

Subject Matter - Water Rights - San Juan River
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the resources of the Navajo People in their present development do not afford a minimum livelihood, and

WHEREAS, development of all irrigation resources appears to offer the best and most immediate means of rehabilitating and developing the economy of the Navajos, and

WHEREAS, the Navajos have valuable historic rights of usage of the waters of the San Juan, and

WHEREAS, neglect or delay in developing irrigation projects may result in loss of invaluable reserved water rights of the San Juan River system,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Navajo Council urges upon the Congress of the United States and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the immediate development of irrigation projects to utilize our reserved waters of the San Juan River system.
2. That the Council reaffirm its action of July 1934 and similar subsequent actions wherein it protested the use and diversion of San Juan River waters outside of the Basin.
3. That the Congress do not approve of any program for the use of San Juan River waters until the rights to the use of said water by the Navajo have been fully protected.