

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 69 and
PROJECT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 30, 2025, 9:00 AM
In-Person at El Morro Event Center, Gallup, NM, and via MS-Teams**

SUMMARY

- 1) Review and approve agenda (Reclamation)
- 2) Review July 31, 2025, PCC Meeting Summary (Reclamation)
- 3) Review of PCC Action Item List (Reclamation)
- 4) Other Related Navajo-San Juan NM Settlement Issues (BIA/Navajo Nation)
 - i. Conjunctive Groundwater Use Plan
 - ii. San Juan River Navajo Irrigation Projects

CONSTRUCTION/CONTRACT UPDATE

- 1) General Reclamation Updates
- 2) Pumping Plants No. 4 and 7 (Reclamation)
- 3) Navajo Code Talkers Sublateral (Reaches 12.1/12.2) (Reclamation)
- 4) Pumping Plants No. 2 and 3 (Reclamation)
- 5) Block 4A/4B (Reclamation)
- 6) SJLWTP (Reclamation)
 - i. USBR: Cost breakout for the SJLWTP to DePauli
- 7) Reach 1 Pipeline Modifications (Reclamation)
- 8) Information Sharing/Public Outreach (Reclamation)
- 9) Reach 27.12 Cipriano Waterline Extension (Gallup)
 - i. Will have update at next meeting.
 - ii. Construction starts next week.
- 10) Reach 13 SCADA/Fiber Optics (Gallup)
 - i. RFP will go out next week
 - ii. Targeting coming online with the SJLWTP SCADA work
- 11) Reach 10.1.1 (Navajo Nation/SMA)
 - i. See slides
- 12) Reach 14.1 and 14.2 (Indian Health Service)
 - i. Building tanks and boring gas line crossings
 - ii. Booster station will be under contract soon
 - iii. Wrapping up plans and profiles for 14.2

SAN JUAN LATERAL- ISSUES / DESIGN UPDATE

- 13) S. 637/ H.R. 1482 - Navajo-Gallup Amendments (Navajo Nation/City of Gallup)
 - i. Update from Bella Sewall:
 - i. Congress focused on getting the Government re-opened
 - ii. This project is a huge priority for the NM delegation and Senate delegation for Indian Affairs
 - iii. There seems to be support for continued funding to continue construction

- ii. USBR has carry over to award some upcoming contracts but needs additional funding for priority work (Block 2-3) to continue on-schedule.

14) Reach 1 – Status/Schedule (Reclamation)

- i. **Intake Pumping Plant**
 - i. Solicitation issued 9/25/2025
 - ii. TPEC - January 2026
 - iii. Award ETA - March 2026
 - iv. Construction start ETA - June 2026
- ii. **Bypass Tank & Reservoir Draining**
 - i. Performance Specs for temporary infrastructure / O&M
 - ii. Internal Review scheduled 12/11/2025
 - iii. Solicitation (sole source contract) 5/7/2026
 - iv. Construction November-December 2026
 - v. See presentation regarding reservoir draining
 - 1. Dredging the silt was investigated and found to be cost prohibitive
 - vi. Comment: The Nation may want to start considering opening the reservoir for recreation following the completion of the project.
- iii. **Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir/Dam**
 - i. 30% Design Feb 2026
 - ii. 60% Design June 2026
 - iii. 90% Design November 2026
 - iv. Review C Early 2027
 - v. Award ETA September 2027
 - vi. Construction start ETA - November 2027

15) Block 2-3 – Status/Schedule (Reclamation)

- i. **Horizontal Directional Drilling**
 - i. NN GLDD issued consent for ROW
 - ii. ROW approval by BIA next but impacted by the Government Shutdown
 - iii. Solicitation ETA 10/29/2025
 - iv. Award expected 04/22/2026
- ii. **Open Trench Pipeline**
 - i. 90% design completed and circulated
 - ii. Review C – December 1-5, 2025
 - iii. NN GLDD issued consent for ROW
 - iv. ROW approval by BIA next but impacted by the Government Shutdown
 - v. ROW needs BLM review
 - vi. Solicitation expected 04/10/2026
 - vii. Award expected 09/16/2026

16) Pumping Plant #1 – Status/Schedule (Reclamation)

- i. NN GLDD issued consent for ROW
- ii. ROW approval by BIA next but impacted by the Government Shutdown
- iii. Award 11/03/2026. NTP expected end of November 2025

17) San Juan Lateral Water Treatment Plant (Reclamation/Jacobs)

- i. 90% design expected 10/31/2025
- ii. 100% design expected 02/27/2026
- iii. SJL Integration coordination ongoing
- iv. Waiting on Enhancements proposals

18) Reach 27.12 (City of Gallup) -

- i. Reclamation received 90% design package on 05/29/2025 and completed review 08/04/2025
 - ii. ROW is in process
 - iii. Expect 100% design package by the end of the year
- 19) Reach 27.11 (City of Gallup)
 - i. The City suggested that the Nation (NTUA) start taking some water from 27.11 to keep it fresh.
- 20) Reach 13 – SCADA/Fiber Optics (City of Gallup)
 - i. RFP package completed. Awaiting solicitation
- 21) Reach 13 - Cipriano Waterline Extension (City of Gallup)
 - i. Pre-construction Meeting held 10/15/2025
 - ii. Contractor NTP issued 10/20/2025
 - iii. Construction expected completion on 02/17/2026
- 22) Pumping Plant #8 (City of Gallup)
 - i. Reclamation received 30% design package on 10/10/2025 and is currently reviewing package
 - ii. ROW is in process
 - iii. Design is going to be more expensive than expected
- 23) Tohlokai Pumping Plant
 - i. Interim Groundwater Delivery from Twin Lakes Well (Navajo Nation/USBR/City of Gallup)
 - i. With recent wells drilled and in use, it seems less likely that City will need to use water from Twin Lakes.
- 24) Reaches 14.6a, 14.7a, 14.8a (Reclamation)
 - i. Navajo Nation is sending a formal letter to Reclamation to have this work performed under an FAA.
 - ii. The Navajo Nation and SMA have indicated that the work can be completed by the 2029 Project completion date but construction of reaches that are not completed can be included in a deferred construction agreement if necessary.
 - iii. Nothing can be done with the conversion to an FAA until we have support from the Grants staff that is currently furloughed.
 - iv. Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2025, at 9:00 am.
- 25) BBN9 Crownpoint, Reach 12.3 Window Rock, 24.1 Lybrook – Status/Schedule (Navajo Nation/SMA)
 - i. Reach 10.1.1 – scheduled for completion in early 2026.
 - ii. Reach 10.2.1 - pending the start of construction. NECA needs contract approved through NN 164 process. BOR NTP has been provided. Construction to start early spring-2026.
 - iii. Reaches 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 – Bids have been received. Pending confirmation of Cultural clearances, NECA construction estimate, Reclamation Notice to Proceed. Construction is planned to begin in 2026.
 - iv. Reach 10.3.1 – Pending 100 percent design and BIA ROW.
 - v. Reach 12.3 – Continuation of Code Talker. Alignment being determined. There will be several connections.
USBR to review flowrates for R12.3 and will send PIN 22.4.
6,411 is still the design for Reach 12.3. PIN 22.4 will govern once it is signed and replaces 22.3.
 - vi. 24.1 Lybrook – Pending 90 percent design. Final package will be submitted in January 2026. BLM ROW is pending.
- 26) San Juan Lateral Turnouts and Community Connections
 - i. USBR: Share constructability review field report with NMISC
 - i. Sanostee
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 30 percent design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – 60 percent design completed, 90% in Feb 2026.
 - ii. Newcomb
 - 1. Turnout Facility - 30 percent design complete.

- 2. Community Connection – 30% design Nov 2025
- iii. Naschitti
 - 1. Turnout facility - 30 percent design complete
 - 2. Community Connection - 100 percent design completed. Under construction.
- iv. Tohatchi/Mexican Springs
 - 1. Turnout – Complete. Constructed as a part of PP7.
 - 2. Community Connection – 30 percent design in Nov 2025.
- v. Crownpoint 10.1
 - 1. Turnout Facility - 30 percent design complete
 - 2. Community Connection – construction is planned for 2026.
- vi. Coyote Canyon (10.1.1)
 - 1. Turnout Facility - 30 percent design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – Under construction. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2026.
- vii. Sheep Springs
 - 1. Turnout – Complete. Constructed as part of PP4.
 - 2. Community Connection -
- viii. Rock Springs
 - 1. Turnout Facility - 30 percent design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – Spring 2026
- ix. Window Rock (12.3)
 - 1. Turnout Facility - 30 percent design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – R12.3 alignment finalization is in progress.

27) Shiprock Connection (Reclamation)

- i. Design is expected to start January 2026.

CUTTER LATERAL

28) OM&R Update (Reclamation/NTUA/Navajo Nation)

- i. O&M Waiver
 - i. One year Cutter Lateral waiver extension (year 5, 10/6/25 through 10/5/26) of the Navajo Nation's proportionate share of OM&R costs granted by Reclamation.
- ii. Operations – General
 - i. WTP production averaged 432,000 gpd for this past quarter, a 12% increase over last quarter. July's daily average was 490,000 gpd for the high month of the year.
 - ii. Operations inspections were conducted for R21 and R22 earlier in July, attended by NTUA, Jacobs, and Reclamation staff. The wholesale distribution line inspection was completed in September. Minor deficiencies are being corrected.
 - iii. PP1 continues to receive an inordinate amount of sediment deposition after upland rain events. NTUA provided a report to Reclamation requesting a reevaluation of sediment erosion and deposition designs.
- iii. Water Regulatory/Quality
 - i. ACH conversion is expected to be completed in late October or early November. Recent Jar testing and chemical analyses indicated that conversion will be straightforward w/minimal polymer dosing changes and minimal, if any, pH adjustments required. Additional jar testing for DBP formation modeling is expected.
 - ii. Ground Water Discharge Permit – NTUA provided owner and public notification of the permit's renewal application and hosted a productive meeting with NMED to review NTUA's proposed questions and comments on the draft permit in response to their public comment period. The draft permit language will incorporate clarifying language as agreed at the meeting. The comment period ended 22-Sep-2025 and NTUA awaits the final permit. The current permit stands until the new permit is effective.
- iv. Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) - (NTUA)
 - i. Operators continue submitting monthly AWOP data and remain available for focus discussions. AWOP goals for the most part, if not always, are being met.

- v. **Water Treatment & Conveyance Contract (Jicarilla/NTUA)**
 - i. Initial comments were provided to the cost of services contractor. Additional financial data was requested and are being provided. Changes to the ERF, RRF, and water sales rate are expected.
 - vi. **NTUA Liaison FAA: Level 4 Operator (NTUA)**
 - i. An NTUA operator with level NMED water level 3 is temporarily assigned to the plant for orientation and training. The operator has an NNEPA water level 4 rating and is expected to seek reciprocity with NMED for level 4 certification.
- 29) **Construction Update (Reclamation/NTUA/Navajo Nation)**
- i. R21/22
 - ii. **ENWP2/3, R24, R25, R26**
 - i. Dump truck and trailer are being ordered. The two pickups were received by the dealer and have been augmented with additional equipment and are awaiting delivery. NTUA has received the SUV. Remaining transfer punch list status by SMA.
 - iii. **Jicarilla Connection Update (Jicarilla/SMA)**
 - i. Work is complete and operational.
 - iv. **Reach 21 Booster Plant (Reclamation)**
 - i. 100% design expected 01/12/2026.
 - ii. ROW acquisitions are in process.
 - iii. Solicitation expected 03/06/2026.
 - iv. Award expected 08/07/2026.

WATER TREATMENT

- 30) **Regulatory Coordination (Reclamation)**
- i. Regulatory Workgroup Meeting – next meeting is ~~11/4/2025~~ 1/6/2026 from 1pm-3pm
- 31) **Blending & Corrosion Control - San Juan & Cutter Water Systems (Reclamation)**
- 32) **Disinfection Byproducts - San Juan Water System (Reclamation)**

PROJECT WIDE

- 33) **Upcoming PINs / Modified PINs (Reclamation)**
- i. PIN 022.4 – Add Startup Flows for SJLWTP – Will be re-sent for short review
 - ii. PIN 027.1 – Cutter Turnout Flows – Routing for signatures
 - iii. PIN 034 – SJ Lateral Storage – USBR to revise and send for review
 - iv. PIN 038.1 – In-Tank Chlorination Systems, Water Quality Sampling, Pre-use Monitoring, and Tank Penetrations – Routing for signatures
 - v. PIN 050 – San Juan River Pumping Plant – Routing for signatures
 - vi. PIN 051 – San Juan Lateral Water Treatment Process Decision – Routing for signatures
- 34) **Cultural Resources Compliance – Project-Wide (Reclamation)**
- i. **For Pumping Plant 1 (amended ROW area)**
 - i. THPO consultation will begin in the near future.
 - ii. CRC will need to be prepared after consultation complete.
 - ii. **For Block 2-3 (including both the HDDs and pipeline) consultation still needs to be done**
 - i. The cultural survey report and site form need to be reviewed by BLM prior to being sent to the SHPO; however, BLM is currently furloughed. After they complete their review and any comments, they may have area addressed, the SHPO letter can be sent out.
 - ii. CRC will need to be prepared after consultation complete.

- iii. For Reaches 10.1/10.2/10.3
 - i. CRC to be prepared before NTP.
- iv. Annual reporting to all PA signatories - in progress.

35) Environmental – Project-Wide (Reclamation)

- i. Compliance
 - i. Categorical Exclusion has been drafted for the Reach 1 intake. Cultural compliance needed (SHPO concurrence and CRC), then it can be finalized.
 - ii. Draft PCN for Section 404 permit for Reach 1 intake has been prepared and submitted to USACE on 9/22/25. USACE has not yet reviewed.
 - iii. Mesa Verde Cactus Construction Plan Addendum and Awareness Training for the Reach 1 Pipeline Rehabilitation work was completed as required.
 - iv. Discussions ongoing with EPA/NMED on sediment associated with sluicing of the Reach 1 intake channel. NPDES permit from EPA no longer required; however, still in discussions with NMED on potential future operation agreement and BMPs.
 - v. TSC/FCCO provided presentation to partners on 7/31 and to NMED on 8/19 (with partner input).
 - vi. Discussions also ongoing with EPA/NMED about drainage of the Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir.
 - vii. 2025 MVC pre-construction surveys as well as a general biological survey for “additional” APE areas that were added in Block 2-3 was completed in spring of 2025. Final Biological Assessment and Evaluation Amendment Report has been received now.
 - viii. BRCF has been obtained for the additional APE areas in Block 2-3 (DR #25ROKE101).
 - ix. NEPA Sufficiency Reviews to be prepared in near future for the PP1 Amended ROW area and access road improvements, as well as the Block 2-3 HDDs and pipeline.
 - x. Draft 24.1 Lybrook EA public commenting period has ended.
 - xi. EA needs to be reviewed by BLM and BIA prior to Reclamation signing their FONSI; however, they are unable to review yet due to the furlough.
 - xii. NEPA Sufficiency Review was prepared for the SJLWTP main access improvements, earthen berm and drainage culvert. This has been signed by BIA.
 - xiii. Determination of NEPA Adequacy for the waterline extension associated with Reach 27.12 in Gallup has now been signed.
- ii. Revegetation
 - i. Reaches 4A/4B, reseeding in progress.
 - ii. Reaches 4C-8 will be completed this week; to be inspected by FCCO in near future.

36) Value Planning Update

- i. USBR: Will share updated Value Planning report once completed

37) Power Transmission (NTUA)

- i. San Juan Lateral Status (NTUA)
 - i. PP2 – Design in process.
 - ii. PP3 – Some poles are being set.
 - iii. PP4&7 – Poles are set.
 - iv. SJLWTP – Design is complete and ROW in process.
 - v. PP1 - Design is in process and ROW in process.
 - vi. San Juan River Intake & Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir - Design is in process and ROW in process.
 - vii. SJLWTP Regulation Tank (formerly Morgan Lake Tank)
 - viii. Reach 4a/4b - ROW process on-going.
 - ix. Reach 4C to 11 construction updates
 - 1. 13c and 13d – recently completed. Tohatchi area.
 - 2. 13a, 13b & 12e - received approvals. Naschitti, Buffalo Springs, & Just North of Newcomb areas.

- 3. 13b & 12e - awaiting permits
 - 4. 13a – Design complete. Construction packet on-going.
 - 5. All other rectifiers ROW in process.
 - x. Transmission Lines
 - 1. Cudei to Tohatchi – Construction in process. Starting to set poles. Expect completion in 03/2026.
 - 2. Tohatchi to Coalmine – Procurement of materials and Construction will start after Cudei to Tohatchi is completed.
 - xi. Substations
 - 1. Newcomb Substation (Supplies PP3 & PP4) - Design in process. Construction schedule needs to be adjusted.
 - 2. Tohatchi Substation (Supplies PP 7, BBN9 PPs, and Tohlakai) - Design in process. Construction schedule needs to be determined.
 - 3. Nenahnezad Substation (Supplies ½ of SJLWTP and PP1) - Design and ROW in process. Construction schedule needs to be determined.
 - ii. Power Supply Agreements
 - i. WAPA /BOR & NTUA agreement ongoing.
 - iii. Renewable Energy Feasibility Study w/NREL (Navajo Nation/WCAO)
- 38) SCADA/Cybersecurity (Reclamation)
- i. Cutter Lateral (FISMA compliance)
 - i. No change for IT/physical security upgrade status on WTP. Reclamation drafted statement of objects to complete the upgrades and is soliciting pricing to complete the upgrades. Expect Award January 2026.
 - ii. San Juan Lateral (Reach 14 Radio Communications)
- 39) Budget (Reclamation)
- i. FY2026 Construction Budget:
 - i. Mandatory -
 - ii. Discretionary -
 - iii. Carry over - \$259,000,000
 - ii. City of Gallup Credit Request Status
 - iii. 1st Quarter FY2026 Bills
 - i. Bill delayed but forthcoming.
- 40) Project Water Rights
- i. Project Diversion Permit from the State of New Mexico (Navajo Nation/DOI Office of the Solicitor) – No current update. The Navajo Nation is working with the State.
- 41) Project Modification MOU (Reclamation)
- i. Was originally put in place so there was a process for to make modifications to the project
 - ii. Instead of updating the Project Modification MOU, USBR will be completing a PIN to memorialize updates to the Interim Cost Allocation.
- 42) Contributed Funds Act Agreement (Navajo Nation/Reclamation)
- i. The Nation needs information back from the BIA to complete and sign the CFA Agreement
 - ii. The money will be needed for modifications to the SJLWTP and the Blk 2-3 pipeline contract
- 43) OM&R Forecast (Reclamation)
- i. The last time the SJL OM&R forecast was updated was 2019. Enough has changed that it would be valuable to update the forecast again.

- ii. The best path for an update will likely be to have the Navajo Nation to update the study and have USBR do a third-party review.
- iii. City of Gallup would like to ensure that there's a framework before the update takes place.
- iv. USBR: Set up a working session to establish a framework prior to starting the OM&R forecast update.

44) Action items and assignments (Reclamation)

45) Schedule next PCC meeting – Jan 29, 2026 – in-person with virtual option