing this application has been extremely valuable in cohering a new working partnership. This wholehearted good faith collaboration is welcome; we are enthusiastic about moving forward into a full five-year partnership.

The Navajo RCPP partnership will grow. Organizations not yet included but expressing an interest in participating include Navajo Nation, BIA and County Departments of Transportation; Navajo Nation and US EPA; US Geological Survey; the Bureau of Reclamation; USDA ARS; Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station; Arizona's state universities; Navajo Technical Institute; First Nations Development Institute and Resource Management Systems LLC.

Attached is a letter from the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President confirming support of the Navajo RCPP, designating DNR as Lead Partner and PL 566 Sponsor, and LCRWCA as co-applicant and Coordinating Partner.

LCRWCA letters of contribution include resolutions from member Chapters supporting the RCPP and youth conservation program. These resolutions are from sub-units of Navajo government representing community commitments to participate in and support the goals of the RCPP.

DNR and BIA letters of contribution confirm their support for and participation in the RCPP, but do not articulate TA, FA or in-kind contributions due to agency time and review constraints.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Partner contributions over the five-year project period total \$7,838,980, compared to a request for NRCS PL 566 TA funding of \$6,435,000, a ratio of 1:1.22. We entered partner in-kind contributions into the data tool under Technical Assistance.

The contribution letter from Navajo SWCDs includes 2 SWCDS not located in the project area; so we reduced their stated contribution by 40% to \$754,200.

Navajo RCPP PL 566 funding will be used solely to support the watershed plans described in the narrative. We developed the following staffing plan and budget with guidance from the NRCS Arizona State Office.

Core watershed planning team:

- 1. Planning Team Leader/Conservationist
- 2. Rangeland Management Specialist
- 3. Wildlife Biologist/Environmental Specialist
- 4. Civil Engineering Specialist

Supplemented with:

- 5. Hydraulic Engineer/Hydrologist
- 6. Soil Scientist
- 7. Cultural Resources Specialist
- 8. GIS Specialist
- 9. Public Affairs Specialist/Liaison
- 10. Economist.

We used the following budget assumptions.

- LCRWCA will fill the role of position 9 as their partner contribution.
- All other positions will be staffed by NRCS using PL-566 TA funds.
- Positions 1-8 will be paid at a rate of \$149,500 per year. This rate is fully loaded with all related staffing costs including an allowance for remote travel. Distance from the state office in Phoenix to remote works sites on Navajo Nation average 250 miles one-way.
- Position 10 will be paid at a rate of \$156,000 per year.
- NRCS will be fully responsible for watershed planning in the Upper Dinnebito Wash, will work collaboratively with the Army Corps of Engineers on technical analysis on the Black Creek/Upper Puerco and Oraibi Watershed Plans, and will complete NEPA for all three plans.
- The Upper Dinnebito staffing plan includes Positions 1-4 at full time for three years; Positions 5-8 at half time for three years; and Position 10 at full time for 6 months.
- The Black Creek/Upper Puerco River staffing plan includes Positions 1-8 at half time for three years and Position 10 at full time for 3 months.
- The Oralbi Wash staffing plan is the same as the Black Creek/Upper Puerco.
- We totaled these costs and divided them equally across the 5-year project period.



United States Department of Agriculture

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Lower Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association Post Office Box 403 Lupton, Arizona 86508

Re: RCPP FY2017 Proposal, Project ID# 1600

Dear Lower Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association:

Thank you for submitting your Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) proposal for our review and concurrence. As you know, Arizona has been assigned as the lead state for your RCPP FY17 full-proposal, Navajo RCPP.

Based on the information we have reviewed, it appears this proposal fulfills the basic requirements of RCPP, and also addresses the appropriate conservation goals, objectives, and resource concerns listed in the Fiscal Year 2017 Announcement for Program Funding (FY2017 APF). However, the maps delineating the project watersheds do not accurately reflect the scientific definition of watersheds.

The areas identified surrounding the Hopi Reservation are purely political boundaries which would not meet the PL-566 watershed boundary requirement. Even at the sub-basin level, the watershed boundaries for the areas north and south of the Hopi Reservation cross into the Hopi Reservation. Without partnership from the Hopi Tribe, these watersheds would be ineligible.

As identified in the proposal, the Upper Puerco Watershed at the 8-digit (sub-basin) hydrologic unit level would not meet the 250,000 acre requirement of PL-566. However, the delineation on the map included in the proposal does not align with actual watershed boundaries. There is a total of seven (7) 10-digit (watershed) hydrologic units in the Upper Puerco. This is more than the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has the capacity to plan in a five-year period, even with additional technical assistance funding. In discussion with Navajo Nation officials, Black Creek has been identified as the priority, which includes two (2) watersheds that would fit the acre limitation of PL-566, and fall within their capacity to support. A map is attached.

The Navajo Nation Department of Natural Resources is the lead partner, and it is necessary that any agreements would be with the Navajo Nation DNR as the official representative of the Navajo Nation government. No other entity has been approved to represent the government with the NRCS. Upon meeting all submission requirements, your proposal will receive a formal review prior to any RCPP selection. Please note this in-state review is intended to help inform, but not replace the formal review process.

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This letter is not an endorsement of the project. Rather, it documents that the Arizona Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed this RCPP proposal in accordance with the FY 2017 APF. If the focus is narrowed to two watersheds as discussed and based on the information provided and discussions held to date, there is a reasonable expectation that the proposed project, if selected, could be implemented within the covered program rules.

Thank you again for your RCPP proposal.

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Sincerely,

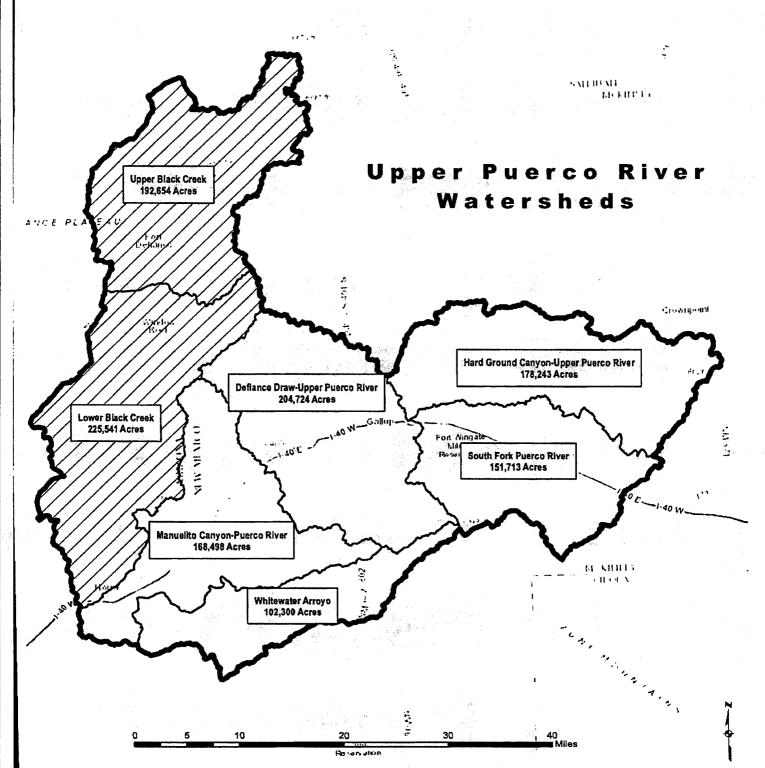
KEISHA L. TATEM State Conservationist

Enclosure: Watershed Map

cc:

Bidtah Becker, Director, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona Emily Fife. Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, NRCS, Phoenix, Arizona Dave Beyman, State Conservation Engineer, NRCS, Phoenix, Arizona

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Sources: Esri, DeLorme, HERE, TomTom, Intermap, Increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRI SIDI NI JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

September 19, 2016

Mark A. Rose, Director
Financial Assistance Programs Division
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
RCPP Application
Post Office Box 2890
Washington, D.C. 20013-2890

Dear Dr. Rose:

On behalf of the Navajo Nation, we are pleased to provide the Navajo Nation's application to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

The Navajo Nation's application for RCPP is being submitted on behalf of a partnership facilitated by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapter's Association (LCRWCA), whose work in twenty-five Navajo communities has done much to facilitate this opportunity. The organization is represented by Tse Si Ani Chapter, a local unit of the Navajo Nation government that serves as the fiscal sponsor for the program.

The Navajo Nation's Division of Natural Resources will be the Sponsoring Organization and Lead Partner on behalf of the Navajo Nation for all work under the authorities of PL 83-566, the Small Watershed Protection Act.

We are very pleased with the conservation partnership that is forming around this initiative, which includes our Navajo Nation government departments and programs, local communities. Soil and Water Conservation Districts, I'ribal College, and community-based organizations; as well as our strong allies among the federal agencies including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and others. This is truly an unprecedented and very welcome partnership, and we thank the NRCS for its leadership in this arena.

We are deeply committed to working together to restore the interdependent health and resilience of our Navajo watersheds and communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

THE NATAJO NATION

Russell Begaye, President



RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

September 19, 2016

Mark A. Rose, Director Financial Assistance Programs Division U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service RCPP Application Post Office Box 2890 Washington, D.C. 20013-2890

Dear Mr. Rose:

Today, the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources is submitting an application for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) as the lead applicant for technical assistance on the Little Colorado River watershed and sub-watersheds. The Upper Puerco Watershed, including the Black Creek area, will serve as initial priorities for the RCPP effort. Projects for financial assistance will follow in subsequent RCPP cycles after watershed plans are developed in the initial years of the RCPP implementation schedules.

The Division of Natural Resources will serve as PL-566 sponsor. We expect initial watershed plans developed will serve as a basis for multi-year strategic planning and projects beyond the RCPP project cycle, in coordination with the Division's departments: Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, Historic Preservation, Water Resources and other departments that have natural and cultural resource oversight within the project area. In addition, project funding opportunities will be requested through the Navajo Nation Council for cost sharing and project implementation, along with other federal funds.

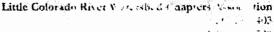
We will collaborate with other participating partners, including the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association, local Tribal Soil and Water Conservation Districts, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Navajo Nation Department of Workforce Development, local institutions of higher education, and others. Please note that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will participate with authorities for land and natural resources management, such as conservation planning and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

Your favorable actions on our RCPP application are appreciated.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION

Evangeline Curley-Thomas, Deputy Director Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources



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RE: RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Dear Reviewer:

I am writing to confirm that the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters' Association (LCRWCA) supports the Navajo Nation's proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program. We will be proud to serve as coordinating partner for the partnership, building off the work that we have completed over the past two years that lead to the development of the RCPP proposal and the partnerships therein.

If this RCPP proposal is selected for funding, the LCRWCA will be committed to providing \$1,750,000 in-kind services and expenses and \$1,750,000 in Technical Assistance equal to \$3,500,000.00 over the course of the 5 year partnership:

- Coordination \$500,000 over five years In-kind to serve as coordinating
 partner responsible for proposal development and submission, a dedicated
 RCPP coordinator to manage the partnership including internal and external
 communications; participation in monthly partnership meetings; and
 documenting LCRWCA contributions over the project period, subject to
 Navajo Nation Council annual appropriation.
- Outreach & EQIP Intake/Application Review \$750,000 over five years Inkind to work closely with Navajo SWCDs as lead outreach coordinators, produce bilingual outreach materials, travel support for outreach events; participating in local meetings with District Grazing Officials, Chapter officials, CLUPCs, SWCDs and regional producers over the project period, subject to Navajo Nation Council annual appropriation
- Conservation Planning \$1,000,000 over five years TA to complete steps 1, 2
 and 7 of the NRCS nine-step planning process in coordination with NRCS Field
 Office staff for farms and range management associations over the project
 period, subject to Navajo Nation Council annual appropriation
- <u>Coordinate Watershed Studies</u> \$750,000 over five years TA to work with all
 partners to coordinate Upper Puerco and Oraibi Wash Watershed Studies and
 manage NEPA process as required for selecting and implementing the
 preferred alternative(s).
- Youth Leadership \$500,000 over five years In-kind to work with Chapters
 and Navajo Nation Workforce Development to recruit, hire and supervise
 youth working with data collection, watershed assessment and restoration
 work to build capacity and assist partners to complete project tasks.

The following table provides a breakdown of the specific activities described above.

	Smaller Activities/Delivership	Associated	Annual/		Contribution Type			
Year	Specific Activities/Deliverable (Action)	Local, State, or Federal Program or Initiatives	Total Amount	Limitations	FA	TA	(Cash or In- Kind)	
1-5	Coordination		\$100,000 /\$500/000	Subject to annual Navajo Nation appropriati			\$100,000 / \$500/000	
1-5	Outreach	**	\$150,000 / \$750,000				\$150,000 / \$750,000	
1-5	Conservation Planning		\$200,000 / \$1,000,000			\$200,000 / \$1,000,000		
1-5	Coordinate Watershed Studies		\$150,000 / \$750,000			\$150,000 / \$750,000		
1-5	Youth Leadership	()	\$100,000 /\$500,000	on		30.00	\$100,000 / \$500,000	
	TOTAL		\$700,000 / \$3,500,000			\$350,000/ \$1,750,000	\$350,000 / \$1,750,000	

We thank you for taking time to consider this important partnership proposal, carefully structured so that all our stakeholders can continue to build meaningful watershed restoration and conservation practices across the Navajo Nation that meet NRCS standards.

If approved, the matching resources from NRCS will help our Navajo Nation communities and stakeholders make important strides towards rehabilitating our vital land and water resources for water security and climate change resiliency that protects our ecosystems and our people.

Sincerely,

9/19/2016

Regan Hawthorne, Tse Si Ani Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Authorized Signatory for Tse Si Ani Chapter, Fiscal Agent Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association



NAVAJO NATION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD

September 12, 2016

To: RCPP Lead Applicant, Navajo Nation RCPP

RE: RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program

I am writing to document the five Navajo Nation Soil and Water Conservation Districts' support of the Navajo Nation's application to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program. We are familiar with the application, understand general expectations, and support the efforts to address the natural resource concerns identified in therein.

If this RCPP application is accepted, the Chinle, Fort Defiance, Little Colorado River, Navajo Mountain, and Shiprock SWCDs will provide as our partner contribution In-Kind services and expenses equal to the total amount of \$1,257,000 over five years to this project. Our expected <u>Annual</u> contributions include:

<u>Coordination</u> - \$ 45,000 In-kind for five SWCDs' participation in monthly Partnership meetings, and documenting SWCD contributions over the project period, subject to Navajo Nation Council annual appropriation: one Partnership meeting per month per SWCD: 2 SWCD members x 12 hours (meeting plus travel time plus preparation and reporting) @ \$25/hour = \$600; plus travel at average of 300 miles roundtrip @ \$.50/mile = \$150: total of \$750/SWCD per month x 12 months x 5 SWCDs.

Outreach - \$ 91,200 In-kind for five SWCDs' Outreach Activities with 20 Chapters per month: 4 Outreach Activities (to 4 Chapters) per SWCD per month: each Activity: 6 hours x 2 SWCD members @ \$25.hour plus \$80 travel x 4 Activities = \$1,520 per SWCD per month x 12 months x 5 SWCDs

Conservation Planning - \$115,200 to complete steps 1, 2 and 3 of the NRCS nine-step planning process in coordination with NRCS Field Office staff, the LCRWCA and other partners: 2 conservation planning work sessions per SWCD per month at \$960 each (16 hours each including planning, preparation, follow- up and documentation x 2 SWCD members @ \$25/hour plus \$80 each member travel x 2) x 2 work sessions per month x 12 months x 5 SWCDs' -- at one conservation plan per month per SWCD x 112 months x 5 SWCDs = 60 conservation plans (steps 1, 2 and 3) per year during the project period.

	Specific	Associated Local,		*	Contribution Type			
Year	Activities/Deliverable (Action)	State, or Federal Program or Initiatives	Amount	Limitations*	FA	TA	(Cash or In-	
1	Coordination	PL 566, EQIP	45,000				X	
1	Outreach	PL 566, EQIP	91,200				X	
1	Conservation Planning	PL 566, EQIP	115,200				X	
2	Coordination	PL 566, EQIP	45,000				X	
2	Outreach	PL 566, EQIP	91,200				X	
2	Conservation Planning	PL 566, EQIP	115,200				X	
3	Coordination	PL 566, EQIP	45,000				X	
3	Outreach	PL 566, EQIP	91,200	2			X	
3	Conservation Planning	PL 566, EQIP	115,200				X	
4	Coordination	PL 566, EQIP	45,000	**************************************			X	
4	Outreach	PL 566, EQIP	91,200		14.0		X	
4	Conservation Planning	PL 566, EQIP	115,200				X	
5	Coordination	PL 566, EQIP	45,000				X	
5	Outreach	PL 566, EQIP	91,200				X	
5	Conservation Planning	PL 566, EQIP	115,200				X	

Sincerely,

Roland Tso, President Authorized Signatory for Navajo Nation Soil and Water Conservation Districts Executive Board



United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Navajo Regional Office P.O. Box 1060 Gallup, New Mexico 87301

Office of Division of Natural Resources

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Honorabic Russell Begave Office of the Navajo Nation P.O. Box 7440 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Dear President Begaye:

On September 14, 2016, we received a request to support the Nation's proposal on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled: Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program. This letter is to offer our support of your RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office, believes that additional funding through the Natural Resources Conservation Services to the Nation would continue to benefit the Navajo communities for NEPA, Grazing, Rangeland Monitoring, Inventory, Range Improvements, Conservation/Grazing Management Plans, Noxious Weeds, and Data Collection. The funding would also help to promote sustainability of the Natural Resources and creating jobs while preserving the Nation's resources. In addition, the Natural Resources Conservation Service has the capacity and performance to carry out the Natural Resource activities by providing these sorts of funding opportunities.

We are pleased to support the RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program application and look forward to seeing additional resources for a very worthy cause.cc

Sincerely,

egional Director, Navajo



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 4101 JEFFERSON PLAZA, NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109-3435

CESPA-PMC

Navajo Nation Regional Conservation Partnership Program

This letter is to notify the Navajo Nation Regional Conservation Partnership Program that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Albuquerque District, supports the Navajo Nation's proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program. We are familiar with the proposal, understand general expectations, and support the efforts to address the natural resource concerns identified.

If this RCPP proposal is successful in being funded, the USACE Albuquerque District will provide Technical Assistance for the projects listed below and summarized in the table on page 2.

- Upper Puerco River Watershed Study Technical assistance under the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Tribal Partnership Program to complete a watershed study that meets USACE and National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) criteria for a Watershed Plan that includes a range of possible alternatives to address key resource concerns. Study area acreage will be further defined as the details of the study evolve and cost share agreement are in place.
- Upper Puerco River Planning Assistance Project Technical assistance to create a drainage management plan for three Navajo communities (Lupton, Houck, and Sanders) along the Puerco River to include topographic data collection, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, as well as provide conceptual flood mitigation measures.
- Oraibi Wash Watershed Study Technical assistance under the USACE Tribal Partnership Program to complete a watershed study meeting USACE and NRCS criteria for a Watershed Plan that includes a range of possible alternatives to address key water resource concerns in the study area.

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*Year	Specific Activities/ Deliverable (Action)	Associated Local, State, or Federal Program or Initiatives	Preliminary Federal Estimated Amount	Non-Federal Cost Share Requirement	FA	TA	(Cash or In- Kind)
1	Upper Puerco River Watershed Study	Tribal Partnership Program (TPP)	\$348,200	25%		X	x
1	Upper Puerco Planning Assistance	Planning Assistance to States to Tribe	\$225,000	50%		×	x
1**	Oraibi Wash Watershed Assessment	трр	\$100,000	25%		×	х
2**	Upper Puerco River Watershed Study	TPP	\$348,200	25%		×	×
2**	Oraibi Wash Watershed Study	TPP	\$375,000	25%		×	х
3**	Upper Puerco River Watershed Study	TPP	\$348,200	25%		х	x
3**	Oraibi Wash Watershed Study	TPP	\$375,000	25%		Х	х
4**	Upper Puerco River Watershed Study	TPP	\$348,150	25%		х	×
4**	Oraibi Wash Watershed Study	TPP	\$375,000	25%		х	×
5**	Oraibi Wash Watershed Study	TPP	\$375,000	25%		х	×

*subject to the availability of federal funds
**Project must be with USACE Albuquerque District Area of Responsibility (AOR) or Albuquerque
must receive approval to work in other USACE District AOR

Details of the scope of work for the water resource project will be finalized when cost share agreements are developed and negotiated. The cost share agreement will include the details of non-Federal sponsor estimated cost share requirements (cash or work-in-kind).

If additional information is needed or if there any questions, please contact me at 505-342-3362 or via email at jerry.d.nieto@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Nieto. P.E.

Chief, Civil Works Project Management Branch

USACE, Albuquerque District



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

Diné College Land Grant Office - P.O. Box C01, Tsaile, Arizona - 928-724-6941

September 16, 2016

To: RCPP Lead Applicant Navajo Nation RCPP

RE: RCPP 17 C-AZ-1600 - Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program

The Diné College Land Grant Office commit to providing technical assistance through workshops and seminars within the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), titled Navajo Regional Conservation Partnership Program. If this RCPP application is accepted and funded, the Diné College Land Grant Office commits to conducting as minimal as four, one day regional workshop annually in each of the SWCD area / region. However, we can provide additional technical assistance as planning and time management permits. The workshop will incorporate Herd Health, Farm Planning and Rangeland Management strategies that can be utilized with in Individual conservation plans.

Expected in Kind contribution of \$18,780.00 over the five year project:

Coordination: <u>Annual total of \$2256.00</u>: \$1500.00 in Kind for 3 staff per workshop preparation (4 regions) at \$125 per day each. Travel total of \$756.00 per year at .54/mile totals 350 mile round trip average at \$189.00 per trip (4 regions).

Outreach: Annual total of 1500.00: \$1500.00 In Kind for 3 staff per workshop to conduct the workshop the day of in 4 regions at \$125.00 per day each.

		IN KIND C	ONTRIBUTION		
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Staff One	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Staff Two	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Staff Three	\$\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Travel	\$756.00	\$756.00	\$756.00	\$756.00	\$756.00
Total	\$3,756.00	\$3,756.00	\$3,756.00	\$3,756.00	\$3,756.00

Sincerely,

Benita Litson, Director

Diné College Land Grant Office



Supporting the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association Application to the USDA RCPP grant funding opportunity for the benefit of the Navajo Nation Chapters within the Little Colorado River Watershed

WHEREFORE:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", 26 NNC, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 3 (s), the Tse' Si Ani Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution Number CAP 34-98, AND;
- Pursuant to Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Section 131 (1) (2) of the same "Act", the Tse' Si Ani
 Chapter has the responsibility and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the
 interest and general welfare including the safety and health of its community people,
 programs, property, AND;
- 3. The Tse Si Ani Chapter is known for its leadership among the Navajo chapters in areas of function and accountability, AND;
- 4. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. and 26 N.N.C., the Tse Si Ani Chapter is authorized and delegated with governmental authority to address all matters of local interest and concern; and,
- 5. The Tse Si Ani Chapter is committed to providing and assisting with opportunities for the betterment and improvement of standard of living for its' constituents; and,
- The USDA RCPP has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical
 conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which
 the Navajo Nation is located; and,
- 7. Navajo Nation and the four corners region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River Watershed; and.
- 8. The RCPP opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the LCR communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning; and,
- The Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

A. The Tse Si Ani Chapter hereby supports application by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association to the USDA RCPP grant opportunity; and,

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B. The Tse Si Ani Chapter supports the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning, Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource Conservation and Agricultural related initiatives benefitting community planning.

CERTIFICATION

Motion: ZAMBALL COMB

Alvin Blackgoat Chapter President

Regan Hawthorne

Secretary/Treasurer

Second: VALERTE BAKER
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Freddle J. Nelson Chapter Vice President

TSA-2016-09-04 LCRWCA, RCPP Support

KEYWORDS: LCRWCA, Watershed, RCPP, conservation projects

NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

Darryl Ahasteen – President Wayne Lynch – Vice President LaVonne Tsosie – Secretary Margaret Bedonic – Treasurer Mae Horseman – Member Corrina Chatter – Commission Manager Starla Toudleng – Administrative Assistant

RESOLUTION OF NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

NDCG-2016-09-084

Supporting the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapter Association application to the USDA RCPP Grant Funding Opportunity for the benefit of the Navajo Nation Chapters within the Little Colorado River Watershed.

WHEREAS:

- The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is certified by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-36-91
 as a local governmental entity of the Navajo Nation Government which has the responsibility and
 authority to promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of its
 community, people, programs, property, etc.; and
- Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo nation by Resolution TCDCAU-66-02, approved governance certification of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance Five Management Policies and Procedures pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 102(8), which permit's the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance to exercise local governance authorities contained within 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(1); and
- 3. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is further certified by the Navajo Nation in accordance with its Community Based land Use Plan, pursuant to Resolution of the Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, to administer its community lands with the New Lands Chapter boundaries and to decide on the best options for its land use; and
- On January 20, 2008, the Nahata Oziii Chapter converted its Governmental entity into the Nahata Oziii Commission Governance; and
- 5. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is committed to providing and assisting with opportunities for the betterment and improvement of standard of living for its' constituents; and,
- The USDA RCPP has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which the Navajo Nation is located; and,
- Navajo Nation and the four corners region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River Watershed; and,
- The RCPP opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the LCR communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning; and,
- The Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance hereby supports application by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association to the USDA RCPP grant opportunity; and,
- B. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance supports the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning, Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource Conservation and Agricultural related Initiatives benefitting community planning.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Nahata Dzili Commission Governance at a duly called special meeting at Nahata Dzili Commission Governance Meeting Hall, NAVAJO NATION, Sanders, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of <u>03</u> in favor, <u>00</u> opposed and <u>01</u> abstained, on this 7th day of September 2016.

Darryl T. Ahasteen, Commission President Nahata Dzill Commission Governance

Motion by: Mae Horseman Second by: Wayne Lynch

COALMINE CANYON CHAPTER

Council Delegate Watter Phelps

Grazing Official Glemnore Begaye

Chapter President Phillip Zahne Chapter Vica-President Wayne Nez Sr. Secretary/Treasurer Augusta Gillwood Vacant-Community Service Coordinator

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY – NAVAJO NATION

PO Box 742, Tube City, AZ 86845

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Kristen Charley-Accounts Maintenance Specialist

RESOLUTION OF THE COALMINE CANYON CHAPTER

Resolution No. CCC-08-0160-16

SUPPORTING THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION TO THE USDA RCPP GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS WITHIN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. and 26 N.N.C., the Coalmine Canyon Chapter is authorized and delegated with governmental authority to address all matters of local interest and concern; and.
- The Coalmine Caryon Chapter is committed to providing and assisting with opportunities for the betterment and improvement of standard of living for its constituents, and,
- The USDA RCPP has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which the Navajo Nation is located; and.
- Navajo Nation and the four comers region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River watershed; and.
- 5. The RCPP opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the LCR communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning; and,
- The Little Colorado River Watershod Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter hereby supports grant application by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association to the USDA RCPP grant opportunity; and,
- B. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter supports the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning, Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource Conservation and Agricultural related initiatives benefiting community planning.

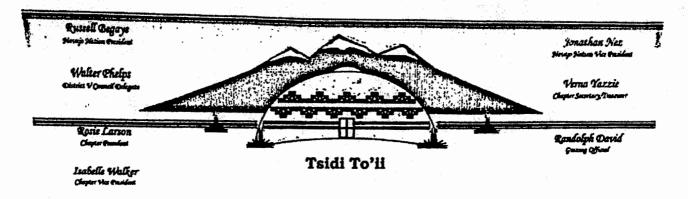
We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting at Coalmine Canyon Chapter, Coalmine, Arizona, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 21 in favor, 6 opposed, 4 abstained, this 14th day of August, 2016.

Phillip Zame, President

Augusta (Glywood, Secretary/Treasurer

Wayne Nez Sr., Vice President

Walter Phelps, Council Delegate



RESOLUTION OF TSIDI TO'II CHAPTER WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

Resolution No: TT-08-003-16

SUPPORTING THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION TO THE USDA RCPP GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS WITHIN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A), the Tsidi To'ii Chapter is a duly recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10, and
- 2. The Tsidi To'ii Chapter is a certified chapter government of the Navajo Nation in accordance with the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B); thereby, vested with the authority to protect and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the Chapter membership; and
- 3. The Tsidi To'ii Chapter, by virtue of its Local Governance Act (LGA) Certification, is empowered and authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with outside entities that represent solutions that are in the best interest of the community; and
- 4. The USDA RCPP has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which the Navajo Nation is located; and
- Navajo Nation and the four corners region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River watershed; and
- 6. The RCPP opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the LCR communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning.
- 7. The Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter hereby supports grant application by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association to the USDA RCPP grant opportunity; and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter supports the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River
 Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning,
 Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource Conservation and Agricultural related initiatives
 benefiting community planning.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at Tsidi To'ii Chapter, Navajo Nation, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained, this 28th day of August, 2016.

Motion By: Nellie Benton Second By: Ray Curtis

Rosie Larson, Chapter President

Isabelle Walker, Chapter Vice-President

Walter Phelps, Council Delegate

Verna Yazzie, Chapter Secretary Treasurer

Randolph David, Grazing Officer

Wide Ruins Community Chapter

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WDR-09-022-16

RESOLUTION OF THE WIDE RUINS COMMUNITY CHAPTER

SUPPORTING THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRCULTURE (USDA), REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP) GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS WITHIN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED.

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter is a certified chapter of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 NNC § 4001 & 4028(a), the Wide Ruins community chapter is a Certified and recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation and is delegated the authority to act for and on behalf of the community of Wide Ruins; and
- 2. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter is a duly certified chapter of the Navajo Nation government and has the authority to address and explore the local needs and concerns of the chapter residents through participation in community planning. Wide Ruins chapter has the responsibility for considering and approving action for the benefit of the chapter residents and to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation, County, State, Federal and other appropriate agencies; and
- 3. The USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which the Navajo Nation is located; and
- 4. The Navajo Nation and the four corners region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River Watershed; and
- 5. The Regional Conservation Partnership Program opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the Little Colorado River communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning; and
- 6. The Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

RESOLUTION OF THE WIDE RUINS CHAPTER WDR-09-022-16 Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant opportunity to the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning, Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource conservation and Agricultural related initiatives benefitting community planning.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Wide Ruins Community Chapter at a duly called meeting at Wide Ruins, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 07 abstained, this 14th day of September 2016

MOTIONED BY:

Irma Bluehouse

SECONDED BY:

Darwin Lowery

Mr. Cecil Hubbell, Sr., President

Black Mesa (Kits'iili) Chapter

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RESOLUTION OF THE

BLACK MESA (Kits'iiii) CHAPTER

BMC-16-03-059

The Black Mesa Chapter approves and fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2)
 the Black Mesa Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the
 Navajo Nation Council, AND;
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C, Section1 (B) Black Mesa Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community: AND
- 3. The Black Mesa Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project, AND;
- 4. The Black Mesa Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- To help support this project, the Black Mesa Chapter requests at least one 5,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, AND;
- The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA
 Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for
 the young adults from the Black Mesa chapter, Interested in this project, AND;
- These positions will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through
 providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program
 initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- 11. The Black Mesa Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and to support the work being done

- across NHA Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Black Mesa Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, AND;
- We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Dwight Witherspoon to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND;
- 14. The Black Mesa Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Black Mesa Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Black Mesa Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials.

Chapter at a duly and that same wa	called meeting at Black	ution was fully considered by the Black Mesa Mesa, Arizona at which a quorum was present in favor. OD opposed, and 03 2016.
Motioned by:	Nong Yazze	· ·
Seconded by:	Riger Home	
Larry Bilton, President	<u>)</u>	Caroline Bemore, Vice President
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Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer

Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate



FOREST LAKE CHAPTER

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Fielena Begay Provident
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Brenda Winte, Secretary Treasurer
From Begaye, Grazing Representation
Filla M. Benady Community Service Coordinates

RUSSELL BEGAVE PRESIDENT

JONATHAN NEZ VICE -PRESIDENT

Resolution of the Forest Lake FLC-16-02-002.

THE FOREST LAKE CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO BIVER LYATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY. Whereas:

- 1 Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act" Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter 1 section 131 (1)(2) the Forest Lake Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, AND:
- Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section1 (B) Forest Lake Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community. AND
- The Forest Lake Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project, AND;
- 4. Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND:
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program mitiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND,
- 7 The Forest Lake Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Forest Lake Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Forest Lake Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watersned Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials: AND
- The Forest Lake Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this
 engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide
 necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal
 expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses. AND:
- To help support this project, the Forest Lake Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter

- to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, AND:
- The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Forest Lake chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative
 through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership
 Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- 6. The Forest Lake Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- 7 The Forest Lake Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, AND;
- We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult.

 Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND:

Vie hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Forest Lake Chapter at a duly called meeting at the Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, Navajo Nation, and Arizona, at which a quorum was present, and that same was passed by a vote of 33 in favor and 0 opposed, and 7 abstained, on this 17th day of March 2016.

Motion by: Dorald Cine

Second by: Pally Like

Helena Begay, Chapter President

Brenda White, Chot Secretary-Treasurer

Fern Benally, Chapter Vice President

Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate



PIÑON CHAPTER

Post Office Box 127 • Piñon. Arizona 86510 • (928) 725-3710/3711 • FAX (928) 725-3712 PIN 16-50 RESOLUTION OF PINON CHAPTER

THE PINON CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2) the Pinon Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council,
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section1 (B) Pinon Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community. AND
- The Pinon Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project, AND;
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- 5. The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND:
- The Pinon Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Pinon Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1.. The Pinon Chapter requests that LCRWCA assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials
- 2. The Pinon Chapter hereby sets priorities for its community projects as following:
 - 2015 Project Revisit & maintenance
- Gardens

- Soil Erosion control

- Corral Maintenance

- Land and Field Conservation

- Greenhouse

Flood Control

Invasive & noxious Weed Control

LONG TERM: 1. Community Reservoir

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Pinon Chapter at a duly called meeting at which quorum was present, at Pinon, Navajo Nation, ARIZONA, and same was passed by a vote of 49 in favor, 0 opposed, 03 abstained this 126 day of May 2015.

Bessie S. Allen

Evelyn M/ Meadows

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRÉSIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Dwight Witherspoon COUNCIL DELEGATE

RESOLUTION OF HARD ROCK CHAPTER NO: 16/03-01

THE HARD ROCK CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2) the Hard Rock Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, AND;
- Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section1 (B) Hard Rock Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community: AND
- The Hard Rock Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning
 project, AND;
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND;
- 7. The Hard Rock Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Hard Rock Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Hard Rock Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that
 the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our
 community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; AND
- The Hard Rock Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- To help support this project, the Hard Rock Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour
 position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter
 to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership
 Program initiative, AND;
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Hard Rock chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- The Hard Rock Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Hard Rock Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult
 Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available
 resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or
 materials, AND;
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable _______to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND;

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was Chapter government at a duly called meeting at	HarrInock Navajo Nation
Motion by: Larry Yazzie Se Second by: Julia Little	

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RESOLUTION OF THE LEUPP CHAPTER Western Navajo Agency, Navajo Nation

Resolution No: LP-03-072-2016

THE LEUPP CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act". Title 26 NNC. Chapter 1, subchapter 1 section 131
 (1)(2) the Leupp Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council. AND:
- Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section 1(8) Leupp Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community; AND
- 3. The Leupp Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project. AND:
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35. AND:
- 5. The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs. AND:
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify
 and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement
 conservation initiatives. AND:
- The Leupp Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Leupp Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

 The Leupp Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation

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- and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; AND
- 2. The Leupp Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses. AND:
- To help support this project, the Leupp Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative. AND:
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Leapp chapter, interested in this project, AND:
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through
 providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program
 initiative to utilize in implementing local projects. AND:
- The Leupp Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Leupp Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials. AND:
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Council Delegate Walter Phelps to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND:

We, hereby, certify the forgoing resolution number LP-03-072-2016 was duly considered by the Leupp Chapter at a duly call chapter meeting at the Leupp Chapter house. Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 34 in favor. 0 opposed and 1 abstention on this 11th, day of March, 2016.

Motion by: ROSITA KELLY

Seconded by: PINA YAZZIE

Roberta I. Gorman. President

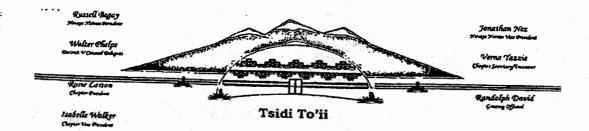
Calvin Johnson. Sceretary/Treasurer

Kevin Todacheenie. Vice-President

Allen Jones. Grazing Official

Walter Phelps. Council Delegate

Resolution No: LP-02-072-2016



RESOLUTION OF TSIDI TO'II CHAPTER WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

Resolution No: TT-03-001-16

APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A), the Tsidi To'ii Chapter is a duly recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10, and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter is a certified chapter government of the Navajo Nation in accordance with
 the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B); thereby, vested with the
 authority to protect and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the Chapter membership;
 and
- 3. The Tsidi To'ii Chapter, by virtue of its Local Governance Act (LGA) Certification, is empowered and authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with outside entities that represent solutions that are in the best interest of the community; and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project; and
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and training projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35; and
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a
 large amount of applications representing all 20 Chapters and would like to take advantage of this
 interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce
 programs; and

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- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives; and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapters supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion
 of projects to the benefit of the Tsidi To'ii Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's
 Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other
 tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate
 resources and needed materials; and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the Chapter in this engagement of our local
 community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and
 to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training and needed work site expenses; and
- 3. To help support this project, the Tsidi To'ii Chapter requests at least one (1) 1,000 hour position from the Navajo Department of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our Chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative; and
- 4. The Chapter requests that the Office of Dine Youth (ODY) also helps to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Tsidi To'ii Chapter, interested in this project; and
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through
 providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to
 utilize in implementing local projects; and
- The Tsidi To'ii Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWGA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment; and
- 7. The Tsidi To'ii Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadearship Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials; and
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Delegate Phelps to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Chapter meeting at Tsidi To'ii Chapter. Navajo Nation, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained, this 31st day of March, 2016.

Motion By: Ray Curtis

Second By: Thomas Walker, Jr.

Rosie Larson, Chapter President

Isabelle Walker, Chapter Vice-President

Watter Phelps, Council Delegate

Randolph David, Grazing Officer

RUSSIELL BIOWAY HAVAJO NATIČU, PRESIDENT

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MILTONIES CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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CAMERON CHAPTER

CAMERON CHAPTER THE NAVAJO NATION RESOLUTION OF THE CAMERON CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA

THE CAMERON CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Resolution No. CA-101-265-16#

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. the Cameron Chapter is recognized as local government entity of the Navajo Nation Government and under Section 4001; the chapter is vested with the authority to consider all matters affecting the Navajo people and its nation; furthermore under 26 N.N.C. Section 4028, the Cameron Chapter is hereby authorized to make appropriate recommendation, request and express support to the Navajo Nation and other local government entities for appropriate action(s); and
- 2. Pursuant to the Title 26, NNC, Section 1 (B), the Cameron Chapter is vested the governmental authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate correction when necessary and make recommendation to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate actions; and
- 3. The Cameron Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project: and
- 4. Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35; and
- 5. The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs; and

- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters
 identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity
 to implement conservation initiatives; and
- The Cameron Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Cameron Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Cameron Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that
 the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our
 community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; and
- The Cameron Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement
 of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary
 materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their
 training, and needed work site expenses; and
- To help support this project, the Cameron Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour
 position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter
 to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation
 Leadership Program initiative; and
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Cameron Chapter, interested in this project; and
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects; and
- 6. The Cameron Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment; and

- The Cameron Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials: and
- We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Walter Phelps to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Cameron chapter at a duly called meeting at Cameron Chapter Compound, Cameron, Navajo Nation; at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote / / in favor, opposed, and abstained; on this 10th day of April 2016.

O abstained, on this 10 day of April 2	010.
Motioned: Nona Johnson Se	econded: lynette 150
Milton Tso, President	Emmett Kerley, Vice-President
Cherley	James Beard
Louise Kerley, Secretary/Treasurer	James Beard, Grazing Official
Walter Phelps, Council Delegate	

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RESOLUTION OF TOLANI LAKE CHAPTER WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY Resolution No.: TL- 03-1C-16

TOLANI LAKE CHAPTER APPROVES AND SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUND ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to 26 N. N. C., Section 3(A) the Tolani Lake Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as Listed in 11 N. N. C., Section 1.
- 2. Pursuant to 2 N. N. C., Section 4041, 4042 and 4043 Tolani Lake Chapter is vested with all the authority mentioned in Paragraph A, B, C, D, E, F and G.
- Tolani Lake Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's area conservation planning project; and
- 4. Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a young adult conservation leadership program, consisting of 32 young adults age 1-35; and
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs; and
- Tolani Lake Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Tolani Lake Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- The Tolani Lake Chapter hereby supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Associations'
 Young adult conservation leadership program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other
 tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate
 resources and needed materials.
- 2. The Tolani Lake Chapter hereby requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnership to provide necessary materials, supplies, man

power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses.

- To help support this project, the Tolani Lake Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department of Workforce development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative.
- 4. The Chapter requests that the Office of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Tolani Lake chapter, interested in this project.
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects.
- Tolani Lake Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA
 Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our
 Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment.
- Tolani Lake chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation
 Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding,
 technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials.
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Walter Phelps to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

MOTIONED BY: Margaret Tom SECONDED BY: Etheline Biakeddy MINUTES BY: Rena M. Edwards	Velma Huskey, Pro	esident)		Alfred Tho	mas, Vice-	President
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RESOLUTION OF DILKON CHAPTER

DIL-03-74-15

THE DILKON CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2) the Dilkon Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, AND;
- Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B) Dilkon Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community: AND
- The Dilkon Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning
 project, AND;
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND;
- 7. The Dilkon Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Dilkon Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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- The Dilkon Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that
 the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our
 community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; AND
- The Dilkon Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement
 of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary
 materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for
 their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- To help support this project, the Dilkon Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour
 position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter
 to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership
 Program initiative, AND;
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Dilkon chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- The Dilkon Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Dilkon Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult
 Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available
 resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or
 materials, AND;
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Lee Jack

Sr. to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND;

RESOLUTION OF DILKON CHAPTER

DIL-03-74-15

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Dilkon Chapter government at a duly called meeting at Dilkon Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present; and that same was passed by a vote of <u>26</u> in favor, **0** opposed, and <u>03</u> abstained, on this <u>7th</u> day of <u>March</u>, <u>2016</u>. Motion: <u>Liz Yazzie</u>; Second: <u>Anna Frazier</u>.

Presiding Chair:

Daryl Joe, Vice President

RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN WEELS CHAPTER

The Indian Wells Chapter Approves and Fully Supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and Requests that the Navajo Nation and other Tribal Entities provide appropriate resources and needed materials to help this program become established in our communities.

WHEREAS:

- The Indian Wells Chapter is a resignized Chapter of the Navajo Nation government, vested with certain authority and responsibilities to consider and take action on matters of local concern that are in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the Chapter members and residence; and
- Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, the Navajo Nation Council delegates to Chapters, governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Lives, including custom and traditions, to make decisions over local matters, and to govern with responsibility and accountability to the local cutzens; and
- The Indian Welis Chapter is a stakeholder to the Lattle Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project, and.
- Part of the FCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and namings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, and.
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program intrarive has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, and.
- The L TRWEA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define periment land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation intratives, and.
- The Indian Wells Chapter supports the training of these L. RWCA young adults and the completion
 of process to the benefit of the Indian. Wells Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Indian Wells (Thapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program minarive and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal countes help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials, and
- The Indian Wells (Trapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement or our local community youth by cost sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man

- 3 Fo help support this project, the Indian Wells Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Savajo Department Of Workforce Development (SDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the L. ISWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, and:
- 2 The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth ODY also help to support the LCRWA A Youth a lonservation. Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the voing adults from the incian Wells Chapter, interested in this project, and.
- 5 To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BLV support this infinance through providing tools and equipment for the LERWCV Youth Conservation Leadership Program infinite to utilize in implementing local projects, and:
- 6. The Indian Wells (Impter also request Navaro Flousing Authority (NTA) to collaborate with the TS RWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program matative and to support the work being done throughout our Navaro communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, and.
- The Indian Wells Chapter requests Navino Nation support of LCRW). A Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Indiance through identification of other available resources, employment feriding, technical expectise, and or by providing tools or materials, and;
- We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Lee Jack, Sr. to help advocate on behalf of the LERWCLY Young Adult Conservation Leadership Instative within the region

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a dubt-called Chapter meeting at Indian Wells. Navaro Nation. Arizonal, where a quorium was present and that same passed by a vote of 18- in favor, 25 opposed and 22 abstained on the 6th day of March, 2016.

Motion: Ralph B. Scott

Second: Rosie Sekayumptewa

Presiding Official:

Alfred Clark, President



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Council Delegate

RESOLUTION OF WHITE CONE CHAPTER

WCC-15-01-02/

THE WHITE CONE CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2) the White Cone Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council; AND
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C, Section1 (B) White Cone Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community; AND
- The White Cone Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning
 project; AND
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35; AND
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs; AND
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives; AND
- The White Cone Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the White Cone Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The White Cone Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; AND

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- The White Cone Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses; AND
- To help support this project, the White Cone Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative; AND
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the White Cone Chapter, interested in this project: AND
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects; AND
- 6. The White Cone Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment; AND
- The White Cone Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials; AND
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Lee Jack, Sr to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

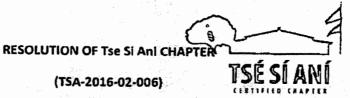
We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by <u>Dick Lester, Jr.</u>; Second by <u>Pricilla Begay</u>, thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 02 abstained at a duly called meeting at White Cone Chapter, the NAVAJO NATION, White Cone, Arizona, on this 17th day of February, 2016.

Jonathan Lewis

Chapter President

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THE TSE SI ANI CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter1 section 131 (1)(2) the Tse Si Ani Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, AND;
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C, Section1 (B) Tse Si Ani Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community: AND
- The Tse Si Ani Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning
 project, AND;
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND;
- 7. The Tse Si Ani Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Tse Si Ani Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Tse Si Ani Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that
 the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our
 community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials; AND
- The Tse Si Ani Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this
 engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide
 necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal
 expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- 3. To help support this project, the Tse \$I Ani Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, AND;
- 4. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Tse Si Ani chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- The Tse Si Ani Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Tse Si Ani Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, AND;
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Raymond Smith Jr. to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND;

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HOUCK CHAPTER GOVERNANCE

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Resolution of Houck Community Chapter

Houck Community Chapter approves and fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 NNC, Chapter 1, subchapter 1 section 131 (1)(2) the Houck Community Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, AND;
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C, Section1 (B) Houck Community Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community: AND
- 3. The Houck Community Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project, AND;
- 4. The Houck Community Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- 5. Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, AND;
- 6. The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, AND;
- 7. To help support this project, Houck Community Chapter requests at least one 5,000 hour position from Navajo Department Of Workforce Development(NDWD)for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, AND;
- 8. The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from Houck Community Chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- 9. These positions will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, AND;
- 10. To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiativeto utilize in implementing local projects, AND;

- 11. The Houck Community Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Houck Community Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult
 Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources,
 employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, AND;
- 13. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable <u>Raymond Smith</u>
 <u>Ir.</u> to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region, AND;
- 14. The Houck Community Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Houck Community Chapter

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Houck Community Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo
Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to
provide appropriate resources and needed materials.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Houck Chapter government at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that same was motioned by Fred Fo Otracer and seconded by Virginia Bayker and passed by a vote of 22 in favor Dopposed and 3 abstained, on this day of February 14, 2016.

Charles Morrison, Houck Chapter President

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KLAGETOH CHAPTER

Vacant, President

Laverne Joe, Vice President

Dorinda Roan, Secretary/Treasurer

Chester Roan, Grazing Officer

Raymond Smith, Council Delegate

Community Service Coordinator, Vacant

Maureen Woodman, AMS

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RESOLUTION # KLA-1808-02/2016

RESOLUTION OF KLAGETOH CHAPTER

THE KLAGETOH CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to the "Local Governance Act", Title 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1, subchapter 1 section 131 (1)(2) the Klagetoh Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government by the Navajo Nation Council, and:
- 2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B) Klagetoh Chapter is vested with the authority to review, recommend, and approve all matters beneficial to the community, and;
- 3. The Klagetoh Chapter is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association (LCRWCA) and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning
 Project, and:
- 4. Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and training projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, and;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 Chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs, and;
- The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative will help our Chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives, and;
- 7. The Klagetoh Chapter supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Klagetoh Chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Klagetoh Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's
 Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and
 other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide
 appropriate resources and needed materials, and;
- The Klagetoh Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the Chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man

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power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, and;

- To help support this project, the Klagetoh Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo Department of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our Chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative, and;
- 4. The Chapter requests the Office of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Klagetoh Chapter, interested in this project, and;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through
 providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative
 to utilize in implementing local projects, and;
- 6. The Klagetoh Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, and;
- The Klagetoh Chapter requests Navajo Nation to support the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, and;
- 8. We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr. to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the KLAGETOH Chapter at a duly called meeting at KLAGETOH, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present, and that the same was passed by a vote of <u>38</u> in favor, <u>02</u> opposed, and <u>00</u> abstentions, this 28th day of February, 2016.

Motioned by: <u>Alvin Roan</u> Seconded by: <u>Samuel Joe</u>

LaVerne Joe. Klagetoh Chapter Vice President

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WDR-03-003 -16

RESOLUTION OF THE WIDE RUINS CHAPTER

THE WIDE RUINS CHAPTER APPROVES AND FULLY SUPPORTS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION'S YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM INITIATIVE AND REQUESTS THAT THE NAVAJO NATION AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND NEEDED MATERIALS TO HELP THIS PROGRAM BECOME ESTABLISHED IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Wide Ruins Community Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government, and pursuant to Navajo Nation Council CS-6002 is delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with the Navajo laws, including customs, traditions and fiscal matters; and
- 3. By resolution CAP 34-98, the Navajo Nation Council approved the "Local Governance Act" wherein the Navajo Nation Council delegated governmental authority to the Chapters of the Navajo Nation to address matters of local concerns with Navajo law, custom and tradition, and
- 4. The Wide Ruins Chapter House is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association and is an active participant in the beneficial to the community and
- 5. Part of the L.C.R.W.C.A. objectives are to provide participants with training projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35, and,
- 6. The L.C.R.W.C.A. Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs and
- 7. The L.C.R.W.C.A. Young Adult Conservation leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives and
- 8. The Wide Ruins Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapter's Association's young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation, the Office of Dine Youth (O.D.Y.), the

RESOLUTION OF THE WIDE RUINS CHAPTER WDR 03-003-06 Page 2

Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.), The Navajo Housing Authority, by providing available resources, employment funding, technical expertise and/or by providing tools or materials and.

- 9. To help support the project the Wide Ruins Chapter requests at least one (1,000) one thousand hours the Navajo Department of Workforce Development (N.D.W.D.) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in the (L.C.R.W.C.A.) youth conservation Leadership Program initiative, and
- 10. We request the support of our council delegate representatives the Honorable Mr. Raymond Smith Jr. to help advocate on behalf of the L.C.R.W.C.A. Young Adult Conservation Leadership initiative within the region, and
- 11. The Wide Ruins Chapter supports the training of these L.C.R.W.C.A. young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Wide Ruins Chapter
 - 12. The Wide Ruins Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training and needed work site expenses, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Wide Ruins Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult conservation Leadership Program initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed materials and

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Wide Ruins Community Chapter at a duly called meeting at Wide Ruins, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstained, this 9th day of March 2016.

MOTIONED BY: MRS, IRMA BLUEHOUSE

SECONDED BY: MRS. ESTHER BEGAY

Mr. Cecil Hubbell, Sr., President

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NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

Durryl Ahasteen - President Wayne Lynch - Vice President Mac Horseman - Secretary

Margaret Bedonie - Treasurer LaVonne Tsosie - Member

RESOLUTION OF NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

NDCG-2016-03-017

Nahata Dziil Commission Governance approves and fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapter Association's Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities provide appropriate resources and needed materials to help this program become established in our community.

WHEREAS:

- The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is certified by the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-36-91 as a
 local governmental entity of the Navajo Nation Government which has the responsibility and authority to
 promote, protect and preserve the interest and general welfare including the safety of its community, people,
 programs, property, etc.; and
- Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo nation by Resolution TCDCAU-66-02, approved governance certification of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance Five Management Policies and Procedures pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 102(B), which permit's the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance to exercise local governance authorities contained within 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(1); and
- 3. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance is further certified by the Navajo Nation in accordance with its Community Based land Use Plan, pursuant to Resolution of the Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, to administer its community lands with the New Lands Chapter boundaries and to decide on the best options for its land use; and
- On January 20, 2008, the Nahata Dzill Chapter converted its Governmental entity into the Nahata Dzill Commission Governance; and
- The Nahata Dzill Commission Governance is a stakeholder to the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters
 Association and is an active participant in the region's Area Conservation Planning project; and
- Part of the LCRWCA objectives are to provide participants and trainings projects for the development of a Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program, consisting of 32 young adults age 18-35; and
- 7. The LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program initiative has already received a large amount of applications representing all 20 chapters and would like to take advantage of this interest to and provide employment through collaboration with tribal education and workforce programs; and
- 8. The LCRWCA young Adult Conservation Leadership Program will help our chapters identify and define pertinent land and water resource issues while building local capacity to implement conservation initiatives; and
- The Nahata Dzill Commission Governance supports the training of these LCRWCA young adults and the completion of projects to the benefit of the Nahata Dzill Commission Governance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- The Nahata Dziil Chapter fully supports the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association's Young Adult
 Conservation Leadership Program Initiative and requests that the Navajo Nation and other tribal entities help
 this program become established in our community by helping to provide appropriate resources and needed
 materials; AND
- The Nahata Dziil Chapter requests that tribal programs assist the chapter in this engagement of our local
 community youth by cost-sharing or partnering to provide necessary materials, supplies, man power, and to
 contribute to lodging and meal expenses for their training, and needed work site expenses, AND;
- To help support this project, the Nahata Dziil Chapter requests at least one 1,000 hour position from Navajo
 Department Of Workforce Development (NDWD) for our chapter to hire a local young adult to participate in
 the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative, AND;

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- The chapter requests that the Office Of Dine Youth (ODY) also help to support the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative by providing employment opportunities for the young adults from the Nahata Dziii chapter, interested in this project, AND;
- To further facilitate this capacity building we request that the BIA support this initiative through providing tools and equipment for the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative to utilize in implementing local projects, AND;
- 6. The Nahata Dziil Chapter also request Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) to collaborate with the LCRWCA Youth Conservation Leadership Program initiative and to support the work being done throughout our Navajo communities by our young adults by providing available resources and equipment, AND;
- The Nahata Dzill Chapter requests Navajo Nation support of LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Program Initiative through identification of other available resources, employment funding, technical expertise, and/or by providing tools or materials, AND;
- We request the support of our Council Delegate representative, the Honorable Raymond Smith Jr., to help advocate on behalf of the LCRWCA Young Adult Conservation Leadership Initiative within the region.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Nahata Dzill Commission Governance at a duly called meeting at Nahata Dzill Commission Governance Meeting Hall, NAVAIO NATION, Sanders, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of <u>03</u> in favor, <u>00</u> opposed and <u>01</u> abstained, on this 11th day of March 2016.

Darryl T. Ahasteen, Commission President Nahata Dziil Commission Governance

Motion by: Margaret Bedonie Second by: Mae Horseman

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COALMINE CANYON CHAPTER

EXHIBIT

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Kristen Charley-Accounts Maintenance Specialist

RESOLUTION OF THE COALMINE CANYON CHAPTER

Resolution No. CCC-08-0160-16

SUPPORTING THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED CHAPTERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION TO THE USDA RCPP GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS WITHIN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. and 26 N.N.C., the Coalmine Canyon Chapter is authorized and delegated with governmental authority to address all matters of local interest and concern; and,
- 2. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter is committed to providing and assisting with opportunities for the betterment and improvement of standard of living for its' constituents; and,
- 3. The USDA RCPP has solicited for grant funding proposals for all of the eight critical conservation area designations including the Colorado River basin region within which the Navajo Nation is located; and,
- 4. Navajo Nation and the four corners region remains under severe threat of drought and climate change including the Little Colorado River watershed; and,
- ₂5. The RCPP opportunity provides potential to identify high priority resource needs within the LCR communities and establishment of partnerships for sustainable conservation capacity building and planning; and,
- 6. The Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association has a proven track record of building collaborative partnerships and implementing sound conservation outreach, planning and mobilization of private and public stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter hereby supports grant application by the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association to the USDA RCPP grant opportunity; and,
- B. The Coalmine Canyon Chapter supports the overall goals and mission of the Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association in developing plans and projects related to Watershed Planning, Ecological Restoration, Water & Soil Resource Conservation and Agricultural related initiatives benefiting community planning.

We hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting at Coalmine Canyon Chapter, Coalmine, Arizona, where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 21 in favor, 6 opposed, 9 abstained, this 14th day of August, 2016.

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Augusta Gillwood, Secretary/Treasurer

Wayne Nez Sr., Vice President

Walter Phelps, Council Delegate