



IMMEDIATE GOAL

The Navajo Nation seeks to have Congress approve the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement by enacting S. 4633 and H.R. 8940 before Congress adjourns in early January 2025. In order to achieve this goal, we must reach agreement and support by the 7 Colorado River Basin States.

KEY BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT

- Substantial funding to construct the infrastructure to complete the Nation's global water supply system.
- A dynamic and adaptive global water supply system that can better withstand the drought challenge.
- Meaningful access to the firmest Colorado River water in Arizona.
- Real water delivered to Arizona Navajo communities that will make water delivery in peoples' homes possible.
- Water security for our 100-years population.
- An opportunity for growth and opportunity in Arizona Navajo communities.
- A pathway home for our people in Arizona.
- Confidence that we will have adequate water to remain in our homeland indefinitely.

SETTLEMENT SUMMARY

- Addresses all of the Navajo Nation's claims to water in the State of Arizona, including to the Upper Basin of the Colorado River, the Lower Basin of the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Basin, the Gila River Basin, and groundwater
- This Settlement will affirm and quantify substantial and meaningful enforceable rights to water in Arizona for the Navajo Nation:
 - 44,700 AFY (acre-feet per year) of the Arizona allocation of Upper Basin Colorado River Water (90% of Arizona's Upper Basin allocation)
 - 3,600 AFY of Fourth Priority Lower Basin Colorado River Water
 - All the LCR water that reaches the Navajo Reservation (historic flows are estimated to be 122,000 AFY)
 - All the wash water that reaches the Navajo Reservation (subject to an intertribal management agreement with Hopi Tribe with re to water upstream of Hopi)
 - All the Navajo Aquifer that underlies the Navajo Reservation with a limit on pumping up to 8,400 AFY (subject to an intertribal management agreement with Hopi Tribe)
 - All the Coconino Aquifer that underlies the Navajo Reservation
- This Settlement will also secure \$5 billion in funding to build substantial and much needed water delivery infrastructure, mostly on the Navajo Nation. Including the following 9 projects: iiná bá – paa tuwaqat'si pipeline, Southwest Navajo Regional Project, Ganado Area Project, Code Talker Lateral, Black Mesa Project, Four-Corners Project, Kayenta Area Project, Lupton Area Project, Local Groundwater Projects.
- The \$5 billion will also fund renewable energy projects to power the delivery of water; a Navajo Nation Agricultural Conservation Fund; Navajo Nation Operation, Maintenance & Replacement; and a Navajo Nation Lower Basin Colorado River Water Acquisition Fund.

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 NAIWRSA 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).