# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No.

DATE: October 8, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE SPECIAL REVIEW OF OLJATO CHAPTER SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, AND APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE OLJATO CHAPTER

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to accept the Auditor General's Report, "A Special Review of Oljato Chapter," No. 19-23, dated July, 2019 and to accept the Oljato Chapter's Corrective Action Plan.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24 <sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019
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BE IT ENACTED:
SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee of
Navajo Nation chapters. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).
B. As the oversight committee of Navajo Nation chapters, the Resources and
Development Committee is to receive audit reports and corrective action plans.
12 N.N.C. §7 (E).
C. The Budget and Finance Committee is charged with receiving and approving
audit reports from the Auditor General. 12 N.N.C. §§ 6(A) and 7(D).
SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Auditor General submitted an Audit Report for the Special Review of Oljato Chapter, in accordance with 12 N.N.C § 7(D). The Report, "A Special Review of Oljato Chapter," No. 19-23, dated July, 2019, is attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Report lists two (2) findings and recommendations for correction; details of the findings and recommendations from the special review are included in Exhibit A.
- C. Oljato Chapter provided a corrective action plan, which is attached as Exhibit B.

## SECTION THREE. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

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- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves, "A Special Review of Oljato Chapter," No. 19-23, dated July, 2019, attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Navajo Nation approves the corrective action plan submitted by Oljato Chapter, attached as **Exhibit B.**
- C. The Navajo Nation directs that copies of the corrective action plan be provided to Resources and Development Committee as part of its oversight responsibility for the Oljato Chapter. The Navajo Nation directs Oljato Chapter to submit a written status report on its progress in implementing the corrective action plan to the Office of the Auditor General six (6) months after the approval of this resolution.
- D. The Navajo Nation directs the Office of the Auditor General to review the written status report submitted by Oljato Chapter and to report the results to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee.
- E. The Navajo Nation directs the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a followup review twelve (12) months after the approval of this resolution to verify the actions claimed to have been taken by Oljato Chapter, to issue a written follow-up report indicating the progress in implementing the corrective action plan, and to make recommendations to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee.



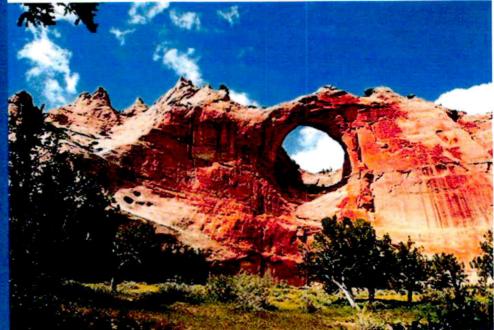


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# OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

# **The Navajo Nation**

A Special Review of Oljato Chapter



Report No. 19-23 July 2019

Performed by: Stacy Manuelito, Senior Auditor Marcale Kaskalla, Associate Auditor Office of the Auditor General The Navajo Nation

Helen Brown, Principal Auditor Delegated Auditor General

July 23, 2019

James Adakai, President OLJATO CHAPTER P.O. Box 360455 Monument Valley, UT 84536

Dear Mr. Adakai:

The Office of the Auditor General herewith transmits Audit Report 19-23, A Special Review of the Oljato Chapter. The audit objective was to verify whether the Chapter spent funds in accordance with Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations and Chapter policies and procedures. During the audit scope of March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, \$203,490 of chapter funds were disbursed. Our review revealed the Chapter has control deficiencies and as a result, cannot provide reasonable assurance it complies with policies and procedures. Listed below are the issues identified:

Finding I: Travel requests and expense reimbursements are not properly approved.

Finding II: Controls over chapter property need improvement to ensure property is reliable, adequately identified, and well documented.

Detailed explanations on all audit issues can be found in the body of the report. The audit provides recommendations for remediation of the reported findings.

If you have any questions about this report, please call our office at (928) 871-6303.

Sincerely, Ken

Helen Brown, Principal Auditor Delegated Auditor General

 xc: Albert Holiday, Vice-President LaNell Menard-Parrish, Secretary/Treasurer Shirlee Bedoni, Community Services Coordinator Herman Daniels, Jr., Council Delegate OLJATO CHAPTER Johnny Johnson, Department Manager II Calvin Tsosie, Senior Program & Project Specialist

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### REVIEW RESULTS

# FINDING I: Travel requests and expense reimbursements are not properly approved.

- Criteria: FMS Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII.I, requires the Accounts Maintenance Specialist to prepare the travel authorization. Travelers are required to submit expense reports, trip reports, and receipts to support travel expenses. The Community Services Coordinator to review travel documents upon completion of travel and the Accounts Maintenance Specialist to issue the travel check.
- Condition: Chapter travel expenditures totaled \$30,092 for the audit period. 49 travel expenditures totaling \$10,689 (36% of total amount) were examined and noncompliance with the chapter's travel policies and procedures were noted as shown in the table:

Type of Exception	No. of Exceptions and Amounts
Travel requests were not authorized prior to travelers going on travel.	11 of 46 (24%) \$2,959
Travel reimbursement documents (i.e. expense reports, trip reports, mileage reports) were not approved, thus reimbursements paid to travelers were not authorized.	27 of 46 (59%) \$5,606
No documents on file to support the travel expenditures.	3 of 49 (6%) \$396

Effect: Unauthorized travel poses a risk of improper use of chapter funds. Travelers could incur expenses unrelated to chapter business and receive reimbursements based on erroneous travel claims.

Cause:

- The Community Services Coordinator performs all key procedures within the travel process including the following:
  - a) prepares travel authorization forms for all travelers, including herself;
  - b) approves travel, reviews travel documents, and approves payment for travelers, including herself; and
  - c) completes the travel expense report and mileage report for travelers prior to travel and instructs the traveler to sign the reports after travel is complete.
  - The Chapter officials allowed the Community Services Coordinator to have sole responsibility over chapter travel activities without proper supervision.

- The Chapter officials signed travel checks without verifying proper approval of travel requests and expense reimbursements.
- Recommendations: 1. The Chapter should comply with travel policies and procedures to ensure staff duties are properly segregated.
  - The Chapter officials should review supporting documentation for proper approval before co-signing travel checks.
  - The Chapter officials should exercise closer supervision of the administration staff to ensure they are performing their assigned duties within the travel process.

# FINDING II: Controls over chapter property need improvement to ensure property is reliable, adequately identified, and well documented.

- Criteria: FMS Property Management Policy and Procedures, Section VII.A, requires the Chapter to maintain a complete, detailed and accurate identification of all chapter properties at all times and to ensure all property is tagged with identification numbers. Section V, assigns the Chapter Community Services Coordinator the task of ensuring the inventory is current and complete.
- Condition: The Chapter does not perform annual physical counts and inspections to update its property inventory. Rather, the practice is to only add new purchases to the existing inventory. Since there is no physical verification of the property, pertinent information such as property numbers, acquisition cost, acquisition date, and condition about existing property has not been updated. Therefore, the property inventory is unreliable.

Furthermore, 14 property items were physically inspected and all did not have property identification tags. The Community Services Coordinator, who is assigned this responsibility according to policies and procedures, acknowledged that the property items have not been tagged with identification numbers.

- Effect: The Chapter cannot fully account for its property and equipment. Chapter property with a total value of 40,500 is at risk of being stolen, destroyed, or disposed of without the Chapter's knowledge.
- Cause: The Community Services Coordinator does not have property management as a priority for the chapter.
  - The Chapter officials are not monitoring the Community Services Coordinator activities to ensure the chapter is complying with property policies and procedures.
- Recommendations: 1. The Community Services Coordinator should complete physical counts and inspections of the chapter property each year prior to the new fiscal year and update the chapter property inventory with complete

information.

- The Accounts Maintenance Specialist should purchase pre-numbered identification tags available on the market, affix the tags to the property items, and record the identification number on the property inventory.
- 3. The Chapter officials should periodically inspect property items to ensure they have identification tags.

# Conclusion

The Chapter has not implemented appropriate controls within the travel and property processes. The Chapter did not have adequate segregation of duties within its travel process, and travel requests and expense reimbursements were not properly approved. Lastly, the chapter property inventory is incomplete and property items are missing identification tags. These control deficiencies pose a high risk of misuse of chapter funds and lack of accountability for chapter assets.

### BACKGROUND

Oljato Chapter is a political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and is considered a general purpose local government for reporting purposes. Navajo Nation Chapters are required to operate under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code, the Local Governance Act.

The majority of the Chapter resources are provided through appropriations from the Navajo Nation central government. These appropriations are intended to fund direct and indirect services at the local Chapter government level. The direct services funds are considered restricted funds with specific intended purposes. The Chapter also generates internal revenues from fees collected for providing miscellaneous services.

Since the Oljato Chapter boundary also extends into the State of Utah, the Chapter receives funding from Utah State for housing projects to benefit and be utilized by Utah Navajo residents. The Utah State fund is administrated by the State, so these funds were excluded from this review. Therefore, this review focused on funds allocated by the Navajo Nation.

The Chapter expended a total of \$203,490 for the 13-month audit period ending March 31, 2019.

### Objective, Scope, and Methodology

The Office of the Auditor General has conducted a Special Review of the Oljato Chapter pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Auditor General by 12 N.N.C., Chapter 1, § 1 - 10.

The following objectives were established for this audit:

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- Determine whether travel requests and expense reimbursements are properly approved.
- Determine whether the Chapter has a complete and reliable property inventory and properly tagged property items.

The audit covers activities for the 13-month period of March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

In meeting the audit objective, we interviewed the Chapter administration and officials, observed Chapter operations, and examined available records. More specifically, we tested samples of expenditures for internal controls and compliance requirements by using a non-statistical, judgmental method.

### **Government Auditing Standards**

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The Office of the Auditor General expresses its appreciation to the Oljato Chapter officials and administration for their cooperation and assistance throughout the audit.

# **CLIENT RESPONSE**

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July 12, 2019

Helen Brown, Principal Auditor Delegated Auditor General PO Box 708 Window Rock, Az 86515

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing to submit written comments to the office of Auditor General letter dated June 26, 2019 regarding the Special Review of Oljato Chapter. The period of audit scope is from March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The Special Review revealed that Chapter there are (2) controlled and curable deficiencies in the following order:

Finding 1: Travel Requests and expense reimbursements are not properly approved.

Finding II: Controls over chapter property need improvement to ensure property is adequately identified and well documented.

#### Finding I.

The chapter will comply with the Special Review report for the following corrective actions plans with concerns listed the following:

- (1) The Chapter will comply with travel policies and procedures to ensure staff duties are properly segregated.
- (2) The Chapter officials will review supporting documentation for proper approval before co-signing travel checks.
- (3) The Chapter Officials will exercise closer supervision of the administration staff to ensure they were performing their assigned duties within the travel process.

#### Concerns:

(1) The Oljato chapter staff and officials believes the policies of non-certified chapter staff supervision have been inconsistent over the past few years. For example, Feb. 8, 2016 DCD memo issued a new policy stating that all Non-certified chapter Community Services Coordinators (CSC) and Accountant Maintenance Specialist (AMS) are now under the supervision of the Division of Community Development Division Director. This action contradicted the previous supervision of Chapter staff policies.

August 2018, RDC amended and approved ASC plan of Operation (0270-18). Since then, Oljato Chapter was informed that the chapter will have:

- IV. AUTHORITIES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITES
- D. The Community Service Coordinator Shall
- Serve under the general administrative direction of the SPPS. The CSC shall be directly supervised by the designated supervising Chapter Official(s). The Chapter President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall

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decide among themselves who shall provide direct local supervision over the CSC, and provide such decision in writing. In the event that the Chapter Official(s) fail to designate a direct local supervisor, the SPPS shall assume full direct local supervisory responsibility until such time the Chapter Official(s) takes appropriate measures to designate a local supervisor.

Since September 2018, CSC's TA's were signed and initialed by one of the Chapter Officials.

August 2014 to August 2019, CSC have numerous times asked who signs off on her TA and who checks my work? There was really no response or no technical assistance from ASC Office. CSC states that TA or training was never been provided or how the chapter should be preparing a TA.

Finding II. The original chapter facility which had the main office and meeting was condemned and later demolished due existence of uranium contaminants in the foundation of the building which caused an unsafe and unhealth environment. The chapter staff and the administration office moved to a trailer within the compound of chapter property, but the meeting rooms was moved to Monument Valley Welcome Center to conduct monthly planning and regular meetings including other chapter business functions. Some records of property records were misplaced or loss during the move.

The chapter will comply with the Special Review report for the following corrective actions plans with concerns listed the following:

- CSC and with the help of summer youth, to perform an inventory of items and to tag all property items with identification numbers. The current summer youth workers are working on tagging the items and should be done within few weeks;
- (2) CSC will complete an annual physical count and will conduct inspection of chapter property inventory each new fiscal year and update the inventory records with complete information.
- (3) Accounts Maintenance Specialist to ensure pre-number identification tags are purchased and available on the market and affix the tags to the property items.
- (4) Secretary/Treasurer or chapter official will periodically inspect property items to ensure it's affixed with identification tags.

#### Concerns:

(1) ASC has not provided training or technical assistance to chapter staff and chapter officials Finding II is very minor and more of a concern. Oljato chapter requests to make this Finding a concern level. Further Oljato requests this item to be taken of the Finding list.

Your acceptance of this request is greatly appreciated. If there are questions, please contact Oljato chapter staff at (435) 727-5850.

Sincerely

James Adakai, Oljato Chapter President



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EXHIBIT "B"

	<ol> <li>If no travel advance was disbursed.</li> <li>(a.) Community Service Coordinator will approve travel reimbursement (if any) at 100% of actual travel expense for all travelers.</li> </ol>	Community Service Coordinator	
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	10. Check signer should verify all supporting documents and approvals are in place prior to signing reimbursement checks.	Community Service Coordinator Secretary/Treasurer-Direct Local Supervisor	8/30/2019
	11 The Chapter will adhere to the established travel rates (Meals, Loding and POV mileage) available through the Office of the Controller website.	Community Services Coordinator, Accounts Maintenance Specialist, Oljato Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer	8/30/2019
	12 Account Maintenance Specialist will file completed travel packets into traveler's folders based on Names, Titles and Fiscal Year in the filing drawer in the Chapter Administration Office.	Accounts Maintenance Specialist	8/30/2019
	13 Community Service Coordinator will ensure the travel documents are filed and verified based on Names, Trites and Fiscal Year in the filing drawer in the Chapter Administration Office.	Community Service Coordinator	8/30/2019
FINDING II: Controls over chapter prop	FINDING II: Controls over chapter property need improvement to ensure property is adequately identified and well documented.		
Issue	Corrective Action	Responsible Party(ies)	Timeline
	<ol> <li>The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will conduct a physical inventory of the Chapter property annually and update all Chapter properties/equipments by adding or deleting to the comprehensive property listing and verify identification tags are present</li> </ol>		
The chapter property inventory is incomplete and property items are missing identification tags.	2. The Community Services Coordinator will review the property listing prepared by the Accounts Maintenance Specialist to verify for accuracy by conducting a walk throught to ensure property identification tags and property description is correct. Then the Chapter Vice President will conduct a secondary verification to ensure identification tags and property descriptions is accurate. After the verification is complete the Community Services Coordinator and the Chapter Vice President will sign the property listing for approval.	Accounts Maintenance Specialist Community Services Coordinator Chapter Vice President	8/30/2019
	<ol> <li>The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter Vice President will conduct quarterly inspection of the Chapter properties/equipments to verify all property is accounted and property listing is kept updated. After the Community Services Coordinator and the Chapter Vice President will sign the property listing for approval.</li> </ol>		

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RESOLUTION OF THE OLJATO CHAPTER Resolution No: <u>OLJ09-01-2019</u>

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

## OLJATO CHAPTER CONSTITUENTS HEREBY SUPPORTS AND APPROVES THE REPORT NO. 19-23: A SPECIAL REVIEW OF OLJATO CHAPTER PURSUANT TO THE OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL'S PLAN OF OPERATION UNDER TITLE 12 NNC CHAPTER 1 SUB-SECTION 7(C), THAT THE CHAPTER SUBMITTED THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL ADDRESSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

## WHEREAS;

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code, Section 4001 (D) and 4028 (a), (b), the Oljato Chapter is established and certified as a local government entity of the Navajo Nation vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the Chapter and submit appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation Government or other local agencies by resolution; and

2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapter, Section 1., (B) (1) & (2), The Navajo Nation Councils delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapter to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and

3. The Oljato Chapter advocates in the best interest of its community members to serve them in the right manner to ensure all Navajo Nation Policies and Procedures set forth is complied with; and

4. The Auditor General conducted and concluded their audit which two (2) findings were addressed: FINDING I.

1.) Travel requests and expense reimbursement are not properly approved. FINDING II.

- 2.) Controls over chapter property need improvement to ensure property is adequately identified and well documented.
- 5. The Oljato Chapter Staff and Chapter Officials worked diligently by resolving the two (2) findings.

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- The Oljato Chapter hereby supports and approves the report number 19-23; that the audit report has been complied based on the Navajo Nation Employee Travel Policy and Procedures Handbook (01/03/02) and the Office of Controller website utilizing the latest Policies and Forms. Attachments.
- 2. The Oljato Chapter resolved finding #1 and #2, See Attached Corrective Action Plan and a copy of the Property Inventory with its property numbers are attached. *Attachments*.

### PAGE TWO OF TWO RESOLUTION NUMBER: OLJ09-01-2019 DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Oljato Chapter at a regular duly called meeting at Oljato, Navajo Nation, Utah at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, <u>1</u> opposed and <u>2</u> abstained, this <u>08</u> day of <u>SEPTEMBER 2019</u>.

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James Adakai, Chapter President

LaNell Menard-Parrish, Secretary/Treasur

Albert Holiday, Vice-President

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Honorable Seth Damon Speaker 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Herman Daniels, Jr. Shonto, Naatsi'is'áán, Oljato, and Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapters

Jariana Kahn FROM:

Mariana Kahn, Attorney Office of Legislative Counsel

- DATE: October 8, 2019
- SUBJECT: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE SPECIAL REVIEW OF OLJATO CHAPTER SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, AND APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE OLJATO CHAPTER

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.