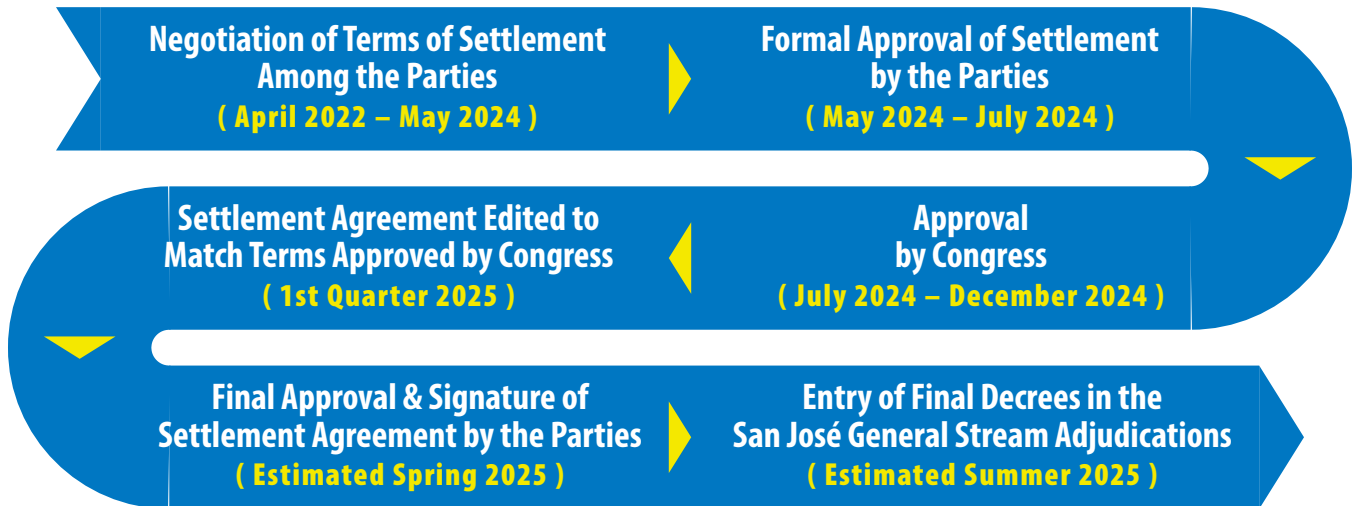
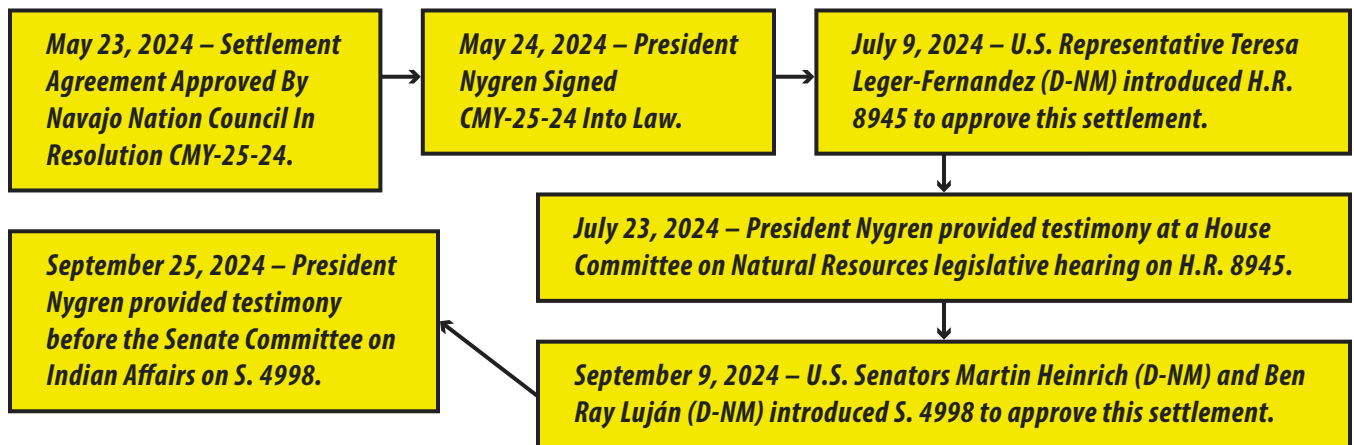




APPROVAL PROCESS for the Navajo Nation Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Agreement in New Mexico



KEY ACTIONS Taken to Advance Settlement



CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL PROCESS



CALL TO ACTION



Contact your Senator and Congressperson and thank them for their support if they are a co-sponsor, or ask them to support **S. 4998** or **H.R. 8945** if they are not a co-sponsor.

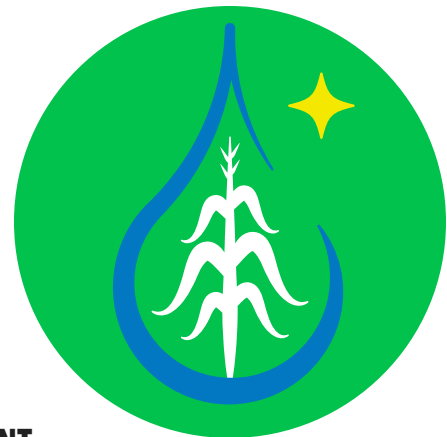
Share your story of what access to safe, clean drinking water at your home or in your community means to you and your loved ones.

Phone numbers for House and Senate offices, both voice and TTY, are available by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 (voice) or 202-224-3091 (TTY).



IMMEDIATE GOAL

The Navajo Nation seeks to have Congress approve the Navajo Nation Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Agreement in New Mexico by enacting S. 4998 or H.R. 8945 before Congress adjourns in early January 2025.



KEY BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT

- Real water delivered to Navajo communities
- Substantial actualization of the Nation's vision for a global Navajo water supply system
- Water security from a dynamic and adaptive global Navajo water supply system
- An opportunity for growth and opportunity
- A pathway home for our people
- Insurance that we can remain in our homeland from time immemorial and, thereafter, forever

SETTLEMENT SUMMARY

- This settlement will establish a \$200.271 million Navajo Nation Rio San José Settlement Trust Fund to be used for water infrastructure development, acquiring water supplies, water rights management and administration, watershed protection and enhancement, support of agriculture, water-related community welfare and economic development, and settlement implementation costs
- Settlement will also establish a \$23 million Navajo Nation Operations & Maintenance Account
- This Settlement will affirm and quantify the following enforceable rights to water in the Rio San Jose Stream System and the Rio Puerco Basin:
 - 2,444 AFY of groundwater for the two basins
 - 417 AFY for livestock use
 - 493 AFY additional storage right of for stock ponds for Rio San José Basin
- The settlement agreement does not impact allottee water rights