

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

23<sup>RD</sup> Navajo Nation Council---First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING AN INTER-  
AGENCY TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE RECOVERY

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' as a Navajo Nation standing committee and empowered the committee to "[t]o coordinate all... state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§700(A) and 701(A) (4) (2012).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee, on September 24, 2015, held a Committee meeting at Grey Hills Academy, Tuba City, Arizona to address the Former Bennett Freeze Recovery and heard from Committee members, the Forgotten People and local residents, and the Office of the President and Vice-President on issues affecting the Former Bennett Freeze area.
- C. The result of the September 24, 2015 Naabik'íyáti' Committee meeting is a number of project tasks to address an area recovery including an Integrated Resource Management Plan, Identified Funding Sources, Land Declaration and Designations, Amendments to Current Laws and Policies, Data and Demographic Mapping, and a Housing Policy.
- D. To achieve the results of the listed projects the Naabik'íyáti' Committee recommends an Inter-Agency Task Force the Office of the President and Vice-President, the Office of the Speaker, the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Navajo Housing Authority and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

- E. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the residents of the Former Bennett Freeze Area to establish an Inter-Agency Task Force of principals to address the recovery of the Former Bennett Freeze Area. See Task Sheet attached as Exhibit A.

## **Section Two. Inter-Agency Task Force Establishment**

- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Inter-Agency Task Force to spearhead the recovery effort of the Former Bennett Freeze Area and shall:
1. Have regular interaction with the Navajo Nation officials, employees, and agents, to coordinate the action steps of the Project Tasks; and
  2. Report quarterly to the Navajo Nation Council on the Inter-Agency Task Force's activities; and
  3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and appropriate Navajo Nation council standing committees.
- B. The Inter-Agency Task Force may consist principles from each of the invited organizations:
1. Office of the President and Vice-President
  2. Office of the Speaker
  3. Indian Health Services
  4. Bureau of Indian Affairs
  5. Navajo Housing Authority
  6. Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
  7. Three Council Delegates representing the former Bennett Freeze Area (Honorable Walter Phelps, Honorable Tuchoney Slim, Jr. and Honorable Otto Tso)
- C. The Inter-Agency Task Force shall have a co-chair, each from the Office of the President and the Office of the Speaker.
- D. The Inter-Agency Task Force shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.
- E. The Inter-Agency Task Force shall present a written report to the Navajo Nation Council on a quarterly basis.

## **Section Three. Sub-committee Term**

The Inter-Agency Task Force shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council.

**Section Four. Directives**

- A. The Chiefs of Staff from the Office of the President and the Office of the Speaker shall assign one staff assistant to assist the Inter-Agency Task Force.
- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Inter-Agency Task Force.
- C. The President and the Speaker shall determine a Task Force budget and identify the funds.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock(Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of in 12 favor and 1 oppose, this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2015.



Honorable Seth Damon, Pro Tem  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Otto Tso  
Second: Benjamin Bennett

Navajo-Hopi Land Commission  
Work Session



Office of the Speaker  
Former Bennett Freeze Recovery Task  
October 23, 2015

## Former Bennett Freeze Recovery Project Task Sheet

Task	Action Steps	Resp Parties	Time Lines
Tribal Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implement MOU between BIA and Navajo Nation</li> <li>2. Identification of Core Team &amp; Function</li> <li>3. 30% Draft review</li> <li>4. 70% review</li> <li>5. 90% review</li> <li>6. 100%</li> </ol>	BIA, OPVP & Speakers Office	11/13/15     9/1/15
Environment Impact Statement (EIS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as above</li> </ol>		
Identified Potential funding sources and Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund</li> <li>2. NN General Fund</li> <li>3. NN State Match Fund</li> <li>4. Sihasin Trust Fund</li> <li>5. Permeant Trust Fund Income</li> <li>6. Bureau of Indian Affairs</li> <li>7. NAHSDA Fund</li> <li>8. Indian Health Services</li> <li>9. HUD – CDBG/Transportation</li> <li>10. Chapter CIP fund</li> <li>11. Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax</li> </ol>		
Naa bik'iyati' Committee Directive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speaker Bates sent letter to Western Navajo Agency Council President Stanley Yazzie for chapters to do pre-development activities.</li> <li>2. Division of Community Development meeting with chapter Officials and community members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation &amp; Training on pre-development activities</li> <li>• Community Land Use Plan</li> <li>• Bennett Freeze CIP Plan</li> <li>• 2008 Assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Speaker's Office  DCD-Admin	
Land Declaration and Designation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navajo Nation State of Emergency</li> <li>2. Empowerment &amp; Promise Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill proposed by Congresswoman Kirkpatrick with Technical amendment for streamlining process</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. New Market Tax Credit</li> <li>4. Creation of Navajo Nation General Leasing Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-Stop Shop for Clearance approval</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Navajo Nation Priority Document</li> </ol>	OPVP NHLC	

## Former Bennett Freeze Recovery Project Task Sheet

Inter-Agency Task Force	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership and NABI approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navajo Nation</li> <li>Indian Health Services</li> <li>Bureau of Indian Affairs</li> <li>Navajo Housing Authority</li> <li>Navajo Tribal Utility Authority</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Speaker's Office	
Amendment to current Law and Policies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Funds</li> <li>NEPA Requirements</li> <li>Navajo Historic Preservation Department</li> <li>Navajo Fish &amp; Wildlife</li> <li>Flood Plain-24 CFR part 58 &amp; 55</li> <li>NAHASDA requirements- P.L.104-330</li> <li>Navajo General Leasing Act</li> <li>Title 26 – NN Community Land Use Plan</li> </ol>		
Data and Demographic Mapping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update 2008 Assessment</li> <li>2010 Census</li> <li>NHA housing assessment activities</li> <li>Land Department</li> <li>Division of Community Development</li> </ol>		
Housing Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home site Lease</li> <li>Arc &amp; Environmental Clearances</li> <li>Legal Description</li> <li>Land Survey</li> <li>Soil Test</li> </ul> </li> <li>Housing Applicant Listing</li> <li>Flood Plan Study</li> </ol>		
Navajo Housing Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Master Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cluster</li> </ul> </li> <li>Housing Assessment</li> <li>NAHASDA Annual Housing Plan</li> </ol>		
Proposed Project Listing & Put All Plans on the Table	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NN Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)</li> <li>Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan</li> <li>Community Development Block Grant</li> <li>Indian Health Services</li> <li>NHA – NAHASDA Housing Plan</li> <li>Chapter Priorities - ICIP Plan</li> <li>Navajo Tribal Utility Authority</li> <li>Arizona Public Service Company</li> </ol>	OPVP	10/15/15
Tour the Impact Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule site visit with families in the impact areas and access the area with programs that</li> </ol>	OPVP	10/15/15

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MOT Tso

Establishing an Inter-Agency

SEC Bennett

Task Force to Address the

Former Bennett Freeze Recovery

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**Nay : 1**

**Not Voting : 11**

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as No. 7 to include 3 delegates  
WPhelps, TSlim and OTso that  
represents Bennett Freeze Area

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