

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES  
AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, CONFIRMING BIDTAH N. BECKER AS NAVAJO  
NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation President appoints a person as the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director. 2 N.N.C. § 1903.
- B. The appointed Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director serves at the Navajo Nation President's pleasure. *Id.*
- C. The Navajo Nation Council gave the Resources and Development Committee legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. §§ 501(C)(1) see also CJA-03-13, 22nd Navajo Nation Council (2013) and 1905 see also CJA-03-13, 22nd Navajo Nation Council, sect. 5, 30 (2013).
- D. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- E. The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director maintain the purposes found at 2 N.N.C. §1902.

Section Two. Appointment of the Navajo Nation Division of  
Natural Resources Executive Director

The Navajo Nation President appoints Bidtah N. Becker as the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director. Ms. Becker's appointment letter and resume are attached as EXHIBIT A.

**Section Three. Confirmation of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director**

1. The Navajo Nation Council confirms Bidtah N. Becker as the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director.  
2 N.N.C. §1903.

2. Ms. Becker shall serve at the Navajo Nation President's pleasure. *Id.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 4 opposed, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2015.



LoRenzo Bates, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

Oct. 27, 2015

Date

Motion: Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Second: Honorable Edmund Yazzie



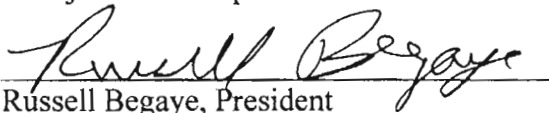
# THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT  
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Bidtah Becker, Assistant Attorney General  
Navajo Nation Department of Justice

FROM:   
Russell Begaye, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

DATE: May 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Appointment as Division Director for Division of Natural Resource

This memorandum serves to appoint you as Division Director for the Division of Natural Resources. This appointment shall take effect on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

You shall be responsible for the supervision of all departments and programs under the Division of Natural Resources. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies. During this appointment, you will report to the Chief of Staff, President Begaye, Vice President Nez and shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Division personnel, finances and service delivery.

You will be compensated at the current budgeted salary of the Division Director. Your acceptance of this appointment is appreciated. Upon the effective date, you will need to resign your position as Assistant Attorney General with the Navajo Department of Justice. Thank you.

## Bidtah N. Becker

### Personal

Mailing

### Personal

Residence

### Professional

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### LAW LICENSES

State Bar of New Mexico

Navajo Nation Bar Association

Federal District Court of New Mexico

### EXPERIENCE

Assistant Attorney General

April 2012 - present

NATURAL RESOURCES UNIT

NAVAJO NATION DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)

Attorney, Water Rights Unit

November 2004 – March 2012

Attorney, Human Services and Gov't Unit

June 2002- November 2004

Teacher

February 2001- June 2002

Community Based Education Program

SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

Santa Fe, NM

Subjects: Tribal & U.S. Government, Economics, Communications

Law Clerk

November 2000 – February 2001

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

HONORABLE MARTHA VÁZQUEZ

Santa Fe, NM

Campaign Staffer

August - October 2000

JOHN KELLY FOR CONGRESS

Law Clerk

July – August 1999

SONOSKY CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON

Washington, DC

Law Clerk

May – July 1999

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

INDIAN RESOURCES SECTION

Washington DC

Tutor Summer 1998  
PRE-LAW SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS  
AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER,  
Albuquerque, NM

Assistant to the Director of the ESCAPE Program July 1996 – May 1997  
Chaplain in Dormitory Residence  
CAMPUS MINISTRY  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
Washington, DC

Program Associate January – March 1995  
VOLUNTEER AND PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Health Educator Volunteer July 1993 – December 1995  
ACCIÓN MÉDICA CRISTIANA  
RAMA CAY, NICARAGUA

## **EDUCATION**

College of Santa Fe May 2002  
• Secondary Teacher Certification

University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D.  
• Order of the Coif (graduated top 10% of class)  
• Indian Law Certificate  
• Founding Member of Tribal Law Journal  
• Native American Law Student Association  
• National Native American Law Student Association

Georgetown University, B.S.F.S. May 1993  
• Latin American Studies Certificate  
• Study Abroad in Costa Rica and Ecuador  
• Spanish Language Proficiency: Reading, Speaking, Writing

## **PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Director, Board of Directors January 2010 -- present  
Chair of the Board January 2015 -- present  
SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION FOR INDIAN ARTS January 2003 – January 2007

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) February 2012 -- present  
President of PAC Sept. 2013- Oct. 2014  
TSÉHOTSOOÍ DINÉ BPÓLTA', Window Rock, NN, AZ

Treasurer and Member, Board March 2012 – present  
NAVAJO STUDIES CONFERENCE, INC.

Founding Member and Director, Board of Directors  
TRIBAL INHOUSE COUNSEL ASSOCIATION April 2012 – present

Trustee, Board of Trustees  
Appointed by President Obama  
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS, Santa Fe, NM November 2012 -- present

New Mexico Chair  
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM January 2012 --present

Applicant Interviewer  
GEORGETOWN ADMISSIONS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM 2000 – present

Reunion Fundraising Chair, Class of 1993  
GEORGETOWN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION May 2012- present

Member  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW  
ALUMNI BOARD Winter 2004 – Summer 2014

Member, New Mexico Representative  
WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL 2007 (approx.) -- ~~present~~

Native American Resources Committee Vice-Chair  
Water Law Conference Vice-Chair  
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES DIVISION  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2011- 2014  
2009, 2010, 2011

Member  
INDIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO 2000 (approx.) – present

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Unheard Voices of the Colorado River Basin:*  
*Bringing Mexico and Native American Tribes to the Table*  
State of the Rockies Speaker Series  
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO January 2012

*Future of the Navajo Studies Conference*, Panelist  
Navajo Studies Conference, IAIA, Santa Fe, NM March 2012

*Negotiation of Indian Water Rights Claims: The Basics*, Moderator  
Twelfth Symposium on the Settlement of Indian Reserved Water Rights Claims  
Billings, MT August 2011

*Environmental Laws on Indian Lands* CLE, Co-Chair  
Pojoaque, NM June 2011

*Indian Water Rights Settlements; Navajo, Aamodt, and Others: An Update*  
New Mexico Water Law Conference, Santa Fe, NM

August 2009

*Proposed Settlement of the Navajo Nation's Water Rights to the San Juan River Basin*

New Mexico Water Law Conference, Santa Fe, NM

August 2004

Southwestern Water Conservation District's Annual Seminar, Durango, CO

April 2004

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Claims Resolution Act: Indian Water Rights Settlements* Native American Resources Committee  
Newsletter, American Bar Association Vol. 8, No. 1, March 2011.

*Profile of the Law of the Navajo Nation*, 2 Tribal Law Journal (2002) (revised 2009), at  
tlj.nm.edu/tribal-law-journal/articles/volument\_2/Navajo/index.php, reprinted in Introduction  
to Tribal Legal Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Justin B. Richland and Sarah Deer, Altamira Press 2010.

*The Lawyer's Guidebook for the Expert Witness in Natural Resources Litigation*, The Public Historian, Vol.  
37, No. 1, pp. 95 – 104 (February 2014)

## **PERSONAL**

I have a deep personal and professional commitment to the Navajo Nation, its people, and its natural resources. I am Kint'ichii'nii born for Biligáana, my cheis are Tó Dích'íi'nii, and my nalis are Biligáana. My husband and I have chosen to dedicate our careers to the Nation and to raise our children on the Nation, including enrolling our children in the only existing Navajo language immersion school. I feel deeply involved in the community both locally and Navajo Nation – wide through my personal and professional life and the various organizations I work with and for.