

## Resolution of the San Juan River Farm Board

**Internal Goal: The San Juan River Farm Board envisions the creation of an efficient farmland and irrigation water management program on the Navajo San Juan River Irrigation System for the future food security of the Greater Navajo Nation.**

### WHERE AS:

1. The Farm Boards of the Navajo Nation (NN) were established by the Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CAU-51-80 and Advisory Committee Resolution CJA-1-81;
2. In accordance with Title 3, NNC §61-69, the Farm Boards are the legislative bodies within the Navajo Tribal Government with the responsibility of recommending improvements and developments of farmlands;
3. In 2010, the NN concluded a water rights settlement that gives San Juan River Irrigation System a maximum irrigated acreage of 12,165 acres and 66,730 acre/feet of water/year;
4. Per a Position Statement of the San Juan River Farm Board, (SJRFB) the Board advocates for maximum utilization of Navajo tribal water rights to support tribal food sovereignty;
5. Pursuant to "The Plan of Operation of the Farm Boards," Title 3 § 65, Powers, paragraph J, the SJRFB is authorized to develop, review and implement short and long plans for the rehabilitation, improvement, operation and maintenance of irrigation systems;
6. Pursuant to "The Plan of Operation of the Farm Boards," Title 3 § 65, Powers, paragraph K, the SJRFB is authorized to cooperate and enter into agreements with NN private and federal agencies to carry out programs for the construction, rehabilitation, improvement, operation, and maintenance of any irrigation structure or system consistent with applicable NN laws;
7. According to the annual NN Water Management Division crop inventory, 25% of the irrigable farmlands are only being used in water settlement acres;
8. Improving the NN farmland and irrigation management program will enable the NN to preserve farmland into the future and prevent its conversion to other uses

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The San Juan River Farm Board establish an internal goal: the San Juan River Farm Board envision the creation of an efficient farmland and irrigation water management program on the Navajo San Juan River Irrigation System for the future food security of the Greater Navajo Nation

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the San Juan River Farm Board at a regular called meeting by phone conference (Due to the COVID-19), at which a quorum was represent and that the resolution was passed/denied by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained, this is the 18th day of May, 2021.

Motioned: **Beatrice Redfeather, Shiprock FB**  
Second: **Herbert Cly, San Juan FB**

  
**Tracy Raymond, SJRFB Chairperson**