

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 71 and
PROJECT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 30, 2026, 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 Previous PCC Meeting Summary (Reclamation)
3. Review of PCC Action Item List (Reclamation)
 - a. USBR to set up focus call on tribute garden/memorial for the San Juan Lateral
4. Other Related Navajo-San Juan NM Settlement Issues (BIA/Navajo Nation)
 - a. Conjunctive Groundwater Use Plan
 - b. San Juan River Navajo Irrigation Projects

CONSTRUCTION/CONTRACT UPDATE

5. General Reclamation Updates
6. Pumping Plants No. 4 and 7 (Reclamation)
7. Navajo Code Talkers Sublateral (Reaches 12.1/12.2) (Reclamation)
8. Pumping Plants No. 2 and 3 (Reclamation)
9. Block 4A/4B (Reclamation)
10. SJLWTP (Reclamation)
 - a. CFA execution awaiting account number with the Navajo Nation
11. Reach 1 Pipeline Modifications (Reclamation)
12. Pumping Plant 1 (Reclamation)
 - a. Navajo Nation to recommend names for PP1 and the Intake Pumping Plant
 - b. USBR to discuss road improvements with BIA
13. Information Sharing/Public Outreach (Reclamation)
14. Reach 27.12 Cipriano Waterline Extension (Gallup)
 - a. Substantial Completion = Letter dated 02/19/2026
 - b. Awaiting final Change Order to closeout.
15. Reach 13 SCADA/Fiber Optics (Gallup)
 - a. CoG has selected a contractor.
 - b. Start construction expected June 2026. Construction completion expected Spring 2027.
16. Reach 10.1.1 (Navajo Nation/SMA)
17. Reach 14.1 and 14.2 (Indian Health Service)
 - a. Churchrock Tank nearly complete; will be painted in April
 - b. Iyanbito Tank under construction
 - c. Approx. 3 miles of pipeline for Reach 14.2 have been installed

SAN JUAN LATERAL- ISSUES / DESIGN UPDATE

18. S. 637/ H.R. 1482 - Navajo-Gallup Amendments (Navajo Nation/City of Gallup)
19. Reach 1 – Status/Schedule (Reclamation)

- a. Intake River Pumping Plant
 - i. Award – 4/3/2026
 - ii. Post Award / Kickoff Meeting – 5/1/2026
 - iii. Construction start ETA - June 2026
 - iv. Intake Best Management Practices Document submitted to NNWR, NNEPA, NTUA, and the City of Gallup for comments prior to submitting it formally to NMED
 - b. Bypass Tank & Reservoir Draining
 - i. Performance Specs for temporary infrastructure / O&M
 - ii. Solicitation (sole source contract) 5/15/2026
 - iii. Award 8/18/2026
 - iv. Construction (bypass tank, draining, & sediment removal) September 2027
 - v. Reservoir draining January 1, 2027- March 1, 2027
 - c. Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir/Dam
 - i. 60% Design August 2026
 - ii. 90% Design November 2026
 - iii. Review C December 2026
 - iv. Award ETA September 2027
 - v. Construction start ETA - November 2027
20. Block 2-3 – Status/Schedule (Reclamation)
- a. Horizontal Directional Drilling
 - i. NN GLDD issued the consent letter
 - ii. Awaiting ROW approval by BIA – Getting Critical
 - iii. Initial TPEC is completed and negotiations with potential bidders will be wrapped up on May 5th
 - iv. Award expected May 20, 2026
 - b. Open Trench Pipeline
 - i. NN GLDD issued the consent letter
 - ii. Awaiting ROW approval by BIA – Getting Critical
 - iii. Solicitation hit the streets on 04/10/2026
 - iv. Pre-Bid Site Tour Block 2-3 Pipeline – 4/22/2026
 - v. Bids due on 6/24/2026
 - vi. Award expected on 09/16/2026
 - vii. Contributed Funds Act Agreement needs Navajo Nation signature
21. San Juan Lateral Water Treatment Plant (Reclamation/Jacobs)
- a. Construction Update
 - i. Treated Water Pump Station
 - 1. Forming walls
 - 2. 1st Wall Placement was placed on 3/25/26
 - 3. 2nd placement 4/15 and 3rd placement was 4/16
 - ii. Filter Facilities
 - 1. Completed Slab Drain Lines
 - 2. Completed backfill and poured mud slab
 - 3. Forming and placing rebar for Slab
 - iii. Flocculation and Sedimentation Facilities
 - 1. Flocculation Structure Walls are currently being formed
 - 2. 1st Wall Placement has been rescheduled for 5/6
 - iv. Chemical/Maintenance Building
 - 1. Completed subgrade backfill and started installing drains
 - v. Clearwell and Treated Water Pump Station

1. Continue forming walls and placing rebar
 2. 4th wall placements are currently scheduled for 4/30
 3. 5th placements are scheduled for 5/14.
 - b. SJL Integration coordination ongoing
 - c. Enhancements modification execution pending the execution of the Contributed Funds Act Agreement
- 22. Shiprock Connection (Reclamation)**
- a. Due to scope and alignment changes, construction is currently slated to end in September 2029
 - b. September 2029 construction end date is problematic because it will result in:
 - i. Compliance issues with Public Law 111-11
 - ii. Scheduling issues with SJLWTP commissioning / Integration
 - c. Mitigation
 - i. A brainstorming session is being scheduled with Stakeholders – May 8th or 11th
 - ii. Also exploring other options to speed up the design / construction
 - d. Draft alignment has been revised / identified and is being analyzed for environmental / cultural clearances and Geotech work.
 - e. Mesa Verde Cactus Survey on new proposed alignment is set for the end of April through the first of May
 - f. ROW application will be submitted to GLDD soon after the alignment plat is finalized
 - g. USBR to have discussion with Navajo Nation regarding schedule
- 23. Reach 27.12 (City of Gallup)**
- a. ROW is in process and some additional information has been received.
 - b. Expect 100% design package by the end of April 2026.
 - c. NTP expected end of May 2026.
 - d. Start construction expected August 2026 and construction completion is expected Summer 2027.
- 24. Pumping Plant #8 (City of Gallup)**
- a. 60% design expected in April 2026. 90% design expected November 2026
 - b. ROW is in process
 - c. Design is going to be more expensive than expected due to regulatory requirements. Modification to PIN 046 is in draft as PIN 046.1 for review and signature.
- 25. Tohlokai Pumping Plant**
- a. Primary pump installation will be handled by Jacobs as part of the lateral commissioning
- 26. Navajo Financial Assistance Agreement – Status/Schedule (Navajo Nation/SMA)**
- a. BBN9 Crownpoint
 - i. Reach 10.1.1 – scheduled for completion in mid-2026.
 - ii. Reach 10.2.1 – NECA contract has been awarded. Kick off meeting took place on April 23, 2026. Construction to start early summer-2026.
 - iii. Reaches 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 – NECA construction contract is in the Navajo Nation 164 signature process. Construction is planned to begin in 2026.
 - iv. Reach 10.3.1 – Pending BIA ROW. BOR Notice to Proceed pending based on status of BIA ROW.
 - b. Reach 12.3 Window Rock
 - i. Reach 12.3 – Continuation of Code Talker. Alignment being determined. There will be several connections.
 - ii. 6,411 acre/feet is still the design for Reach 12.3. PIN 22.4 will govern once it is signed and replaces 22.3.
 - c. 24.1 Lybrook
 - i. 24.1 Lybrook – Pending 100 percent design in May 2026. BLM ROW is pending. NEPA and Cultural have been completed.
 - d. Reaches 14.6a, 14.7a, 14.8a

- i. Navajo Nation sent a formal letter to Reclamation on 12/2/25 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. Grants regional staff has approved the incorporation of this project into the BBN9 FAA R18AC00045.
- iv. Currently working on the modification to move these reaches into the BBN9 FAA.

27. San Juan Lateral Turnouts and Community Connections

a. PIN 022.4 Discussion

- i. Sanostee
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – 60% design completed, 90% expected in Feb 2026.
- ii. Newcomb
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – 30% design Nov 2025
- iii. Naschitti
 - 1. Turnout facility – 90% design complete
 - 2. Community Connection - Construction complete.
- iv. Tohatchi/Mexican Springs
 - 1. Turnout – Complete. Constructed as a part of PP7.
 - 2. Community Connection – 90% design pending.
- v. Crownpoint 10.1
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% design complete
 - 2. Community Connection – construction is planned for 2026.
- vi. Coyote Canyon (10.1.1)
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% completed.
 - 2. Community Connection – 95% complete. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-2026.
- vii. Sheep Springs
 - 1. Turnout – Complete. Constructed as part of PP4.
 - 2. Community Connection – design work has not started
- viii. Rock Springs
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – 30% design package expected summer 2026.
- ix. Window Rock (12.3)
 - 1. Turnout Facility – 90% design complete.
 - 2. Community Connection – R12.3 alignment finalized. Archaeological field surveys completed.

CUTTER LATERAL

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

a. O&M Waiver

- i. The Ability to Pay study is pending release from Reclamation review.
- ii. Years 2 and 3 true ups are in progress.
- iii. Outcomes from the true ups will be reflected in the advance request for year 4.

b. Operations – General

- i. WTP production averaged 287,000 gpd for this past quarter, a 7% decrease over last quarter. July had the 12-month high at 490,000 gpd, and January had the 12-month low at 252,000 gpd, about a 50% difference.
- ii. The IT/physical security levels are being reassessed by Reclamation due to a recent understanding of operator assignment being non-government for non-government purposes.
- iii. Deficiencies noted in Reclamation’s facility inspections for R21 and R22 last July have been corrected.

- iv. PP1's regulating tank experienced a SCADA sensor failure, causing an overflow to nearby drainage and affecting 3rd party buried utilities. Erosion issues upstream and downstream of the plant are pending evaluation by Reclamation.
 - v. The lateral was shut down for a few days to make simultaneous repairs of slow leaks on the 24" fiberglass raw water line due to a rolled coupling gasket and on the 18" HDPE treated water line due to the separation of a reducer from the mainline. While the lateral was down, the bifurcation valve at the dam was also exercised. The shutdown and repairs were well coordinated. The cPWSs used the groundwater wells to bridge the shutdown and no customers experienced outages.
 - c. **Water Regulatory/Quality**
 - i. ACH dosing rates continue to be adjusted down but will likely be raised to control DBP formation in the cPWSs.
 - ii. Ground water contour mapping was sent to NMED in compliance with the new Ground Water Discharge Permit. High nitrates were seen in the upstream sampling well. The source is unknown. The DZ school is 2-1/2 miles to the SW of the sampling well.
 - d. **Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) - (NTUA)**
 - i. Operators continue submitting monthly AWOP data and remain available for focus discussions. AWOP goals were missed for several days due to polymer feed system issues. Corrective maintenance was performed and goals continue to be met. Optimization is being performed through dosing rates and floc/sed mixing speeds. Results are pending.
 - e. **NTUA Liaison FAA: Level 4 Operator (NTUA)**
 - i. The NTUA operator temporarily assigned to the plant for orientation and training received reciprocity with NMED for level 4 certification.
29. **Construction Update (Reclamation/NTUA/Navajo Nation)**
- a. R21/22
 - b. ENWP2/3, R24, R25, R26
 - i. Dump truck and trailer have been received by NTUA.
 - ii. One of the last remaining items is installing a dedicated vault for the solar batteries, powering the SCADA for the flow control and metering vault. It was decided to use a concrete blind lid on the battery vault to prevent further theft of the batteries.
 - c. **Reach 21 Booster Plant (Reclamation)**
 - i. 100% design expected June 5, 2026.
 - ii. ROW application for Booster Plant submitted to GLDD 12/19/2025 -- consent letter ETA June 2026
 - iii. ROW application for Regulating 3 submitted to GLDD 1/29/2026 -- consent letter ETA June 2026
 - iv. Solicitation Tentatively November 2026
 - v. Award Tentatively April 2027

WATER TREATMENT

- 30. **Regulatory Coordination (Reclamation)**
 - a. **Regulatory Workgroup Meeting**
 - i. Discussion about next meeting which was tentatively scheduled for May 5
 - ii. USBR to get with NNEPA to reschedule next Regulatory Mtg
- 31. **Blending & Corrosion Control - San Juan & Cutter Water Systems (Reclamation)**
 - a. Blending study – Coupon tests complete. Report anticipated Spring 2026.
 - b. Pipe study – Operations completed in January 2026 at the CLWTP. Continuing sample analysis. Report anticipated June 2026.
- 32. **Disinfection Byproducts - San Juan Water System (Reclamation)**
 - a. Presentation

PROJECT WIDE

33. Upcoming PINs / Modified PINs (Reclamation)

- a. PIN 022.4 – Add Startup Flows for SJLWTP – Will be re-sent for short review
- b. PIN 034 – SJ Lateral Storage – USBR to revise and send for review
- c. PIN 046.1 – CoG PP#8 revised design and construction – USBR to send shortly for review
- d. PIN 052 – Consolidated Cost Allocation Determinations – draft begun

34. Cultural Resources Compliance – Project-Wide (Reclamation)

- a. The CRC has been received and cultural compliance is complete for Pumping Plant 1 (amended ROW area), Intake, and FCWR Bypass Tanks
- b. For Block 2-3 (including both the HDDs and pipeline) and the six San Juan Lateral turnouts, CRCs are still needed. The Block 2-3 CRC is expected to be received at any time, and then the consultant will work on preparing the CRC for the turnouts.
- c. Annual reporting to all PA signatories - in progress.

35. Environmental – Project-Wide (Reclamation)

a. Compliance

- i. Categorical Exclusions (CE) has been signed for the Intake and FCWR bypass tanks.
- ii. 2026 MVC pre-construction surveys for Block 2-3 are scheduled for the end of April through the first of May 2026. A MVC survey and general bio survey will be completed on the Shiprock Connection alignment in spring of 2026.
- iii. NEPA Sufficiency Review for the PP1 Amended ROW area and access road improvements has been signed.
- iv. NEPA Sufficiency Review for the Block 2-3 HDDs and pipeline is drafted and ready for signature once we have the CRC available to include as an attachment.
- v. Final 24.1 Lybrook EA and FONNSI has been signed by all parties.
- vi. NEPA Sufficiency Review for the DZ Booster Station, Additional Tank 3, and Erosion Repair has been signed by all parties.
- vii. A contract has been awarded for various preconstruction surveys for special status species and additional MVC surveys and monitoring along Blocks 2-3, the Shiprock Connection, and the DZ Booster Station and Tank 3 areas.
- viii. NEPA Sufficiency Review for the six San Juan Lateral turnouts still requiring compliance has been drafted. Cultural compliance needed (CRC), then it can be finalized.
- ix. NEPA Sufficiency Review for the Iyanbito Tank Pipeline has been drafted. We are in the process of obtaining an updated BRCF. Once that is complete, the NSR can be routed for signature.
- x. A Draft EA is mostly drafted for Reaches 14.6a, 14.7a, and 14.8a. Once ROW acquisition on a parcel of private land is more certain, the project description can be finalized, and the EA can go out for public comment.

b. Revegetation

- i. Reaches 4A/4B reseeding has been completed.

36. Value Planning Update (Reclamation)

- a. The value planning study will be finalized in spring after the 100% design on Reaches 2 and 3 is completed in March.
- b. USBR to finalize value planning study draft and distribute

37. Power Transmission – San Juan Lateral (NTUA)

- a. PP2&3 – has permanent power now.
- b. PP4&7 – Completed
- c. SJLWTP – Excavation complete, construction finish by Dec. 2028, power install summer 2026, operational by Dec. 2026.
- d. PP1 – Awarded, new 3-phase power line to be completed by Dec. 2026. Need temporary power.
- e. San Juan River Intake & Frank Chee Willetto Reservoir –NTUA working with PNM on agreement for fiber. Will need temporary power.

- f. Turnouts – Staked, locations shifted after constructability meeting, NTUA needs updated drop locations.
 - g. Reach 4a/4b – 4 rectifier sites in ROW process.
 - h. Reach 4C to 11 – Sites 12E & 12A completed. Site A, Site D, & Site C around PP2 finalizing design. Need to redesign around PP3.
 - i. Transmission Lines
 - i. Cudei to Tohatchi – Construction progress, Construction completion expected end of Summer.
 - ii. Tohatchi to Coalmine – All Materials procured. Started construction and ROW being cleared. Expect energization next year – second quarter 2027.
 - j. Substations
 - i. Newcomb Substation (Supplies PP3 & PP4) - Working on the designs. Engineering firm RFP being revised.
 - ii. Tohatchi Substation (Supplies PP 7, BBN9 PPs, and Tohlakai) -Design is approved and currently under solicitation. Expect award in Summer 2026 and energization in 2027.
 - iii. Nenahnezad Substation (Supplies ½ of SJLWTP and PP1) – ROW approved. Geotech started, working towards 60% design.
 - k. Power Supply Agreements
 - i. WAPA /BOR & NTUA agreement ongoing.
38. SCADA/Cybersecurity (Reclamation)
- a. 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. Award is on hold until new security requirements are determined.
 - b. San Juan Lateral - Reach 14 Radio Communications
 - i. USBR to include in upcoming SCADA meeting
39. Budget (Reclamation)
- a. FY2026 Construction Budget:
 - i. Mandatory - \$120,000,000
 - ii. Discretionary - \$55,000,000
 - iii. Carry over - \$265,000,000
 - b. City of Gallup Credit Request Status
 - i. 27.12 Cipriano Package expected soon
 - c. Bills
 - i. Suspended until renegotiation of Repayment and Prepayment contracts can occur
40. Project Water Rights (Navajo Nation/DOI Office of the Solicitor)
- a. Project Diversion Permit from the State of New Mexico
41. OM&R Forecast (Reclamation)
- a. Framework meetings with Navajo Nation, NTUA, and City of Gallup ongoing to facilitate update to 2021 Wood SJL draft OM&R forecast, Reclamation will provide updated PIN for flow rates, comparison to WCE, and any design changes since 2021 that will affect OM&R forecasted costs. Reclamation planning a TSC peer review of final forecast.
42. Action items and assignments (Reclamation)
43. Schedule next PCC meeting – July 30, 2026 – in-person with virtual option