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Re: Letter Supporting the Rio San Jose Stream System Settlement Agreement

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Please accept this letter on behalf of <organization name> as a showing of our full support for the passage of the Rio San Jose Stream System Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) by the Navajo Nation Council and the United States Congress.

Since the beginning of time for Navajo people, water has served as a fundamental element to life. *Tó’éí’iiná at’e* (Water is Life), and it is elemental to *Hózhó*, the Navajo way of life. Water is a fundamental element to Navajo ceremonial life, provides nourishment and hygiene for Navajo people, and sustains Navajo crops, livestock, wildlife, and riparian vegetation.

The Settlement Agreement would bring funding for water infrastructure and projects to Navajo communities in New Mexico that lie within the Rio San Jose Stream System and Rio Puerco Basin. These communities have continuously suffered from severe water infrastructure deficiencies and contamination that negatively impact the health, economy, and welfare of the Navajo people. The <organization> supports a settlement agreement that ensures water sources will continue to protect the Navajo people and sustain life on Navajo Nation lands for many generations to come.

The Settlement Agreement, once authorized and funded by Congress, would be an extraordinary historic achievement as it would formally recognize and protect the water rights of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in New Mexico. The <organization> supports a global water system so that all Navajo citizens may benefit – from those currently living on the reservation to those that will eventually come home.

The <organization> fully supports the Settlement Agreement and urges the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation President, the United States Congress, and the United States President to swiftly pass and execute law that authorizes and funds this important and historical settlement agreement.

For questions, please contact <name and email>. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

<Name>  
<Title, Organization>