

Position Statement  
of  
San Juan River Farm Board

IN REHABILITATING THE SAN JUAN NAVAJO IRRIGATION SYSTEM THE  
MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE FARMLAND (12,165 acres) AND  
IRRIGATION WATER (66,730 acre-ft/year) ALLOCATED IN THE "San Juan  
River Basin in New Mexico Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement  
Agreement" IS A MUST

**WHERE AS:**

1. The Farm Boards of the Navajo Nation 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. Pursuant to "The Plan of Operation of the Farm Boards", Title 3 § 65, Powers, paragraph "J" the San Juan River Farm Board (SJRFB) has the powers to develop, review standard procedures manual short and long-range plans for the rehabilitation, improvement, operation and maintenance of irrigation system, in coordination with appropriate Navajo Nation, private, state and federal agencies;
4. Pursuant to "The Plan of Operation of the Farm Boards", Title 3 § 65, Powers, paragraph "K", SJRFB has the powers to oversee plans, budgets, staffing, decisions and activities of Navajo Nation farmlands with the responsibility for management, operations, maintenance and repairs on irrigation projects under the authority of the Farm Board;
5. Pursuant to the *San Juan River Basin in New Mexico Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement Agreement, Partial Final Decree of the Water Rights of the Navajo Nation, section "e" Hogback-Cudei Irrigation Project; Diversion*

of 48,550 acre-feet/yr, to serve 8,830 acres and section (f) Fruitland-Cambridge Irrigation Project; Diversion of 18,180 acre-feet/yr, to serve 3,335 acres;

6. In 1999 the San Juan River Dineh Water Users, a local non-profit organization, was established to support the said irrigation system;
7. The obligation is necessary for present and future economical development and cultural preservation of the Navajo people and the Navajo Nation resources.

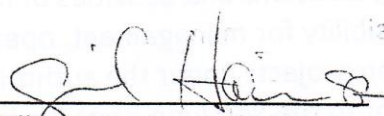
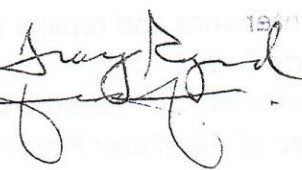
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The San Juan River Farm Board Position is: In Rehabilitating the San Juan Navajo Irrigation System the Maximum Utilization of the Farmland (12,165 arces) and Irrigation Water (66,730 acre-ft/year) Allocated in theE "San Juan River Basin in New Mexico Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement Agreement" Is an Obligation.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the San Juan River Farm Board at a duly called meeting at Hogback Chapter, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was represent and that some was passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, <sup>and 1 abstained</sup> this is the 19th day of May, 2015

Motioned:  
Second:



Gilbert Harrison, Chairperson