

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th Navajo Nation Council --- Second Year, 2020

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING THE SPEAKER'S
APPOINTMENT OF LANI TSINNAJINNIE TO THE NAVAJO NATION WATER
RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has final authority to confirm appointments of members to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission ("NNWRC"). 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).
- C. According to the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council has authority to appoint two members to the NNWRC. GSCAP-07-04, Subexhibit A, Article 5(A), attached as **Exhibit 1**.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Each NNWRC member shall serve for a four-year term pursuant to the NNWRC Plan of Operation, approved by GSCAP-07-04, Subexhibit A, Article 4(C). **Exhibit 1**.
- B. *The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to appoint on Commission member from the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation. GSCAP-07-04, Subexhibit A, Article 5(C). **Exhibit 1**.*
- C. Lani Tsinnajinnie fulfills the requirements for appointment as the Eastern Agency Commissioner. See **Exhibit 2**.
- D. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council has appointed Lani Tsinnajinnie as the Eastern Agency Commissioner of the NNWRC. See **Exhibit 3**.
- E. Pursuant to GSCAP-07-04, Subexhibit A, Article 4(C), Lani Tsinnajinnie's appointment would begin on November 20, 2020.

F. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that Lani Tsinnajinnie be appointed and confirmed as the Eastern Agency Commissioner for the NNWRC.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the Speaker's appointment of Lani Tsinnajinnie to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission for a four-year term, beginning on November 20, 2020, as provided for in the NNWRC Plan of Operation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held by a teleconference for which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, and 0 opposed, on this 14th day of October 2020.



Rickie Nez, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
Second: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

GSCAP-07-04

RESOLUTION OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
20th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2004

AN ACTION

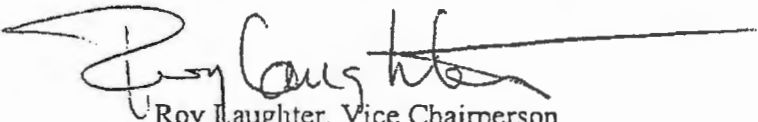
RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION;
AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION
WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in LeChee, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 14th day of April 2004.



Roy Laughter, Vice Chairperson
Government Services Committee

Motion: Leonard Teller
Second: Orlanda S. Hodge

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission
Plan of Operation

Article 1. Establishment

The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CAP-39-02 established the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission (herein referred to as "Commission") in the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government.

Article 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Commission is to ensure that the water rights of the Navajo Nation are vigorously pursued, effectively coordinated, and to enhance the communication between all entities engaged in water rights efforts on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

Article 3. Definitions

As used herein the following terms shall be defined as:

- A. "Appointed Members" means the five (5) members of the Commission who represent the Navajo public and are appointed pursuant to Article 5 of this Plan of Operation.
- A.B. "Supervise" means to oversee, direct and coordinate.
- B.C. "Water Rights" mean the development, filing and adjudication or settlement of claims in any jurisdiction and shall include the acquisition and development of wet water.

Article 4. Membership, Qualifications and Term of Office

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. No less than five (5) of the members shall be enrolled members of the Navajo Tribe. Two of the commissioners shall serve on the Commission by virtue of the

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position they occupy in the Navajo government; one (1) of the positions shall be occupied by the Attorney General or successor of the Navajo Nation and one (1) of the positions shall be occupied by the Director or the successor of the Department of Water Resources of the Division of Natural Resources of the Navajo government. Such positions shall have full membership and authority as a member of the Commission.

- B. The remaining five (5) positions shall be filled in accordance with the appointment process provided in Article 5 in this Plan of Operation, and they shall be members of the Navajo public representing each of the five (5) BIA geographic agencies on the Navajo Nation.
- C. Commission members representing the Navajo public shall serve a term of four (4) years and may be re-appointed. The first appointments having been confirmed on November 19, 2002; terms thereafter will expire on November 19 of the appropriate year.
- D. Appointed Commission members shall retain their positions until such time as his/her successor is appointed and confirmed.
- D.E. In order to ensure continuity, at the first meeting of the Commission the five (5) commissioners appointed pursuant to Article 4 shall draw lots for their initial terms, two terms shall be for a one (1) year period, two terms shall be for a two (2) year term period, and one term shall be for a three (3) year period. At the conclusion of these initial terms all terms shall be a four year period.
- E.F. No elected official from any government (state, county, federal, city or tribal) shall be eligible for appointment.

Article 5. Appointments and Confirmations

- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall appoint two (2) members; the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint two (2) members; and the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation shall appoint one (1) member.
- B. ~~The Government Services Resources Committee~~ of the Navajo Nation Council shall confirm the five (5) ~~appointed~~ Commission members representing the Navajo public following a recommendation by the ~~Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.~~

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- C. As soon as practicable after the passage of this Plan of Operation, the three Branch Chiefs of the Navajo Nation shall meet and draw lots in order to assign the five (5) BIA geographic agencies among themselves for purposes of making appointments, as provided in Sub-Section A above. Such lot drawing by the Branch Chiefs shall be conducted once every four years thereafter. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council is assigned to appoint one (1) member from the Eastern Agency and one (1) member from the Fort Defiance Agency; the President of the Navajo Nation is assigned to appoint one (1) member from the Shiprock Agency and one (1) member from the Chinle Agency; and the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation is assigned to appoint one (1) member from the Western Agency. Such recommendations may be of individuals with experiences in, but not limited to the fields of engineering, economics, hydrology, natural resources law or serving in the capacity as a public official.
- D. A public announcement of the expiration of the term of an Appointed Commissioner shall be made sixty (60) days prior to November 19.

Article 6. Resignation, Removal, and Filling Vacancies

- A. The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council may remove a Commission member appointed pursuant to Article 4 5, only after 1) providing that Commissioner with a written notice of the ground for removal, 2) providing an opportunity for a response, and 3) approval of two-thirds of the full membership. The removal of a Commission member shall be for good cause such as, but not limited to, neglect of duty, misconduct or inability to discharge the duties of the Commission. Removal of the Attorney General or successor and Director or successor of the Department of Water Resources from the Commission shall occur only when these individuals are removed from their respective positions in a manner consistent with 2 N.N.C. § 1962 (B) pertaining to the Attorney General and the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, 15 N.N.C. § 601 et seq. pertaining to the Director of the Department of Water Resources.
- B. When a Commission member resigns or does not complete the term of office for any reason, the vacant position shall be filled in the same manner provided in Article 4 5 for those positions representing the Navajo public, provided that the appointment by the relevant Branch Chief is made within 60 days of notice of the vacancy. If there is no appointment within said 60 days the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall make the appointment for the balance of the term of the vacated position. The positions reserved for the Attorney

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General and the Director of the Department of Water Resources of the Division of Natural Resources shall be filled on an interim basis by acting personnel until permanently filled.

C. Resignations shall be in writing to the Chairperson of the Commission and the Chairperson of the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

D. The appointment shall be for the balance of the term of the position vacated.

E. If there is no appointment within said 60 days of the vacancy, the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall make the appointment.

Article 7. Officers, Quorum and Decision-making

A. The Commission shall select from among the five (5) Commissioners, by majority vote, a Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson. Neither the Attorney General nor the Director of the Department of Water Resources shall serve in these capacities.

~~B. Four (4) Commission members, including the Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson shall constitute a quorum.~~

E.B. Consensus shall be required to carry all official actions of the Commission, with the exception of the election of officers pursuant to Sub-section A above.

Article 8. Authorities

A. The Commission shall have the following enumerated authorities:

1. To assess, approve and implement the Navajo Nation's water rights claims to determine the feasibility and prioritization of such claims and devise an overall strategy for the Nation's pursuit of such claims.

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2. To advise and report to the President of the Navajo Nation, and Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, on the status and progress of water rights claims, consistent with Sub-Section A 1 above.
3. To serve as the principal point of contact for the Navajo Nation on all media, public relations and public education efforts regarding water rights and shall coordinate all public statements on these issues.
4. To establish the policies and priorities for the expenditure of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Claim Fund.
5. To approve the budget and expenditure of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Claim Fund.
6. To develop and recommend to the Resources Committee and Budget and Finance Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, the expenditure plan for the Navajo Nation Water Rights Claim Fund specifying the procedures for requesting the use of money from the Fund.
7. To establish and supervise negotiating teams for any and all Navajo Nation water rights negotiation efforts to ensure consistency of positions and to maximize success consistent with the Navajo Nation water strategy.
8. To enhance communication between the appropriate Navajo Nation divisions, departments, programs, chapters and appropriate agencies, the Navajo public on water rights issues by producing periodic newsletters, fostering the immediate use of wet water and other action to preserve or enhance Navajo Nation Water Rights Claims.
9. To conduct public meetings hearings to seek and receive input from the Navajo public on water rights issues.
10. To recommend resolutions or legislation to the Resources Committee or other Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council to enhance the Navajo Nation position on water rights claims.

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11. To adopt such rules and regulations including meeting procedures as it deems necessary and proper for the orderly and efficient conduct of meetings and business.
 12. To approve pertinent contracts, employment, and personnel, including the hiring of specialists/experts and other personnel provided for in the Water Rights Claims Funds.
- B. The Commission shall have all necessary and proper authorities to implement and carry out the purposes set forth in Article 2 above.

Article 9. Meeting, Notice, and Quorum Reimbursement of Expenses

A. Official Meetings

1. Regular meetings. The Commission shall meet at least once a month. Regular meetings shall be held the second Thursday of every month. Commission members need not be physically present at the regular meetings for purposes of establishing a quorum but may shall attend and participate regular meetings electronically telephonically for good cause if not physically present.
2. Special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the Commission. Commission members need not be physically present at the special meetings for purposes of establishing a quorum but may shall attend and participate special meetings electronically telephonically if not physically present.
3. Quarterly Public Meetings. The Commission shall conduct at least once in a quarter a meeting where the Navajo general public may provide recommendations on the Navajo water rights issues. Such public meetings shall rotate among the five agencies on a quarterly basis.
4. Emergency Meetings. The Commission may conduct emergency meetings on or off the Navajo Nation without prior twenty-four (24) hour notice.

B. Notice of Meetings

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1. Unless a meeting date and time is established at the prior Commission meeting, Notice of meetings stating the date and time, place and agenda shall be properly addressed to each Commission member.
 2. Notice is deemed waived by the Commission members attending the meeting in which the next meeting date and time is established.
 - ~~2.3.~~ To call an emergency meeting, the Chairperson must determine whether an emergency exists. Further, the members of the Commission members attending the meeting will document the existence of such emergency in its meeting minutes and resolutions.
 4. Notices of quarterly public meetings shall be provided through public media (e.g. radio and/or newspaper) at least two weeks prior to the quarterly public meeting.
- C. Quorum. Four (4) Commission members including the Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Commission Actions. All substantive actions of the Commission shall be taken by written resolution duly certified by the presiding officer. Such resolutions shall be based upon consensus of the Commission members, as provided in Article 7 CB above.
- ~~E. The Commission members shall be reimbursed expenses at the rate approved for members of the Navajo Nation Council and only Commissioners appointed pursuant to Article F shall be compensated \$200.00 for each day of official commission meetings, when physically present at such meeting.~~
- D.E. Minutes and Resolutions. Access to minutes of meetings and resolutions of the Commission, and all other records of the Commission shall be governed by the Navajo Nation Privacy Act, 2 N.N.C. Section §§ 81, et seq.

Article 10. Reimbursement and Stipends

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- A. The Commission members shall be reimbursed actual and reasonable expenses at the rate approved for members of the Navajo Nation Council when physically or telephonically present at all meetings, as defined in Article 9 and occasions as defined in Article 10(C).
- B. Appointed Commission members shall be compensated up to \$250.00 for each day of official Commission meetings as specified in Article 9 when physically or telephonically present at such meetings.
- C. Appointed commission members may be compensated up to \$250.00 when physically present at negotiations, court hearings, public meetings, and other such occasions approved by the Commission or necessary for the execution of the Commission's purpose as specified in Article 2.

Article ~~10.~~ 11. Administrative Support

The Navajo Department of Water Resources shall provide administrative support to the Commission until such time as the Commission hires a Commission staff.

Article ~~11.~~ 12. Organizational Chart

Attached to this Plan of Operation as "Exhibit 1" is an organizational chart that depicts how the Commission is integrated into the Navajo Nation governmental structure.

Article ~~12.~~ 13. Amendments to the Plan of Operation

This Plan of Operation (including the Organizational Chart) may be amended from time to time by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation of the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission.

Lani Tsinnajinnie

Albuquerque, NM 87114
lanimts@unm.edu
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February 13, 2020

Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission
P.O. Box 4251
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Commission,

I am writing to submit my application to become a member of the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission representing the Eastern Agency. I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation a registered voter in the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, where I grew up. I am eager to serve the Navajo Nation and believe that I am qualified to make contributions as a member of the Water Rights Commission.

I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Community and Regional Planning Department at the University of New Mexico (UNM) with a focus in Water Resources Planning, Development, and Sustainability. I recently received my PhD in Hydrology from New Mexico Tech and hold a Master of Water Resources degree from UNM. It has been my desire to pursue a career in Water Resources and Hydrology so that I can use my expertise to protect the water in Navajo communities and to help communities prepare for challenges that may affect our water. In chapter meetings that I have attended, I have seen the plea in our elders' eyes and heard the urgency in their words as they asked our community's leaders to build infrastructure that would bring running water to their homes. I also see the passion in the younger generations of Na'Neelzhiin as they organize against potential threats to our water resources. My love for Na'Neelzhiin led me to pursue a profession in Water Resources so that I could be in a position to advocate for the accessibility, protection, and sustainability of our water resources. For the past year, I have served on the board for the Torreon Community Alliance, a non-profit community organization dedicated to providing services and plans to strengthen Na'Neelzhiin. Furthermore, I am committed to the health and wellness of all Navajo Nation communities.

My expertise focuses on impacts of climate change in mountainous watersheds. I've focused the majority of my research in the Chuska Mountains. I have collaborated with the Navajo Nation Water Management Branch on hydrologic research in the Chuska Mountains for over 10 years where I examined snowpack variability, impacts of climate change on streamflow, and groundwater-surface water interactions. I have presented my research at the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources annual symposium and the Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference. I am also serving on the Technical Group of the Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Watershed Plan. My experience collaborating with the Navajo Water Management Branch and the Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock communities have provided great insight to me on broader water resources issues the Navajo Nation is facing.

As a student at New Mexico Tech and UNM, I took classes in Water Law, Water Resources Management, and Federal Indian Policy which helped me to understand the complexities of

water law and Federal Indian water rights. I believe that my educational background, my hydrologic expertise, and my commitment to serving the Navajo Nation will guide me in my service should I be selected to the Water Rights Commission. My position as an Assistant Professor at UNM allows me to have a flexible schedule that would help me to be available to attend meetings held by the commission. I also look forward to learning from other members of the commission and to having fruitful discussions on water rights issues affecting the Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your time in considering my application to serve on the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lani Tsinnajinnie".

Lani Tsinnajinnie, PhD

LANI TSINNAJINNIE

Albuquerque NM, 87114

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lanimts@unm.edu

QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. Hydrology candidate with 10+ years experience in environmental and water resources fields. Successful in doing collaborative work and research with local and Indigenous communities in New Mexico. Enrolled member of Navajo Nation from Torreon/Star Lake Chapter (Eastern Agency).

EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO — AUGUST 2018—PRESENT

Assistant Professor in the Community and Regional Planning Program at the University of New Mexico with a focus on Water Resources Planning, Development, and Sustainability.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT/EPA STAR GRADUATE FELLOW, NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY — AUGUST 2012— AUGUST 2016

Investigating the roles of groundwater-surface water interactions in streamflow generation and watershed responses to climate variability in semiarid, snow-dominated, mountainous watersheds. Primary study area in the Chuska Mountains of the Navajo Nation and Arizona/New Mexico examining hydrostratigraphic and structural controls on streamflow, importance of springs to streamflow and post-fire vegetation recovery. Collaborated with Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Water Management Branch in collecting field data

STEM COMMUNICATIONS FELLOW, NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY — AUGUST 2015—MAY 2016

Primarily served as tutor at the New Mexico Tech Writing and Oral Presentation Center (WOPC). Held regular hours at the WOPC and also was requested by appointment by undergraduate, graduate students, and professors with English as a second language to assist in class writing assignments, drafts of theses, draft scientific articles, and research presentations. Worked with students side-by-side to review, edit, and provide suggestions on improving their writing and oral presentation skills. Also assisted in setting up digital communication services and facilitating discussion and class activities for the English 189, Communication for Multilingual Students course, which was taught via Skype by an off-campus instructor.

HYDROLOGIC TECHNICIAN, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, NM WATER SCIENCE CENTER — JANUARY 2011—AUGUST 2011

Assisted in hydrogeologic assessment of San Miguel County, NM through literature review of hydrologic studies and creation of GIS geodatabase of water resources, study area, and other relevant hydrologic information.

ASSOCIATE RESEARCH ANALYST, HYDROGEOLOGIC, INC. — SEPTEMBER 2007—AUGUST 2008

Served in contract position as on-site environmental records technician for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Albuquerque District, Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Improvement Plan

EDUCATION

PH.D. EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH A DISSERTATION IN HYDROLOGY, JANUARY 2019, NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY, SOCORRO, NM

Dissertation title: "Do groundwater-surface water interactions increase resilience of mountainous watersheds to impacts of climate change?"

Advisors: John L. Wilson, Marty D. Frisbee

M.W.R. WATER RESOURCES, 2011-UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Professional Project title: "An analysis of Navajo Nation snow courses and snowpack data in the Chuska Mountains"

- Passed with distinction

Advisor: David S. Gutzler

B.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, 2007-UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

B.A. NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES, 2007, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND PROFESSION

Torreón Community Alliance, Board Member, Treasurer, 2018-present

Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Watershed Plan, Technical Group Member, 2018-present

American Indian Studies Association, Board Member, selected to 3-year term February 2020

New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute, Tribal Water Conference Working Group Member, 2018-2019

American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Member, 2006-present

New Mexico Geological Society, Member, 2011-present

American Planning Association, Member, 2018-present

American Geophysical Union, Member, 2011-present

EXPERTISE

Background in mountain hydrology, watershed hydrology, tribal water resources issues, water resources planning and development, community-based research and practice, water quality sampling and analysis

SKILLS

Computer: Proficient in ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, Microsoft OS, Mac OS, and experience in MATLAB, Adobe Suite, IDL, Maple, Groundwater Vistas, Groundwater Modeling Software, HydroGeoSphere, Leapfrog Geologic Modeling, STELLA, Canvas

Analytical: Principal Component Analysis, End Member Mixing Analysis, Hydrogeochemistry interpretation (Stable isotopes, general ion chemistry, radioisotope age dating)

Field: GPS, Stream gauging, various water sample collection techniques, soil water content and infiltration measurements, YSI Multiparameter probes (pressure, temperature, total dissolved solids, pH, dissolved oxygen, etc.), groundwater level measurement and interpretation, slug and pump tests

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Tsinnajinnie, L.M., D.S. Gutzler, and J. John, (2018), Navajo Nation snowpack variability from 1985-2014 and implications for water resources management, *Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education, Emerging Voices of Tribal Perspectives in Water Resources*, 163.

Tsinnajinnie, L.M., M.D. Frisbee, J.L. Wilson, I.P. Brady, and R.R. Romano (2020, in preparation), Mitigation of wildfire impacts in mountainous semiarid watersheds by perennial springs, *Ecohydrology*

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Frisbee, M.D., E.H. Tysor, N.S. Stewart-Maddox, **L.M. Tsinnajinnie**, J.L. Wilson, D.E. Granger, and B.D. Newman (2016), Is there a geomorphic response of interbasin groundwater flow in watersheds? Interactions between interbasin groundwater flow, springs, streams, and geomorphology, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 43, doi:10.1002/2015GL067082

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION

Tsinnajinnie, L., and S.K. Begay-Campbell, 2007, Benefits of Renewable Energy for Native Nations from the Environmental and Native Perspectives. Sandia National Laboratories Publication, SAND Number 2006-7432 P.

SELECT INVITED TALKS

Tsinnajinnie, L.M. (November 2019), Developing Collaborative Water Research with Tribes, 64th Annual New Mexico Water Conference, Santa Fe, NM.

Tsinnajinnie, L.M. (October 2018), Protecting the Mountain: Understanding Impacts of Climate Change on Mountainous Watersheds on the Navajo Nation, Native Waters in Arid Lands Conference, Reno, NV.

Tsinnajinnie, L.M. (November 2017), "Navajo Nation Mountain Sources of Water under the Impacts of Climate Change", Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Summit, Flagstaff, AZ.



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
President

JONATHAN NEZ
Vice President

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

EASTERN NAVAJO
AGENCY

September 15, 2017
DATE

I certify that Lani Marina Tsinnajinnie is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated January 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 1/2 degree Navajo Indian blood, with Roll Number _____, date of birth _____.

Record:


For: VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER

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24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

HONORABLE SETH DAMON

Speaker, 24th Navajo Nation Council

September 14, 2020

Lani Tsinnajinnie
4500 Shadow Avenue NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

RE: NAVAJO NATION WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Dear Ms. Tsinnajinnie,

It is my sincere honor to notify you of your selection for appointment to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission (NNWRC) to represent Navajo Nation's Eastern Agency. Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

The Navajo Nation Water Rights Commissioners shall serve a four-year term pursuant to the NNWRC Plan of Operation.

In the materials you submitted for consideration and in your interview, you conveyed a deep sense of purpose for your work and your expertise to qualify for the water rights commissioner position. We believe that your skills and experience will be an ideal fit to meet the needs of the organization. We would like to thank you for your interest and leadership. We are certain you will become a strong asset to the NNWRC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Chief of Staff LaShawna Tso at (928) 871-7160 | lrts@navajo-nsn.gov

Best regards,


Seth Damon, *Speaker*
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

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**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th Navajo Nation Council**

SECOND YEAR 2020

**ROLL CALL
VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

Legislation # 0247-20: An Action Relating to Resources and Development;
Confirming the Speaker's Appointment of Lani Tsinnajinnie to the Navajo Nation
Water Rights Commission. *Sponsor: Honorable Seth Damon*

Date: October 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting (Teleconference)
Meeting Location: (RDC members called in via teleconference from their location within the
boundary of the Navajo Nation.)

Main Motion:

Motion: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. S: Thomas Walker, Jr. Vote: 4-0-1 (CNV)
In Favor: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Thomas Walker, Jr., and Herman M.
Daniels
Oppose: NONE
Excuse: Mark A. Freeland
Not Voting: Presiding Chairperson Rickie Nez

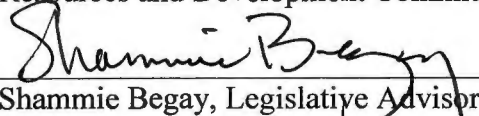
AMENDMENT #1:

Amendment Motion:

Motion: Herman M. Daniels S: Thomas Walker, Jr. Vote: 4-0-1 (CNV)
In Favor: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Thomas Walker, Jr., and Herman M.
Daniels
Oppose: NONE
Excuse: Mark A. Freeland
Not Voting: Presiding Chairperson Rickie Nez



Honorable Rickie Nez, Presiding Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee



Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services