

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th Navajo Nation Council --- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING RDCO-79-16 BY APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (A); 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is empowered to grant final approval for Plans of Operation for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(2)(g).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

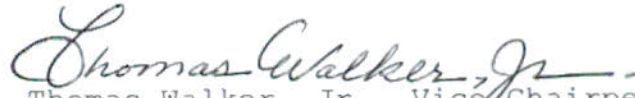
- A. The Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources ("DNR") Department of Agriculture was last updated through RDCO-79-16 at Exhibit M. RDCO-79-16 (Exhibits A-L omitted) is attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- B. The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Agriculture has submitted amendments to their plan of operation and is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING RDCO-79-16 BY APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Resources and Development Committee hereby amends RDCO-79-16 by approving the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Agriculture as attached in **Exhibit 1**.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at the Navajo Division of Transportation Administrative Complex, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, and 0 opposed, on this 10th day of July 2019.


Thomas Walker, Jr., Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
Second: Honorable Herman Daniels

Vice Chairperson Thomas Walker, Jr. not voting.



PLAN OF OPERATION
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture is hereby established as a department of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources within the executive branch of the Navajo Nation government.

II. PURPOSE

A. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture (NNDA) shall manage all aspects of Navajo agricultural resources for the optimum benefit of all Navajo people including future generations.

B. The NNDA shall be oriented toward the development of a viable rural economy based on family livestock, and commercial and subsistence farm enterprises, and rangeland management.

C. The NNDA shall apply generally accepted industry practices for the conservative use of natural resources.

D. The NNDA will ensure compliance with Navajo Nation code for the protection of Navajo natural resources.

E. The NNDA will establish revenue generation centers in each management section for investment in maintenance and enhancement of direct services and for the conservation and/or restoration of natural resources.

F. The NNDA will collect funds as authorized under Navajo Nation laws. The funds collected are Navajo Nation funds and must be turned over to the appropriate authority. Any other use of these funds will be deemed a misuse of Navajo Nation or federal courts.

G. The NNDA, through the Navajo Nation Fair Office, will provide for the planning and production of the Navajo Nation Fair and Fourth of July Celebration.

GH. The NNDA will refer extraordinary issues outside program authorities to the appropriate oversight Committee.

III. STAFF AND ORGANIZATION

The NNDA shall consist of such management sections and functions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes and directive cited above.

A. Personnel

1. There is hereby established the position of Department Manager and such other positions as may be deemed necessary for NNDA operation and management. The Navajo Nation Fair Manager and Fair Office staff shall be supervised by the Department Manager.

2. Each management section of the Department shall be managed by an employee of the Department as assigned by the Department Manager and as may be budgeted by the Navajo Nation.

3. All personnel shall be hired and compensated pursuant to the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

4. All personnel shall adhere to the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law.

B. Organization

The NNDA shall consist of the management sections listed below to accomplish the NNDA Plan of Operation, and/or other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Department Manager. The manager of each section will report to, and be responsible to, the Department Manager.

Each management section will provide and maintain a learning environment for college students and youth interns from college and universities including high school students and summer/winter break students in addition to serving as a worksite provider as needed and as funds are available.

Each management section, where appropriate, will establish revenue generation services to maintain and enhance direct services and to invest in the conservation of natural resources.

1. Administration

This section shall be responsible for the Department financial, personnel, reporting, property and general office management functions. The Department Manager or designee will be charged with direct supervision of this Section.

2. Ranch and Eastern Land Management

This section shall be responsible to provide productive and optimum use of lands under its direct management. And shall be authorized to establish a livestock herd(s), make purchases, and sell livestock to generate revenues for replacement purposes pursuant to established policies and procedures. If available, lands may be leased to secure additional rangelands to support and augment the livestock herd. To establish a bull pasture with reasonable fees. And to purchase bulk supplemental feeds during drought conditions and other emergency related conditions and resell supplemental feeds with additional cost to the customer.

a. Tribal Ranch Section

The purpose of the Tribal Ranch Section is to manage Tribal ranch units, ranches and other programs as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes cited. And to comply with 16 N.N.C. §§ 1 *et seq.* and the Navajo Nation Policy on Acquisition of Lands.

b. Tribal Ranch Section Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

The Tribal Ranch Section shall lease tribal ranches according to established rules, regulations and laws, and as follows:

- (1) Generate revenues to pay taxes, land use fees and tribal ranch land operation and maintenance cost.
- (2) Provide grazing lands for members of the Tribe who do not have grazing permits.
- (3) Provide additional or substitute grazing lands for members of the Tribe who reside in depleted forage areas of the Nation.

(4) Coordinate with appropriate Game and Fish Departments for wild game hunting on tribal ranches pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, including establishment of recreational hunter access fees and land owner hunt permits and sales thereof to mitigate hunter damages to ranches, ranch infrastructure and ranch improvement.

(5) Coordinate with Navajo Nation Forestry in regards to wood hauling on tribal ranches to assure healthy landscape for the people and the animals.

(6) Provide land necessary for approved Tribal enterprises.

(7) Advocate for consolidation of Indian and other land holdings in “checkerboard” area wherever the best interest of Navajos grazing in the area and the welfare of the Navajo Nation are served.

(8) Navajo Nation employees and legally established agricultural cooperatives or associations within the Navajo Nation may use available services as provided and in accordance with established policies and procedures.

c. Eastern Agency Section

The purpose of the Eastern Agency Section is to manage Eastern Navajo Agency grazing, range and farm resources for the optimum benefit of Navajo agricultural production.

d. Eastern Agency Section Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

(1) Ensure compliance with grazing, farming rules and regulations.

(2) Provide technical and administrative services including training for the Eastern Agency Land Board.

(3) Address noncompliance of duties by the Eastern Agency Land Board, And establish a standardized process to remedy the situation. After three written correspondence regarding the matter, staff will recommend removal for non-performance through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules.

(4) Recommend removal of Eastern Navajo Land Board members through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules where appropriate.

(5) Review, revise and/or update policies, and procedures and recommend approval of regulations to the Resources and Development Committee for grazing on Tribal trust, allotments, fee and leased lands in the Eastern Navajo Agency.

(6) Review, ~~and~~ prepare, and present grazing dispute appeal cases to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to present to the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

(7) Coordinate administrative needs among the Eastern Agency Land Board with other Navajo Nation, Tribal, federal and state agencies, public and private entities.

(8) Maintain records of livestock tallies, crop reports, meeting minutes, disputes, and grazing and land dispute recommendations.

(9) Maintain "Agency Profiles" with information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that includes carrying capacities, stocking rates, number of Sheep units issued and the number of permittees and other information as needed.

(10) Attend and coordinate quarterly meetings with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Division, to obtain updated information on Natural Resources in regards to both Navajo Nation ALUPs and Grazing Permits.

(11) Develop and implement livestock and trespass removal programs and activities.

(12) In coordination with the Eastern Agency Land Board and ~~the~~ that upon review and approval by the Departmental Manager, shall transfer grazing fees collected by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region, and on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management, from grazing permittees in Eastern Navajo Agency. These grazing fees shall be managed and administered on behalf of the Eastern Agency Land Board for conservation projects and administration costs in Eastern Navajo Agency pursuant to the approved Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management and the Navajo Nation.

3. Range and Farm Management

a. Purpose

To manage Navajo grazing, range and farm resources for the optimum benefit of Navajo agricultural production.

b. Authority, Duties, and Responsibilities

(1) Ensure compliance with grazing, farming rules and regulations.

(2) Provide technical and administrative services including training for the District Grazing Committee and Farm Board members.

(3) Address noncompliance of duties by Grazing Committee and Farm Board members. And establish a written standardized process to remedy the situation. After three written correspondence regarding the matter, staff will recommend removal for non-performance through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules.

(4) Recommend removal of Grazing Committee and Farm Board members through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules where appropriate.

(5) Review, revise and/or update policies, and procedures and recommend approval of regulations to the Resources and Development Committee for grazing on Tribal trust, allotments, fee and leased lands.

(6) Review, and prepare, and present grazing dispute appeal cases to the Navajo Nation DOJ to present to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to present at the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

(7) Coordinate administrative needs among the Grazing Committees and Farm Boards with other Navajo Nation, Tribal, federal and state agencies, public and private entities.

(8) Maintain records of livestock tallies, crop reports, meeting minutes, disputes, and grazing and land dispute recommendations.

(9) Maintain "Agency Profiles" with information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that includes carrying capacities, stocking rates, number of Sheep units issued and the number of permittees.

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4. Veterinary Management

a. Regulatory Section

The prevention, suppression, control, and eradication of communicable diseases of animals, wildlife and poultry, as stipulated in Navajo Nation Title 3.

b. Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

(1) Services include extension services on Navajo Veterinary Regulatory Board and section activities and support services.

(2) Works in accordance with the Navajo Nation Emergency Response to a Foreign Animal Disease (RAU-43-04) and the Livestock and Foreign Animal Disease Act of 2006 (CMY-27-06).

(3) Supports operations and developing procedures related to Veterinary health.

(4) Research new procedures and animal health technologies and facilities to stay abreast of current development and assist in development.

(5) Raise awareness of the NNDA's role in assuring a safe food supply through educating and assisting producer(s) to yield a healthy animal for the food supply chain.

(6) Provide public information and answer questions from the public regarding a myriad of circumstances regarding animal health and the states livestock population.

(7) Work cooperatively with the Division of Health on veterinary-related threats to public health through zoonotic disease surveillance, investigation and research.

(8) Collaborate with all Federal and State animal disease regulations, disease eradication and cooperative programs; participate in foreign and domestic disease surveillance and investigations.

(9) Provide assistance in grant applications related to animal health.

(10) Serve as the primary contact for NNDA with the United States Department of Agriculture as well as other stated and federal organizations on issues related to animal and poultry diseases.

(11) Oversee the Navajo Nation Animal Identification System functions to include premise registration, animal identification and animal tracking in cooperation with the Navajo Department of Resource Enforcement and Federal/ State cooperators.

(12) Administers work in accordance with State and Federal agreements.

(13) Collect tissues for laboratory work, histopathology and other relevant laboratory procedures and analyses.

(14) Performs epidemiological analyses regarding livestock and disease issues and enforces quarantines in coordination with the Navajo Nation Resources Enforcement and the States/Federal official's relations to animal and poultry disease outbreak.

(15) Work with Homeland Security personnel to resolve incidents involving livestock.

(16) Participate in the Agriculture and Animal Disease Response communications, meetings and training to develop and maintain alliances with State and Federal animal health officials.

(17) Examine livestock and horses at Navajo Nation fairs, for signs of infectious and communicable disease to determine admission to the event when needed.

(18) Assures humane handling of animals.

(19) Provide technical assistance to the public and public health officials in the area of normal anatomy and pathological conditions of livestock rendered rfor human consumption.

(20) Assist the Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement and Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife with forensic investigations relevant to livestock, horses and wildlife during criminal investigations conducted by those organization officers.

(21) Provide assistance for Navajo Nation IACUC committees.

Reviews and approves requests for importation of exotic animal species visiting or imported to the Navajo Nation for human handling and meeting the animal health standards of the Navajo Nation.

(22) Represent the Navajo Nation at the Western States Livestock Health Association (WSLHA) and maintain membership and voting capacity within the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA).

c. Veterinary Clinic Section

The purpose of the Veterinary Clinic Section is the prevention, treatment, suppression, control and eradication of communicable diseases of livestock, companion animals and poultry.

d. Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

(1) Provide herd health work, and supply preventive medications and supplies at reasonable cost to producers, while providing technical assistance to train producers toward self-sufficiency in routine herd health procedures.

(2) Provide disease diagnostic services for the well-being of animal (equine, livestock, small animal, wildlife) as well as protection of public health through in-house testing and referral of sample to major diagnostic laboratories.

(3) Serve as the lead agency for the Navajo Nation in surveillance and response for equine, livestock, small animal and wildlife diseases within the Navajo Nation.

(4) Cooperate with Federal and State Veterinarians in the maintenance of intrastate and interstate shipments, disease control regulations, response and activities.

(5) Maintain the program as a financially self-sufficient program of the Navajo Nation budgeting organizational costs of the program by charging variable fees for veterinarian services and supplies.

(6) Conduct chapter based and other extension education seminars on various aspects of livestock management, agri-business, genetic improvements and disease prevention and other subjects as maybe warranted.

(7) Provide and maintain a learning environment for veterinary student externs from accredited veterinary colleges and the Native American Project; high school students and summer and winter break students as a worksite provider.

(8) Promote the health and welfare of Navajo Nation equine, livestock, small animals and wildlife through the Navajo Nation Health code, foreign animal disease act and response capabilities.

(9) Provide veterinary assistance to the Navajo Nation Zoo and the Navajo Nation Department of Fish & Wildlife.

(10) Provide veterinary assistance to the Navajo Nation Department of Resource Enforcement.

(11) Mobile Clinics to be operated as deemed necessary and if clientele and caseloads and revolving account funds are adequate to cover such costs, to accomplish the purposes cited herein.

(12) Work and coordinate with Non-Government Organizations and other visiting groups that are interested in providing veterinary care on the Navajo Nation.

(13) Assure humane handling of animals.

(14) Active management of unsustainable and unhealthy increase in animal population through spay, neuter, castration, PZP and other generally accepted industry practices.

5. Livestock Brand Management

a. Purpose

To protect the integrity of the livestock industry on the Navajo Nation through constant patrols, active involvement in the establishment and enforcement of a livestock brand inspection system, and provision of education and training on the Navajo Nation livestock rules and regulations.

To work in partnership with the Deputy Livestock Inspectors and the Department of Resource Enforcement to provide livestock inspection on the Navajo Nation to keep livestock safe from theft and disease and mishandling.

Will also work with the NNDA management sections to safeguard the Navajo Nation from animal disease.

b. Authorities, Duties and Responsibilities

(1) Livestock Inspection

The purpose of livestock inspection is to verify livestock ownership and/or to verify that that individual hauling the livestock is doing so with the expressed written permission of the lawful owner/s. As the "-N" brand is registered to the Navajo Nation in the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, all livestock bearing the "-N" brand must be inspected by the Livestock Brand Management before leaving the Navajo Nation. If such livestock shows up off the Navajo Nation without a valid hauling permit, the appropriate State Brand Inspector will seize the livestock for questionable ownership. This insures all livestock will be inspected prior to resale.

(2) Brand Management (brand registration)

(a) “-N” is the official brand of the Navajo Nation and must be on all equine and bovine grazing on the Navajo Nation.

(b) The “-N” brand shall be placed on the left shoulder.

(c) The “-N” is to be used in conjunction with three-character brand assigned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(d) If you have an official Arizona or New Mexico or Utah state brand and no brand from the Bureau of Indian Affairs assigned brands, then the “-N” is NOT required.

(e) All State brands must be recorded with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture.

(f) All livestock grazing on the Navajo Nation must have a valid Navajo Nation permit or the livestock is in trespass.

(g) A valid State brand does NOT automatically give authorization to graze on the Navajo Nation.

(3) Will be responsible for maintaining and keeping current the “-N” brand registration with the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

(4) Livestock Importation (permits-livestock hauling, resale)

A hauling permit is required to transport livestock on and off the Navajo Nation. A hauling permit may be applied for at this office. A service fee will be charged. A resale permit is required.

(5) Livestock Investigation. Will assist as needed.

(6) Enforce the State and Federal regulations relative to the National Traceability rules, premise identification and Navajo Nation Code Title 3, including Premise Management (premise record, number associated with brand), RFID and Scrapie tagging.

(7) Develop and maintain a livestock management system and livestock inspection schedule in partnership with the Department of Resource Enforcement to provide livestock inspection compliance at livestock sale yard(s) and other areas convenient to livestock owners seeking to transport their livestock to livestock sales and/or auctions.

(8) Assist in the lawful planning and design of excess livestock and feral animal removal.

(9) Manage all aspects of the Deputy Livestock Inspector (DLI) training and commissioning including training and recruiting eligible individuals to become a commissioned DLI.

(a) The DLI training will use the Navajo Nation Department of Resource Enforcement Standard Operation Procedures and Title II Chapter 7, Control and Inspection of Livestock.

(b) Update the above document as needed.

(c) Training is provided free of cost to eligible attendees however the attendees will pay for all expenses traveling to and from training.

(d) Upon successful completion of established requirements, will work to have the individual commissioned as a DLI for the Navajo Nation.

(10) Deputy Livestock Inspector (DLI)

The purpose of the DLI training and commissioning is to leverage community resources to assist in the inspection of livestock due to limited resources to fulfill livestock inspection during the high season of livestock sales.

(a) Works under the direct supervision of a Navajo Nation Ranger.

(b) Provides livestock inspection services and can seize and hold livestock under Title 3, Navajo Nation Code, Chapter 7, Control and Inspection of Livestock Subchapter 1. Generally.

6. Navajo Nation Fair Office

A. The Navajo Nation Fair Office is responsible for the management, improvement, and development of the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds, advertising and promotion, seeking and obtaining sponsorship support for the Fairground events, and planning and undertaking the major events on the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds, including the Navajo Nation Fair and Fourth of July Celebration, operation of the Window Rock Sports Center, leasing and rental of Fairgrounds facilities, and other special events and activities on the Navajo Fairgrounds.

B. The NNDA and the Navajo Nation Fair Office shall administer and manage the Navajo Nation Fairgrounds land withdrawal authorized by Resolution No. RCMA-38-03.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY

The Department Manager of the NNDA is hereby authorized and directed to:

A. Ensure all management sections perform essential functions under a broad range of circumstances including working to leverage resources internally and externally to provide direct services.

B. Shall provide effective management of Departmental budget, human resources, strategic planning, assets, customer services including daily operations and assuring appropriate staff development and training.

C. Shall develop policies, procedures, recommend approval of regulations to the Resources and Development Committee, and management plans for NNDA in consultation with other entities and the public.

D. Develop partnerships with state, federal and private partners as needed to benefit Navajo Nation agricultural resources.

E. Develop partners with the United States Department of Agriculture agencies to ensure financial and technical assistance from these agencies are made available to NNDA and the Navajo people.

F. Provide administrative oversight of District Grazing, Navajo Farm Board and Eastern Agency Land Board elected officials.

G. Assure accountability is a Departmental core value encompassing standards of conduct, legal and ethical codes, good stewardship of public funds and property, and effective and efficient use of resources.

V. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

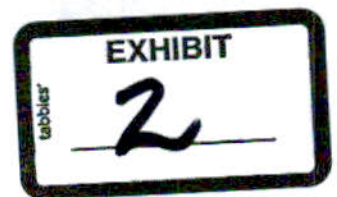
A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (10), to recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the creation of any Division or Department intended to be under the Committee's oversight by adoption of its Plan of Operation; and to rescind the Plan of Operation or an existing Plan of Operation for any Division or Department under the committee's oversight.

B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (1), the Committee shall serve as oversight committee of the Division of Natural Resources.

VI. AMENDMENTS

This Plan of Operation may be amended by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation of the Department Manager of the NNDA through the Executive Division Director of the Division of Natural Resources.

12/17/18



RDCO-79-16

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---Second Year 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF NAVAJO ABANDONED MINE LANDS RECLAMATION AND URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT, NATURAL HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, LAND DEPARTMENT, MINERALS DEPARTMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT, AND, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee (RDC) is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A); 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).

B. The Resources and Development Committee is empowered to grant final approval for Plans of Operation for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(2)(g).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources (DNR) has submitted proposed amended plans of operation for all of its departments with the exception of the Navajo Nation Museum plan of operation which was recently amended. See, Memorandum of Executive Director dated August 23, 2016 attached as Exhibit A.

B. The Executive Director has submitted to significant changes to the DNR departmental structure. The first is the merger of the Historic Preservation Department and the Archaeology Department to create the Heritage and Historic Preservation Department and, second, the creation of the General Land Development Department which will be presented to the Resources

and Development Committee in a separate legislation. With these proposed changes there will be thirteen departments within the Division of Natural Resources.

C. The Executive Director's proposed amendments to the Department of Agriculture and the Navajo Land Department will clarify the Department of Agriculture's role in working with the District Grazing Officials, the Land Board Members, and the Farm Board Members and to modernize the management of the Navajo Land Department through the Navajo Land Title Database.

D. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Administration is attached as Exhibit C.

E. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation and Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action is attached as Exhibit D.

F. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Forestry Department is attached as Exhibit E.

G. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Natural Heritage and Historic Preservation is attached as Exhibit F.

H. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Land Department is attached as Exhibit G.

I. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Minerals Department is attached as Exhibit H.

J. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Department is attached as Exhibit I.

K. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Resource Enforcement is attached as Exhibit J.

L. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Water Resources is attached as Exhibit K.

M. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Fish and Wildlife is attached as Exhibit L.

N. The proposed amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Agriculture is attached as Exhibit M.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF OPERATION FOR DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Administration is attached as Exhibit C.

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CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Department of Transportation, (Navajo Nation) Tse Bonito, New Mexico, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained this 25th day of October, 2016.



**Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council**

**Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete**

Exhibit M

PLAN OF OPERATION
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

I. ESTABLISHMENT

~~There is hereby established the Department of Agriculture within the Navajo Division of Natural Resources within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture is hereby established as a department of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources within the executive branch of the Navajo Nation government.~~

II. PURPOSE

- A. ~~The Department of Agriculture~~ Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture (NND) shall manage all aspects of plan, develop, coordinate, integrate, manage and implement all programs, policies and regulations designed to conserve, protect, regulate, develop and manage Navajo range, livestock and agricultural resources for the optimum benefit of all Navajo people including future generations.
 - B. ~~The NND~~ All plans, objectives and activities of the Department of Agriculture shall be oriented toward the development of a viable rural economy for the Navajo people based on family livestock, and commercial and subsistence farm enterprises and rangeland management.
 - C. ~~The NND shall be consistent with apply the generally accepted industry principles, practices and established guidelines for the conservative use of natural soil and water resources.~~
 - D. ~~The NND will ensure compliance with Navajo Nation Code for the protection of Navajo natural resources.~~
 - E. ~~The NND will establish revenue generation centers in each management section for investment in maintenance and enhancement of direct services and for the conservation and/or restoration of natural resources.~~
 - F. ~~The NND will collect funds authorized under Navajo Nation laws. The funds collected are Navajo Nation funds and must be turned over to the appropriate authority. Any other use of these funds will be deemed a misuse of Navajo Nation funds, theft or embezzlement and result in prosecution through the Navajo Nation or federal courts.~~
 - G. ~~The NND will refer extraordinary issues outside program authorities to the appropriate oversight Committee.~~
- ~~Department of Agriculture shall also provide technical assistance in the planning, design, implementation, financial and maintenance of agricultural conservation practices.~~
- a. ~~The Department of Agriculture shall, pursuant to Tribal laws, provide agricultural extension education services for all aspects of production agriculture and irrigation, livestock and range management.~~
 - b. ~~The Department of Agriculture shall, pursuant to Tribal laws, provide comprehensive veterinary services and herd health services to Navajo livestock producers, with the emphasis on education to the producer on various practices.~~

- e. ~~The Department of Agriculture shall provide administration of Tribal ranches and leases by ensuring lease compliance, repair and maintenance on ranch improvements.~~

III. STAFF AND ORGANIZATION

~~The NNDA Department of Agriculture shall consist of such management sections and functions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes and directive cited above.~~

A. Personnel

1. ~~There is hereby established the position of Department Manager Director and such other positions as may be deemed necessary for NNDA the operation and management of the NNDA and its management sections.~~
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~~Each management section will provide and maintain a learning environment for college student and youth interns from college and universities including high school students and summer/winter break students in addition to serving as a worksite provider as needed and as funds are available.~~

~~Each management section, where appropriate, will establish revenue generation services to maintain and enhance direct services and to invest in the conservation of natural resources.~~

1. Administration

~~This section shall be responsible for the Department financial, personnel, reporting, property and general office management functions. The Department Manager or designee will be charged with direct supervision of this Section.~~

2. Ranch and Pasture Land Management

~~This section shall be responsible to provide productive and optimum use of lands under its direct management. And shall be authorized to establish a livestock herd(s), make purchases, and sell livestock to generate revenues for replacement purposes pursuant to established policies and procedures. If available lands may be leased to secure additional rangelands to support and maintain the livestock herd. To establish a bull pasture with reasonable fees. And to purchase bulk supplemental feeds during drought conditions and~~

other emergency related itions and resell supplemental feeds with additional cost to the customer

a. Tribal Ranch Section

The purpose of the Tribal Ranch Section is to manage Tribal ranch units, ranches and other programs as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes cited And to comply with 16 N.N.C. §1 seq. and the Navajo Nation Policy on Acquisition of Lands.

b. Tribal Ranch Section Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

The Tribal Ranch Section shall lease tribal ranches according to established rules, regulations and laws and as follow

- (1) Generate revenues to pay for land use fees and tribal ranch land operation and maintenance cost
- (2) Provide grazing lands for members of the Tribe who do not have grazing permits
- (3) Provide additional or substitute grazing lands for members of the Tribe who reside in depleted forage areas of the nation.
- (4) Coordinate with appropriate Game and Fish Departments for wild game hunting on tribal ranches pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, including establishment of recreational hunter access fees and land owner hunt permits and sales thereof to mitigate hunter damages to ranches, ranch infrastructure and ranch improvement.
- (5) Coordinate with Navajo Nation Forestry in regards to wood hauling on tribal ranches to assure healthy land scape for the people and the animals
- (6) Provide land necessary for approved Tribal enterprises.
- (7) Advocate for consolidation of Indian and other land holdings in "checkerboard" area wherever the best interest of Navajos grazing in the area and the welfare of the Navajo Nation are
- (8) Navajo Nation employees and legally established agricultural cooperatives or associations within the Navajo Nation may use available services as provided and in accordance with established policies and procedures.

c. Eastern Agency Section

The purpose of the Eastern Agency Section is to manage Eastern Navajo Agency gra range and farm resources for the maximum benefit of Navajo agricultural production

d. Eastern Agency Section Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) Ensure compliance with grazing rules and regulations

- (2) Provide technical and administrative services including training for the Eastern Agency Land Board
- (3) Address noncompliance of duties of the Eastern Agency Land Board. And establish a standardized process to remedy the situation. After three written responses regarding the matter, staff will recommend removal for non performance to the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules
- (4) Recommend removal of Eastern Navajo Land Board members through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules where appropriate
- (5) Review, revise and/or update policies, and procedures and recommend approval of regulations to the Resources and Development Committee for grazing on Tribal trust, allotments, fee and lease lands in the Eastern Navajo Agency
- (6) Review and prepare and present grazing dispute appeal cases to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to present to the Office of Hearing and Appeals
- (7) Coordinate administrative needs among the Eastern Agency Land Board with other Navajo Nation Tribal, federal and state agencies, public and private entities
- (8) Maintain records of livestock tallies, crop reports, meeting minutes, disputes, and grazing and land development commendations.
- (9) Maintain "Agency Profiles" with information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that includes carrying capacities, stocking rates, number of Sheep units issued and the number of permittees and other information as needed
- (10) Attend and coordinate quarterly meetings with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Natural Resources Division, to obtain updated information on Natural Resources in regards to both Navajo Nation Allotments and Grazing Permits.
- (11) Develop and implement livestock and trespass removal programs and activities
- (12) In coordination with the Eastern Agency Land Board and the upon review and approval by the Departmental Manager, shall transfer grazing fees collected by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region, and on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management, from grazing permittees in Eastern Navajo Agency. These grazing fees shall be managed and administered on behalf of the Eastern Agency Land Board for conservation projects and administration costs in Eastern Navajo Agency pursuant to the approved Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management and the Navajo Nation

3. Range and Farm Management

a. Purpose

To manage Navajo grazing, range and farm resources for the optimum benefit of Navajo agricultural production.

b. Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) Ensure compliance with grazing, farming rules and regulations.
- (2) Provide technical and administrative services including training for the District Grazing Committee and Farm Board members.
- (3) Address noncompliance of duties by Grazing Committee and Farm Board members. And establish a written standardized process to remedy the situation. After three written correspondence regarding the matter, staff will recommend removal for non-performance through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules.
- (4) Recommend removal of Grazing Committee and Farm Board members through the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules where appropriate.
- (5) Review, revise and/or update policies and procedures and recommend approval or regulations to the Resources and Development Committee for grazing on Tribal trust, allotments, fee and leased lands.
- (6) Review and prepare and present grazing dispute appeal cases to the Navajo Nation DOJ to present to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice to present it to the Office of Hearing and Appeals.
- (7) Coordinate administrative needs among the Grazing Committees and Farm Boards with other Navajo Nation, Tribal, federal and state agencies, public and private entities.
- (8) Maintain records of allies, crop reports, meeting minutes, dispute and grazing and land dispute recommendations.
- (9) Maintain "Agency Profiles" with information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that includes carrying capacities, stocking rates, number of Sheep units issued and the number of permittees.
- (10) Attend and coordinate quarterly meetings with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Division, to obtain updated information on Natural Resources in regards to both Navajo Nation ALUPs and Grazing Permits.
- (11) Develop and implement livestock and trespass removal programs and activities.

4. Veterinary Management

a. Regulatory Section

The prevention, suppression, control and eradication of communicable diseases of animals, wildlife and poultry, as required in Navajo Nation Title 3.

b. Authority, Duties and

- (1) Services include extension services on Navajo Veterinary Regulatory Board and section activities and support services
- (2) Works in accordance with the Nation Emergency Response to a Foreign Animal Disease (RCAU 43-04) and the Livestock and Foreign Animal Disease Act of 2006 (CMY 27-06)
- (3) Supports operations and developing procedures related to Veterinary health
- (4) Research new procedures and animal health technologies and facilities to stay abreast of current developments and assist in development
- (5) Raise awareness of the NNDA's role in assuring a safe food supply through educating and assisting producer(s) to yield a healthy animal for the food supply chain
- (6) Provide public information and answer questions from the public regarding a myriad of circumstances relating animal health and the states livestock population
- (7) Work cooperatively with the Division of Health on veterinary related threats to public health through zoonotic disease surveillance, investigation and research
- (8) Collaborate with all Federal and State animal disease regulations, disease eradication and cooperative programs, participate in foreign and domestic disease surveillance and investigations
- (9) Provide assistance in grant applications related to animal health
- (10) Serve as the primary contact for NNDA with the United States Department of Agriculture as well as other stated and federal organizations on issues related to animal and poultry diseases
- (11) Oversee the Navajo Nation Animal Identification System functions to include premise registration, animal identification and animal tracking in cooperation with the Navajo Department of Resource Enforcement and Federal / State cooperators
- (12) Administers work in accordance with State and Federal agreements
- (13) Collect tissues for laboratory work: histopathology and other relevant laboratory procedures and analyses
- (14) Performs epidemiological analyses regarding livestock and disease issues and enforces quarantines in coordination with the Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement and the Federal official's relations to animal and poultry disease outbreak

- (15) Work with Homeland Security personnel to resolve incidents involving livestock.
- (16) Participate in the Agriculture and Animal Disease Response communications, meetings and training to develop and maintain alliances with State and Federal animal health officials.
- (17) Examine livestock and horses at Navajo Nation fairs, for signs of infectious and communicable disease to determine admission to the event when needed.
- (18) Assures humane handling of animals.
- (19) Provide technical assistance to the public and public health officials in the area of normal anatomy and pathological conditions of livestock rendered for human consumption.
- (20) Assist the Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement and Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife with forensic investigations relevant to livestock, horses and wildlife during criminal investigation conducted by those organization officers.
- (21) Provide assistance for Navajo Nation IACUC committees.
Reviews and approves requests for importation of exotic animal species visiting or imported to the Navajo Nation for human handling and meeting the animal health standards of the Navajo Nation.
- (22) Represent the Navajo Nation at the Western States Livestock Health Association (WSLHA) and maintain membership and voting capacity within the United States Animal Health Association.

c. Veterinary Clinic Section

The purpose of the Veterinary Clinic Section is the prevention, treatment, suppression, control and eradication of communicable diseases of livestock, companion animals and poultry.

d. Authority, Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) Provide herd health work and supply preventive medications and supplies at reasonable cost to producers, while providing technical assistance to train producers toward self sufficiency in routine herd health procedures.
- (2) Provide disease diagnostic services for the well-being of animal (equine, livestock, small animal, wildlife) as well as protection of public health through in house testing and referral of samples to diagnostic laboratories.

- (3) Serve as the lead agency for the Navajo Nation in surveillance and response for equine, livestock, small animal and wildlife diseases within the Navajo Nation.
- (4) Cooperate with Federal and State Veterinarians in the maintenance of intrastate and interstate shipment disease control regulations, response and activities.
- (5) Maintain the program as a financially self sufficient program of the Navajo Nation budgeting organizational costs of the program by charging variable fees for veterinarian services and supplies.
- (6) Conduct chapter based and other extension education seminars on various aspects of livestock management, agri-business, genetic improvements and disease prevention and other subjects as maybe warranted.
- (7) Provide and maintain a learning environment for veterinary student externs from accredited veterinary colleges and the Native American Project, high school students and summer and winter break students as a worksite provider.
- (8) Promote the health and well of Navajo Nation equine, livestock, small animals and wildlife through the Navajo Nation Health code, foreign animal disease act and sponsorship abilities.
- (9) Provide veterinary assistance to the Navajo Nation Zoo and the Navajo Nation Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- (10) Provide veterinary assistance to the Navajo Nation Department of Resource Enforcement.
- (11) Mobile Clinics to be operated, deemed adequate and if clientele and caseloads and revolving account funds are adequate to cover such to accomplish the purposes cited herein.
- (12) Work and coordinate with Non Government Organizations and other visiting groups that are providing veterinary care on the Navajo Nation.
- (13) Assure humane handling of animals.
- (14) Active management of unsustainable and unhealthy increase in animal population through neuter castration, ZP and other gender control industry practices.

5. Livestock Branding

a. Purpose

To protect the integrity of the livestock industry on the Navajo Nation through constant patrols, active involvement in the establishment and enforcement of a livestock brand inspection system, and provision of education and training on the Navajo Nation livestock rules and regulations.

To work in partnership with the Deputy Livestock Inspectors and the Department of Resource Enforcement to provide livestock inspection on the Navajo Nation to keep livestock safe from theft and disease and mishandling.

Will also work with the NNDA management sections to safeguard the Navajo Nation from animal disease.

b. Authorities, Duties and Responsibilities

(1) Livestock Inspection

The purpose of livestock inspection is to verify livestock ownership and/or to verify that that individual utilizing the livestock is doing so with the expressed written permission of the lawful owner. As the "N" brand is registered on the Navajo Nation in the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, all livestock bearing the "N" brand must be inspected by the Livestock Brand Management before leaving the Navajo Nation. If such livestock shows up off the Navajo Nation without a valid hauling permit, the appropriate State Brand Inspector will seize the livestock for questionable ownership. This insures all livestock will be inspected prior to resale.

(2) Brand Management (brand registration)

- (a) "N" is the official brand of the Navajo Nation and must be on all equine and bovine grazing on the Navajo Nation.
- (b) The "N" brand shall be on the left shoulder.
- (c) The "N" is to be used in conjunction with three character brand assigned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- (d) If you have an official Arizona or New Mexico or Utah state brand and no brand from the Bureau of Indian Affairs assigned brands, then the "N" is NOT required.
- (e) All State brands must be recorded with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture.
- (f) All livestock grazing on the Navajo Nation must have a valid Navajo Nation permit or the livestock is in trespass.
- (g) A valid State brand does NOT automatically give authorization to graze on the Navajo Nation.

(3) Will be responsible for maintaining and keeping current the "N" brand registration with the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

(4) Livestock Importation (permit livestock hauling, resale)

A hauling permit is required to transport livestock on and off the Navajo Nation. A hauling permit may be applied for at this office. A service fee will be charged. A resale permit is required.

(5) Livestock Inventory Will be needed

- (6) Enforce the State and Federal regulations relative to the National Traceability rules, premise identification and Navajo Nation Code Title 3, including Premise Management (premise record, number associated with brand), RFID and Scrapie tagging.
- (7) Develop and maintain livestock management system and livestock inspection schedule in partnership with the Department of Resource Enforcement to provide livestock inspection compliance at livestock sale yard(s) and other areas convenient to livestock owners seeking to transport their livestock to livestock sales and/or auction.
- (8) Assist in the lawful planning and design of excess livestock and feral animal removal.
- (9) Manage all aspects of the Deputy Livestock Inspector (DLI) training and commissioning including training and recruiting eligible individuals to become a commissioned DLI.
 - (a) The DLI training will use the Navajo Nation Department of Resource Enforcement Standard Operation Procedures and Title II Chapter 7 Control and Inspection of Livestock.
 - (b) Update the above as
 - (c) Training is provided free of cost to eligible attendees however the attendees will pay for all traveling to and from training.
 - (d) Upon successful completion of established requirements, will work to have the individual commissioned as DLI for the Navajo Nation.
- (10) Deputy Livestock Inspector II

The purpose of the DLI training and commissioning is to leverage community resources to assist in the reduction of livestock due to limited resources to fulfill livestock inspection during the high season of livestock sales.

- (a) Works under the direct supervision of a Navajo Nation Ranger.
- (b) Provides livestock inspection services and can seize and hold livestock under Title 3, Navajo Nation Code Chapter 7 Control and Inspection of Livestock Subchapter 1 Generally.

- 1. Chinle Agency Agriculture Office and Veterinary Clinic
- 2. Eastern Agency Agriculture Office
- 3. Fort Defiance Agency Agriculture Office, Window Rock Veterinary Clinic and Dilkon Field Office
- 4. Shiprock Agency Agriculture Office and Veterinary Clinic
- 5. Western Agency Agriculture Office, Tuba City Veterinary Clinic and Kaymah Field Office
- 6. Tribal Ranches Administration
Grazing Management

IV. RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY

The Department Manager, Director of the NNDA Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to:

1. Provide technical assistance to land users and livestock producers by planning, designing, providing financial assistance through the cost share funds and implementing agricultural conservation practices and projects to improve range conditions, farm lands and irrigation water delivery systems and improve herd quality, including assisting the cooperator to seek Agricultural Conservation Program funds.

2. Develop, coordinate and implement a comprehensive practical extension education program to address range conservation and management, livestock management, breeding, herd health and improvement, irrigation practices, farm and crop production and management.

Develop and recommend policies and procedures pertaining to the resolution of farm grazing and land disputes. Develop and recommend policies and procedures that will encourage credit sources, such as Farmers Home Administration, Production Credit Association, etc., to cooperate with Navajo agricultural producers in providing credit resources to family livestock farms and related agricultural enterprises. In cooperation with other Navajo Nation organizations, review, revise, develop and recommend policies, procedures, regulations, and management plans for

Grazing on Tribal trust lands, ranch lands, for lands, leased lands.

Farm lands;

Livestock and Farm Producers Association and Soil and Water Conservation District.

Provide comprehensive veterinary services to Navajo livestock owners as well as for other companion animals and implementing programs to assist Navajo agricultural producers to improve the quality, quantity and the marketing of agricultural products.

7. Provide Tribal ranch lease administration and compliance to ensure proper use of ranch land resources; negotiate and recommend individual lease agreements for the use of ranch land resources; cause to be collected grazing fees of the use of ranch land resources and to enhance tribal revenues and ensure maintenance of ranch land improvements, fence and water systems, and ensure proper operations of such systems and improve.

8. Actively participate in planning sessions for resources management planning and self-governance assumption of responsibilities of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Natural Resources.

9. Coordinate with U.S.D.A. agencies, including Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization Service, R.C.B.D., Cooperative Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration, Farm Production Credit Association to ensure financial and technical assistance from these agencies are made available to Navajo people.

10. Coordinate with the Branch of Land and Operations Bureau of Indian Affairs, to ensure that Bureau of Land Operations personnel and financial resources are responsive to the priorities and needs of the Navajo people, through:

a. Joint planning and implement of A.C.P. cost-share practices; joint development of special projects for irrigation system construction, irrigated pasture establishment, development of financially viable family farms and ranches, and other such projects as the Navajo people may require.

Conduct and coordinate field surveys of range and agricultural land, water and vegetative resource conditions and potentials to fill any gaps in the existing data base.

Provide administrative support for the District Grazing Committee, Eastern Navajo Land Board and Farm Boards by being responsible for training, providing clerical and technical support; review, prepare and present grazing dispute appeal cases to the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to ensure compliance with land and grazing dispute procedures, the Navajo Tribal Code and Grazing Rules and Regulations; coordinate operational needs with other Tribal entities, such as the Resources Enforcement Agency, Pesticide Program, etc.

- A. Ensure all management sections perform essential functions under a broad range of circumstances including working to leverage resources internally and externally to provide direct services.
- B. Shall provide effective management of Departmental budget, human resources, strategic planning, assets, customer services including daily operations and assuring appropriate staff development and training.
- C. Shall develop policies, procedures, recommend approval of regulations to the Resources and Development Committee, and develop plans for NNDA in consultation with other entities and the public.
- D. Develop partnership with state, federal and local partners as needed to benefit Navajo Nation agricultural resources.
- E. Develop partners with the United States Department of Agriculture agencies to ensure financial and technical assistance from these agencies are made available to NNDA and the Navajo people.
- F. Provide administrative oversight of District Grazing, Navajo Farm Board and Eastern Agency Land Board elected officials.
- G. Assure accountability is a Departmental core value encompassing standards of conduct, legal and ethical codes, good stewardship of funds and property, and effective and efficient use of resources.

V. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Pursuant to 2 N.T.C. §693, et. seq., the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources, which includes the Department of Agriculture.

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501 (B)(10), to recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the creation of any Division or Department intended to be under the Committee's oversight by adoption of its Plan of Operation, and to rescind the Plan of Operation or, in existing Plan of Operation for any Division or Department under the Committee's oversight.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501 (B)(1), the Committee shall serve as oversight committee of the Division of Natural Resources, the Resources and Development Committee shall serve as oversight committee of the Division of Natural Resources. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501 (B)(11) to recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the creation of any Division or Department intended to be under the Committee's oversight by adoption of its Plan of Operation, and to rescind the

where the Government of the United States has agreed to provide the necessary funds for the construction of the proposed project.

Whereas the Navajo Nation Council has agreed to the construction of the proposed project, and the Government of the United States has agreed to provide the necessary funds for the construction of the proposed project, the Navajo Nation Council has agreed to the construction of the proposed project.

AMENDMENTS

This Plan of Operation may be amended by the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Resources Committee, or the Navajo Nation Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

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THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT




April 5, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Leo Watchman, Department Manager
Navajo Nation Agriculture Department

Martin Begaye, Department Manager
Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: 
Dr. Rudy Shebala, Division Director
Division of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Plans of Operation Amendments for Departments of Agriculture and Parks & Recreation
Regarding the Navajo Nation Fair Office

In light of the Administrative Realignment Directive of November 5, 2018, the Division transferred the Navajo Nation Fair Office functions to the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture from the Parks & Recreation Department. As a result, the two departments were to initiate amendments to their respective Plans of Operation to appropriately satisfy the intent of the realignment for the Navajo Nation Fair Office.

Your attention is requested to immediately initiate the proposed plans of operation amendments for the departments, Agriculture and Parks & Recreation, including the changes necessary to the respective Fund Management Plans for the Fourth of July and the Navajo Nation Fair. This notice is to plan for the near future in getting the amendments before the oversight Resources & Development Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee for their review and approval. The recommended timeline to complete this task is by the end of May 2019 due to the major events coming about and related activities as with various contracts that need to be in place well before the Fourth of July event and other potential commitments in securing sponsorships for these major events.

Your attention is greatly appreciated to completing this with your department.



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RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Concerned
FROM: Bidtah N. Becker
Bidtah N. Becker, Executive Director
Division of Natural Resources
DATE: November 5, 2018
SUBJECT: Administrative Realignment Directive

As of November 5, 2018, Navajo Nation Fair Office has been administratively realigned under the NN Department of Agriculture. As a result, all property, staff and production of annual events on Navajo Nation grounds will be transferred to NN Department of Agriculture.

Department of Agriculture will follow-up with other necessary changes as needed to complete this process.

Your cooperation and support of this transfer will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us with questions or concerns you may have at 928-871-6592/6593.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Leo C. Watchman, Jr.
Leo C. Watchman, Jr., Department Manager III
NN Department of Agriculture

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RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th Navajo Nation Council
Regular Meeting

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation # 0179-19: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Amending RDCO-79-16 By Approving Amendments to the Plan of Operation For The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Department of Agriculture *Sponsor: Honorable Rickie Nez*

Date: July 10, 2019

Meeting Location: NDOT Administrative Complex, Tse Bonito, NM

MAIN MOTION:

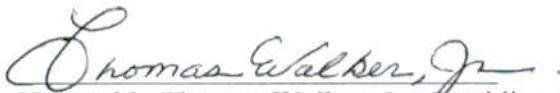
M: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. S: Herman M. Daniels Vote: 4-0-1 (VCNV)
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Nays: None
Excused: Mark A. Freeland

AMENDMENT # 1:

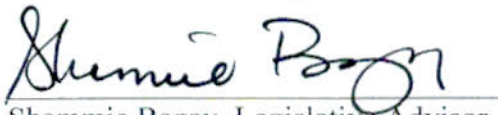
M: Kee Allen Begay, Jr. S: Herman M. Daniels Vote: 4-0-1 (VCNV)
Yeas: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Rickie Nez, and Herman M. Daniels
Nays: None
Excused: Mark A. Freeland

AMENDMENT # 2:

M: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. S: Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Vote: 4-0-1 (VCNV)
Yeas: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Rickie Nez, and Herman M. Daniels
Nays: None
Excused: Mark A. Freeland



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