



Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Newsletter

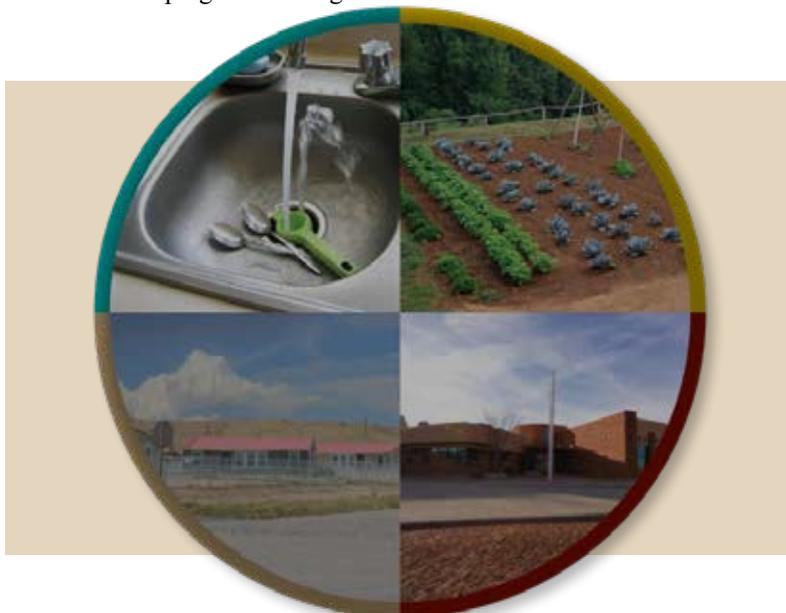
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What will the water be used for?

By Pat Page - Bureau of Reclamation

The Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project will provide a clean, reliable drinking water supply for current and future generations of the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the City of Gallup. The dependable water supply will allow communities to thrive and grow and will be delivered to homes and businesses by local utility companies and municipalities that include the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Jicarilla Apache Utility Authority, and the City of Gallup.

These local communities are starting to plan for how they are going to use their water. Potential uses include commercial development such as convenience stores, laundromats, and hotels, as well as new housing projects and new public and community buildings like schools, wellness centers, and medical facilities. The drinking water will be delivered to existing homes and used for domestic uses such as drinking, cooking, bathing, laundry, and other household needs, and for outdoor uses such as landscaping and small gardens.



Project water will either replace or supplement existing groundwater supplies for public and private use. As the construction on the Project continues, planning and development activities in the Project service area will increase as the communities get ready to receive water from the Project – water is scheduled to arrive as early as next year on the Cutter Lateral!



Faces of NGWSP

Ya'a'tech, I'm Brenda Jesus, originally from St. Michaels, Arizona. I'm of the Tsi'naajiniini born into To'dachiiniini and Maternal Honaghaanii and Paternal To'aahanii.

The portion of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project that will deliver water to the Rock Springs Chapter - Reach 12.2 - Codetalkers Lateral – will address future water needs of Rock Springs Chapter who has framed a development consisting of governmental facilities and economic development on an 80-acre tract, along with 70 units housing development.

The dwindling groundwater brings concern especially for Dine people that still have viable lifestyle in harvesting crops and caring for livestock.

Understanding the daily actual practice of our constituents in areas of geography, lifestyle, and agricultural practice of people sets a good map of water resources planning for attainable projects.

Aug. 13	491 Chapters Group will meet Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. at Hozho Sheep Camp	Sept. 18	BBN9 Cutter Lateral Group will meet Wednesday Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Nahodishgish Chapter House	Sept. 26	NGWSP Project Construction Committee will meet Thursday Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. at the El Morro Events Center in Gallup
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If you would like to learn more about the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, you can visit our website at <https://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/navajo/nav-gallup/>.

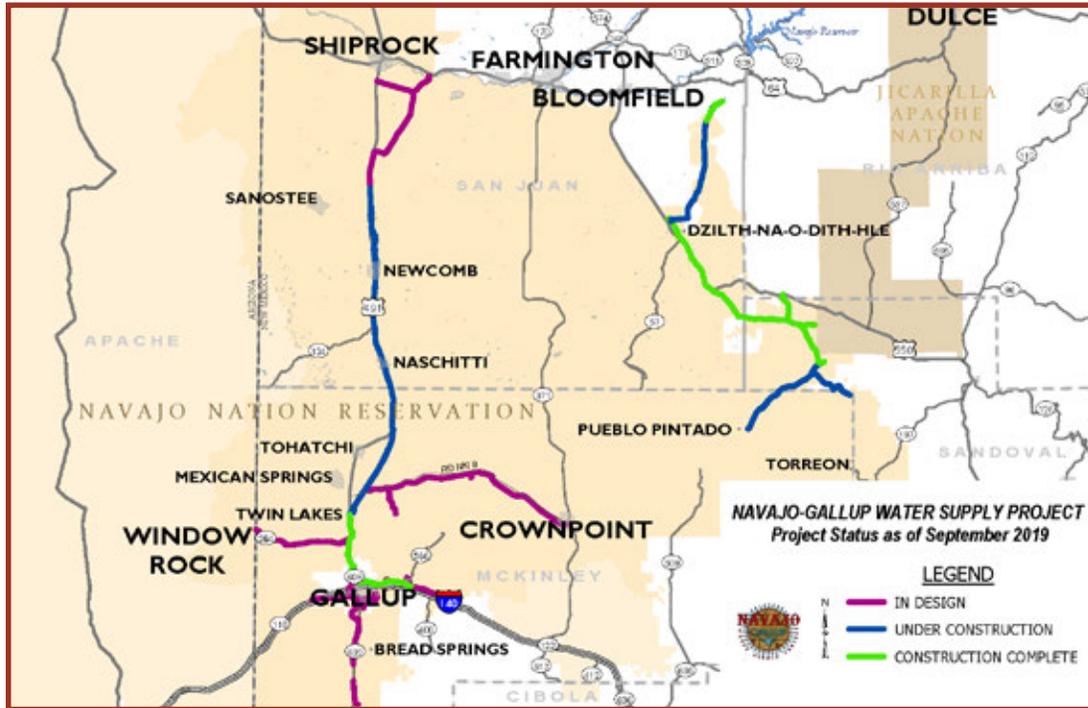




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Construction Progress Update



Spotlight – Connecting Communities to Navajo-Gallup

By Natanya Y. Garnenez, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Water Management Branch

The Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources – Water Management Branch is assisting chapters with a Regional Water Funding Plan. This Regional Water Funding Plan will include planning, design, improvement, and construction of water lines and related facilities to connect to the San Juan Lateral of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project.

The first phase includes:

1. Acquisition of the necessary easements and Right of way
2. Archaeological and environmental clearances
3. Surveys
4. Permitting
5. Design

The construction phase includes the construction of proposed facilities, including water supply lines, water line extensions, or improvements to the existing water distribution systems and related facilities. Recently, the WMB executed a construction contract with the BIA. Under this contract, the WMB is finalizing the necessary paperwork to begin engineering services on the first Conjunctive

Groundwater Project for the Chichiltah Chapter. The WMB intends to continue funding more of the connections of these communities to the San Juan Lateral of the NGWSP. Additionally, WMB and their consultants are assisting chapters to prepare for the upcoming Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan with the State of New Mexico for fiscal year 2021-2025. These connections will ensure that water from the NGWSP can get to the communities that desperately need that additional source of clean drinking water. The WMB is trying to collaborate with other programs that have other ongoing projects that are increasing water demands in these chapters. Working together we can make sure that the connections are constructed in a timely manner, and will be there when they are needed.

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