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*Concerning S. 4633—Northeastern Arizona Indian Water
Rights Settlement Act of 2024*



Pictured above, Hopi Tribe Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, providing testimony virtually, "...due to recovering from surgery and being unable to travel at this time..." Photo courtesy: United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs www.indian.senate.gov/hearings/legislative-hearing-to-receive-testimony-on-S444_S.4633_S.4643_S.4705_S.4998-and-Business-Meeting-to-consider-S.465_S.2908_S.4370-Indian-Affairs-Committee_senate.gov

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Chairman Nuvangyaoma Returns from Extended Medical Leave Monday, September 23, 2025

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Hopi Chairman Nuvangyaoma Provides Testimony before U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 25, 2024

Concerning S. 4633—Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor - Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - September 25, 2024 Hopi Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma provided verbal testimony via virtual connection from the Hopi Tribal Legislative Building located in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. at 11:30 a.m. MST on the Hopi reservation.

Chairman Nuvangyaoma thanked the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for allowing him the opportunity and privilege to testify virtually in support of S.4633 the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. He apologized for not being there in person due to, "...recovering from surgery and unable to travel at this time..."

Chairman Nuvangyaoma continued by recognizing Vice Chairman Craig Andrews and the members of Hopi Tribal Council members, "who are strong advocates for our Hopi people," Senator Kelly, Senator Sinema and the entire Arizona delegation for their work on this important legislation before providing summarized testimony, lasting approximately five minutes, about the settlement which stemmed from fifty (50) years of negotiations.

Portion of Written Statement of Timothy Nuvangyaoma - Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Concerning S. 4633—Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024, September 25, 2024, Washington, D.C. follows:

Chairman Schatz, Vice Chairman Murkowski, and members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, my name is Timothy Nuvangyaoma and I serve as Chairman of the Hopi Tribe. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hopi Tribe and its members in support of S. 4633, the "Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024." I also want to thank our Arizona Senators Kelly and Sinema, who jointly introduced this bill in the Senate, as well as Representative Ciscomani for introducing this historic bipartisan bill in the House, and Representatives Stanton, Crane, Schweikert, Grijalva, and Gallego for joining as cosponsors.

Hopi are northeastern Arizona's most ancient inhabitants. Archaeological records show that our ancestors in the region date back to prehistoric times. Our oral histories go even further back. According to Hopi oral history, upon emergence into this world, our people encountered the deity who I will refer to in English as the Original Caretaker, who gave them his blessing to live on the land. The Original Caretaker required that the Hopi follow in his path as humble farmers and respect the land through religion and guidelines that he passed on to

them. A covenant was thus established between Hopi and the Original Caretaker in which land was set aside for the Hopi to live as stewards.

The Hopi Reservation was created to be a permanent homeland for the Hopi people. However, when it divided up tribal lands in northeastern Arizona, the United States government landlocked the Hopi Reservation within the Navajo Reservation. As a result, we were cut off from direct access to many of the water resources that sustained our ancestors for thousands of years. The water resources we are left with on the Hopi Reservation are severely limited and inhibit our ability to experience the true tribal sovereignty and economic self-sufficiency which is our right under the law of the United States of America.

Despite the dry, arid conditions of our Reservation, Hopi have pushed the bounds of human ingenuity, finding ways to sustainably use every available water resource to the maximum extent possible to uphold our covenant with the Original Caretaker and ensure these lands remain our home. But even as experts in desert survival since time immemorial, Hopi cannot alone keep pace with the severe water scarcity and uncertainty of today and tomorrow.

The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement has shown the Hopi People that we are not alone. Through the collaborative efforts of a historic coalition of tribal and non-tribal parties—representing approximately one-third of Arizona's geographical extent—Hopi can finally envision a future with a reliable supply of safe, clean drinking water and essential water infrastructure. Among other things, the agreement makes available to the Hopi Tribe diverse water sources to meet future water needs on the Hopi Reservation, including reliable mainstem Colorado River water. It also includes inter-tribal agreements between the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation to manage and protect groundwater resources shared by the tribes, highlighting principles of sustainability and cooperation.

For the Hopi Tribe, passage of the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024 is not just a legal milestone, it is a path forward. This Act will provide the Hopi Tribe with access to reliable water and water infrastructure necessary to ensure the health, well-being, and economic prosperity of the Hopi People for generations to come. Of paramount importance to Hopi, this settlement and the infrastructure made possible by this Act provide a way for Hopi to fulfill its covenant with the Original Caretaker: to continue to live as stewards of Hopitutskwa...

More of the Written Statement of Timothy Nuvangyaoma - Chairman of the Hopi Tribe can be found at: <https://www.indian.senate.gov/hearings/legislative-hearing-to-receive-testimony-on-s-4444-s-4633-s-4643-s-4705-s-4998/>

Arizona tribes' long fight for share of Colorado River water nears resolution in Congress



Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, middle standing, and the Vice President of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Johnny Lehi Jr., right of Nygren, at the witness table in the Indian Affairs committee hearing room on Sept. 25, 2024. (Photo courtesy of Navajo Nation)

By: Gabrielle Wallace/Cronkite News

Washington, DC – Friday, September 27, 2024 Seven states that rely on the Colorado River each got a cut of its water under a deal struck over a century ago – a deal that excluded the Hopi, the Navajo and other tribal nations.

After years of pressure and negotiation, Congress is moving to rectify what the tribes have long seen as an injustice that has caused enormous hardship.

“We’re closer than we’ve ever been before in reaching a final settlement,” Bryan Newland, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs with the Department of the Interior, told a Senate hearing on Wednesday.

Representatives from four Arizona tribes – the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Hopi, San Juan Southern Paiute and the Navajo Nation – said the settlements, once approved by Congress, will secure their long-standing claims and provide more accessible water for their people.

Almost a third of members of the Hopi, Navajo and other tribes have no running water, and leaders say the water currently available isn’t sufficient for growing populations.



Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren speaks on the tribe’s need for improved water access and the passing of two water settlement acts to help guarantee this during a Senate hearing in Washington on Sept. 25, 2024. (Photo courtesy of Navajo Nation)

“Congress must act to end the water crisis on the Navajo Nation,” said Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, who recalled that he didn’t have running water until he

went off to college at Arizona State University.

The water insecurity crisis has been felt for generations, he said.

Navajo people sometimes have to haul water for over 30 miles, a costly and time-consuming exercise.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024 and the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024 would provide funds for pipelines and other infrastructure. The bills would also impose pumping restrictions to ensure that groundwater is not depleted.

The process has been slow. The Gila River Adjudication process started over 50 years ago.

Disputes over the Colorado River stem from a 1922 compact between Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

“Without the settlement, a cloud of uncertainty will remain over tribal water claims in the Colorado River basin and tens of thousands of tribal members will continue to struggle to meet their basic needs,” said Sen. Mark Kelly, a Democrat who introduced the settlement bills with fellow Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, an independent.

The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024 would address claims to water from major stems of the Colorado River and Colorado River basin, providing running water to many Navajo and Hopi people.

It also sets aside 5,100 acres near Tuba City and another 300 acres in Utah to create a reservation for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe.

“The mental-emotional impact of being a landless, homeless tribe is something I wouldn’t wish upon anyone,” said Johnny Lehi Jr., the tribe’s vice president.



The Colorado River passes through the Grand Canyon in northern Arizona. The Colorado River is a major area of dispute for tribal water claims. (Photo by Busà Photography/Getty Images)

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The infrastructure funding “would provide the water we need to make our nation a true homeland.”

The other Arizona bill ensures access to the Verde River in the Verde Valley for the Yavapai-Apache people. The bill would also provide over \$1 billion for water infrastructure, pipelines and filtration systems.

Tanya Lewis, chairwoman of the Yavapai-Apache, said the upgrades are overdue, as are the federal efforts to ensure access to water.

“The legislation will finally grant us what the United States promised us in the 1852 Apache treaty,” she said, referring to a pact in which the United States assured tribal sovereignty, including protection of water rights, while requiring the Apache to end their incursions into Mexico.

According to Lewis, the tribe’s water rights were never explicitly taken away. Instead, she said, the reservation was opened to other settlers whose water usage left too little for the rest of the residents.

“The state of Arizona prospered while my people suffered,” she said.

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL
4th Quarter Session
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024
AGENDA – AMENDMENT #1

I. CALL TO ORDER**II. CERTIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

1. Oath of Office – Maude Yoyhoeoma, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi

III. ROLL CALL**IV. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES OR GUESTS****VI. CORRESPONDENCE****VII. CALENDAR PLANNING**

1. Land Commission
2. Water/Energy Committee
3. Transportation Committee
4. Law & Order Committee
5. Investment Committee
6. Health/Education Committee
7. Hopi Gaming Committee

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Letter dated September 17, 2024 from Upper Village of Moenkopi Tribal Council Representatives regarding suspension of Vice Chairman Craig Andrews & Vice Chairman's staff. – Defeated

2. Discussion & Possible Action – Washington D.C. trip in September 2024 concerning FERC, Josh Clause, Washington D.C. Lobbyist. Troy Honahnie, LCR Initiative Rep., Daryn Melvin, LCR Initiative Rep., American Rivers, Water & Energy Committee. Author, Dale Siquah, FMCV Council Representative. ***Time Certain on September 26, 2024 at 11:00 am**

3. Letter dated July 21, 2024 – Timothy NV. Nelson regarding resignation of Hopi Conflict Prosecutor. **Tabled – Pending Report from Law & Order Committee**

4. Action Item #058-2024 – To approve professional services between the Hopi Tribe and Melissa's Family Day care – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Program Manager, Hopi Child Care Program

5. Action Item #059-2024 – To modify Ordinance #36 Education Code. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

6. Action Item #061-2024 – To approve an independent contract agreement between the Hopi Tribe and Thompson Heating & Cooling for purchase and installation of HVAC system for the

Hopi Child Care Program – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Program Manager, Hopi Child Care Program

7. Action Item #062-2024 – To rescind partially H-057-2022 Orayvi Well 3-phase power to replace HUC and pass through the money directly to the Village of Orayvi. Author Sarah Abney, Water Resources Manager

8. Action Item #063-2024 – to approve Resolution in support for the protection of cultural resources and sacred sites on public lands for the Great Sage Plain and “The Lands Between” – Author/Alfred Lomaquahu, Registrar, Hopi Elections Office

9. Action Item #064-2024 – to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between American River and the Hopi Tribe – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman, Water & Energy Committee

10. Action Item #065-2024 – to approve work order changes to DBS&A Side Rock Work Order – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman, Water & Energy Committee

11. Action Item #066-2024 – To join the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee – Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Historical Preservation Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Office of the Chairman

12. Action Item #067-2024 – to approve a Lease of Real Property with Verizon Wireless – Author/LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Tribal Council Representative, Hopi Tribe

13. Discussion & Possible Action – Email dated August 29, 2024 Re: ANDREWS NA AND LETTER 8.29.2024. From Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

14. Discussion & Possible Action – Letter dated August 23, 2024 Re: Memorandum from Virgilyn Talas dated August 16, 2024. From Fred Lomayesva, General Council, Office of the General Counsel.

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee

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4th Quarter Session
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12. Report: Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.– 2023 Annual Report – Carroll Onsa, General Manager, HTI ****Time Certain on September 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

13. Report: Moencopi Day School, Basic Financial Statement and Single Audit Reports, Year ended June 30, 2023 – Steven Troglia, CSA, Moencopi Day School

14. Presentation: Research on Native Deaf Communities & Request to Distribute Survey to Hopi Community – Dr. Melanie McKay-Cody, Assistant Professor, UofA ****Time Certain TBD**

15. Presentation: 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Brian Cole, Building Communities & Andrew Gashwazra, Director, OCPED / LIS ****Time Certain TBD**

16. Letter of Interest for Hopi Election Regular/Alternate member position from Meredith Qotswisiwma

17. Letter dated August 7, 2024 RE: Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee from Samuel R. Shingoitewa Jr.

18. Pandemic Recovery Committee **** Time Certain September 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

****Time Certain Requests**



By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor - Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Wednesday, September 25, 2024 morning and after opening the Hopi Tribal Council Session upon achieving quorum after a second Roll Call, with thirteen (13) present at approximately 9:40 a.m., Chairman Nuvangyaoma announced that he would be providing testimony virtually during the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Hearings scheduled to happen at 11:30 a.m. which was just under a couple hours from that point in time on the same morning.

Chairman Nuvangyaoma also expressed that he was not feeling good and had appointments “tomorrow in Phoenix...” and “...another appointment on Friday...”

Chairman also made reference to having Vice Chairman Craig Andrews present, who was seated next to Chairman Nuvangyaoma and that he was, “...looking to turn things over...don’t think we really have a choice...”

Chairman Nuvangyaoma referenced having the link to the Hearings, before turning the gavel over to Vice Chairman Andrews and leaving Tribal Council Chambers.

Upon taking the gavel, Vice Chairman Andrews began by mentioning that he wanted to see if, “IT is up...so we can see the testimony...” He continued by mentioning he wanted to go into recess to, “...listen to this...don’t think any actions to take place and ask Tribal Secretary if these are up...” while looking at the monitors set up in the Chambers and Tribal Secretary staff, Meranda Nutumya, who is filling in since the latest Tribal Secretary’s resignation on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Dale Siquah, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Representative had his hand up prompting Vice Chairman to call upon him to speak. Siquah then stated, “I object to you chairing the meeting, for the record.”

Vice Chairman Andrews then called upon LeRoy Shingoitewa, Village of Upper Moenkopi Representative who began by making reference to “yesterday’s vote” and that “we are still in limbo” and “...what this Council did yesterday...still did not get it correct...” and he continued by making reference to the Chairman as “...still not well...” and in his opinion they should recess or adjourn until the October session so “we” (the Council) don’t argue back and forth. He also made reference to what occurred in 2009 and having to “re-do” resolutions but did not specify what exactly occurred in 2009 or exactly what was voted upon the day before.

Vice Chairman Andrews then called upon Clifford Qotsaquahu,

Village of Bakabi Representative who began by stating, “The discussion yesterday was very discouraging...” He continued by making reference to “individuals here” (meaning in Chambers) being charged with different things.

It was difficult to hear exactly what Qotsaquahu was saying as he was being interrupted by Shingoitewa who began loudly stating, “Point of order...” while Qotsaquahu said loudly, “Let me finish...”

Vice Chairman called upon Shingoitewa to continue speaking, at which time Shingoitewa stated, “Be careful...some things we talked about were in Executive Session...”

Qotsaquahu continued by stating, “I’m entitled to my comments...” and continued making mention of the present topics and being, “...worse than I have also seen...” while mentioning, “...think we should recess...” and the importance that the Council “do right for our people...”

Wendall Honanie, Village of Kyakotsmovi Representative asked for clarification on when the Council would regather to which Vice Chairman mentioned the “second week” before then calling on Marilyn Tewa, Village of Mishongnovi Representative who mentioned she supported Shingoitewa’s recommendation to get more “recovery time” for Chairman and “...to not add more fuel to the fire...”

After being called upon, Arthur Batala, Village of Mishongnovi Representative made comments in Hopi about what the Council was experiencing. He mentioned “turmoil” has drawn some away from the goal of raising revenue in hopes of having a decent budget for 2025. He also mentioned working with the Investment Committee and not touching the “principle” which has been depleted and described the Council as being “stuck in a rutt.” He asked his colleagues, “...itah sinom...how do we explain ourselves?” and referenced a “meeting last night” as “ah’neh hintsaskya...” He didn’t clarify the time and place of the “meeting.”

Vice Chairman then asked, “Pa’saa?” No one else spoke as he began asking, “Where is it in the Constitution...Qotsaquahu talks about charges, he knows more about this than I do...that’s just hearsay...not conceding to the fact, which I hold this Constitution, not conceding to it, with votes, did not concede to it either...” then he said, “...because of the health of our Chairman...qa kwangwa hinta, for our Chairman, the Council session is recessed at 10:04 and reconvening October 7th at 9 a.m.” The session lasted just over twenty-four minutes with statements alluding towards topics not being fully explained and seemed pressured and rushed.

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response - **Re-publication**

Submitted By Joyce Hamilton, Director

Kykostmovi, Ariz. – June 26, 2024 Immunizations are your best defense against severe illness if you are diagnosed with the Flu, RSV and CIVID-19. The season of germs and viruses will continue to be amongst us; the best protection to avoid severe illness and sickness is to get updated on your family's immunizations. You may have been hearing family discussing COVID-19 diagnosis being a result of large gatherings within the month of June. Gatherings with family during the summer season is common due to the ceremonial and cultural activities, graduation celebrations, birthday celebrations and planting parties.

The Hopi Health Care Center encourages and recommends the following:

1. Everyone 6 months and older, regardless of current vaccination status, should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against COVID-19 illness.

2. People with symptoms should still mask and get tested for COVID-19.
3. Those with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 illness should continue to follow current guidelines for isolation including staying home and wearing a mask around others for at least 5 days after their symptoms started or after a positive test if no symptoms.

4. Those exposed to COVID-19 should continue to follow recommendations including wearing a mask around others.

5. People may choose to wear a mask at any time based on personal preference, but may be required in other places by local authorities (i.e., individual villages, businesses, and schools).

Many individuals and family members have deterred from the practice of wiping down frequently touched surfaces and staying home when ill. Get back in the habit of wiping down frequently touched surfaces to eliminate germs to protect family from illness. Most important message is for one to stay home if you have flu like symptoms to avoid getting others ill.

For questions regarding services you may contact the Department of Health

The passing of Dr. Francine Gachupin, NACP

By: **Kellen Polingyumtewa, Program Coordinator – Hopi Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – September 30, 2024 I am saddened to share with you that Dr. Francine Gachupin, PhD, MPH, passed away on September 23rd, 2024. She was a pioneer in the southwest for Native American cancer prevention and was one of the lead principal investigators for the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention (NACP) that have produced many projects that benefited our Hopi Cancer Support Services under Dana Russell and Lori Joshweseoma's leadership. The most notable NACP Hopi projects are the My Health, My Choice Project (cancer prevention for the Intellectual and Developmentally Disabled), Cancer Outreach, Refer a Friend, and Men's Cancer Prevention Project. I am sure there are many more, along with the technical assistance provided by NACP to HCSS. For more information about Dr. Gachupin and her work, see the following:



Francine C. Gachupin, PhD, MPH, passes away

Tucson, Ariz. - September 26, 2024 Francine C. Gachupin, PhD, MPH, passed away on Sept. 23, 2024, from an aggressive neuroendocrine cancer. After undergoing numerous treatments and procedures, she returned to her home in New Mexico to spend her final days with her family and friends.

Francine C. Gachupin, PhD, MPH

Gachupin devoted her life to improving the health and well-being of Native American communities, with a particular focus on youth and families at high risk for diabetes. She also worked tirelessly to reduce health care disparities, especially in cancer prevention.

Gachupin joined the Family and Community Medicine department in the University

of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson in 2012 as an assistant professor. She was promoted to professor in 2023. She had joint appointments in the Department of Psychology and in the American Indian Studies Graduate Inter-Disciplinary Program in the College of Social & Behavioral Science as well as in American Indian Studies in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.

Gachupin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and criminal justice from the University of New Mexico. As a Sloan Fellow at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin, she expanded her knowledge and leadership skills. She went on to earn a Master of Arts in anthropology from the University of New Mexico, followed by a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Washington. She earned her doctorate in anthropology from the University of New Mexico. Gachupin is perhaps best known for her American Indian Youth Wellness Camp. This camp was established for American Indian youth at high risk for diabetes. When the COVID-19 pandemic made in-person gatherings impossible, Gachupin adapted the program into a "Camp in a Box" model, ensuring that youth and their families could still participate and benefit remotely.

She is also well known for her work in Native American cancer prevention and health disparities, and worked with the Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention — a collaboration between Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona Cancer Center. Through her work with NACP, Gachupin was focused on alleviating the unequal burden of cancer among Native Americans of the Southwest through research, training and community outreach.

She served on numerous local and national boards and committees, too many to name. Last year, she was honored with an invitation to deliver the keynote address for the National Institutes of Health's "Summer Internship on Health Disparities in Tribal Communities."

Before her passing, she was awarded an NIH grant, "A School Based Partnership with Rural Tribal Schools for Primary Prevention of Obesity Among American Indian Youth," that will go until 2029. As part of a collaborative effort, she also received a National Cancer Institute grant, "Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention," that will also continue until 2029.

Hopi Agriculture and Food Symposium to Celebrate Traditional Farming and Food Practices - **Re-publication**

For Immediate Release

By: Kyle Nutumya, Program Manager - Natwani Coalition

Kykotsmovi Ariz. September 11, 2024 The Hopi Agriculture and Food Symposium, a free event dedicated to celebrating and preserving traditional Hopi farming practices and food systems, will take place on October 11th at the Peace Academic Center. The symposium will bring together farmers, food producers, and community members to share knowledge, experiences, and resources to promote sustainable agriculture within the Hopi community.

Organized by the Natwani Coalition, the symposium will feature educational workshops, discussions, and a vibrant marketplace showcasing Hopi-grown produce, traditional foods, and other local products. All attendees are invited to enjoy complimentary traditional Hopi breakfast and lunch meals, prepared by local cooks. These meals will highlight the flavors and ingredients central to Hopi cuisine, including corn, beans, and squash, providing a taste of the agricultural bounty of the Hopi lands.

Attendees will also have the chance to participate in a raffle featuring exciting door prizes. These prizes will include handcrafted items, locally grown produce, and other contributions from vendors and community members. The raffle will be held throughout the day, and all attendees will automatically be entered for a chance to win.

The Natwani Coalition, a program of the Hopi Foundation, is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the healthy food system and agriculture traditions of the Hopi and Tewa people by supporting agriculture, food distribution, and food consumption that are healthy for Hopi individuals and the community. For more information about the Natwani Coalition visit natwanicoalition.org

For more information please contact Kyle Nutumya at 9284059279/9287342380 or kyle.nutumya@hopifoundation.org.

Key Highlights of the Symposium Include:

- Workshops and Discussions: Presentations on traditional Hopi farming techniques, sustainable agriculture, and food sovereignty.
- Marketplace: A vendor area featuring local farmers and food producers offering fresh, traditional Hopi produce for sale/barter.
- Community Engagement: Opportunities for community members to connect with local farmers, producers, and educators in the field of Hopi agriculture.
- Raffle Door Prizes: A chance to win handcrafted items, locally grown produce, and other contributions from vendors and community members
- Traditional Meals: Complimentary traditional Hopi breakfast and lunch meals.

Event Details:

- Date: October 11, 2024
- Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Location: Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Ariz.

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Hopi Cancer Support Services to Host Annual 10k Run/Walk in October



HOPI Cancer Support Services

By: Leigh Naha – Health Educator, Hopi Cancer Support Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Friday, September 13, 2024 On Sunday, October 13, 2024 at the Hopi Cultural Center located on Second Mesa, Ariz., the Hopi Cancer Support Services will be hosting the annual “Climb the Mesa to Conquer Cancer” 10k Run/Walk.

This event is being hosted as a means to raise funds for the Hopi Cancer Assistance Fund, a vital resource conceived by a former client who faced financial hardship while undergoing cancer treatment.

The Hopi Cancer Assistance Fund provides monetary support to cancer patients, helping cover essential expenses such as gas, food, and lodging for appointments at distant locations off the Hopi reservation.

The run/walk will commence at 8:00 a.m., with on-site registration opening at 7:00 a.m. Participants can also register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AZ/Shungopavi/CTM10K> or by calling (928) 734-1151 for more information.

Join us for a day of fun and community spirit while contributing to a worthy cause. Your participation will make a significant difference in the lives of those battling cancer.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Comment Period

Hopi Family Assistance Program (TANF Program)

By: Elizabeth Nasewytewa - Hopi Family Assistance Program

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Thursday, September 26, 2024 the Hopi Family Assistance Program is currently in the process of renewing the Tribal TANF Plan for the next three (3) years and is conducting the 45-day comment period. The Hopi/Tewa people are encouraged to provide their comments regarding the new plan. Hopi Tribal members can request a copy of the current TANF Plan by calling the Hopi Family Assistance Program at 928-734-2202 #3. All Hopi/Tewa members are encouraged to provide their comments by mailing them to: Hopi Family Assistance Program, P.O. Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 no later than November 15, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

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Media Release for Non-Pricing Programs

Sponsoring Organization's Name The Hopi Tribe Head Start Program
 Street Address 1 Main Street, P.O. Box 123 City Kykotsmovi Zip Code 86039
 Contact Person Rayma Duyongwa Phone Number (928) 734-3512
 Media Outlet(s) Contacted Tutuveni Newspaper Date September 6, 2024

Prior to submitting to a media outlet, attach or complete the Income-Eligibility Guidelines chart below by inputting the guidelines for the current year, which are available on www.azed.gov/hns/cacfp/programforms/.

Note: Emergency shelters and at-risk only programs should omit references to income prior to sending to media outlets.

Please print the following, including the non-discrimination statement on the following page, as a free public service announcement.

Today, The Hopi Tribe Head Start Program announced its sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services. Meals will be made available to enrolled participants at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Household income determines the amount of money institutions will be reimbursed to provide meals to enrolled participants. The income-eligibility guidelines listed below are used to determine the amount of reimbursement.

Household Size	Weekly		Bi-Weekly		2x Month		Monthly		Annually	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$377	\$536	\$753	\$1,072	\$816	\$1,161	\$1,632	\$2,322	\$19,578	\$27,861
2	\$511	\$728	\$1,022	\$1,455	\$1,108	\$1,576	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$26,572	\$37,814
3	\$646	\$919	\$1,291	\$1,838	\$1,399	\$1,991	\$2,798	\$3,981	\$33,566	\$47,767
4	\$780	\$1,110	\$1,560	\$2,220	\$1,690	\$2,405	\$3,380	\$4,810	\$40,560	\$57,720
5	\$915	\$1,302	\$1,829	\$2,603	\$1,982	\$2,820	\$3,963	\$5,640	\$47,554	\$67,673
6	\$1049	\$1,493	\$2,098	\$2,966	\$2,273	\$3,235	\$4,546	\$6,469	\$54,548	\$77,626
7	\$1184	\$1,685	\$2,367	\$3,369	\$2,565	\$3,650	\$5,129	\$7,299	\$61,542	\$87,579
8	\$1318	\$1,876	\$2,636	\$3,752	\$2,856	\$4,064	\$5,712	\$8,128	\$68,536	\$97,532
Additional Members, Add:	\$135	\$192	\$269	\$383	\$292	\$415	\$583	\$830	\$6,994	\$9,953

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Call to Hopi/Tewa Artists: Invitation to Apply to The Hopi Tribe Community Art Initiative

For Immediate Release

By Eileen Egan

Flagstaff, Ariz. – September 26, 2024 The Hopi Tribe is undertaking a major renovation of the Hopi Health Care Center through a 638-contract with the Indian Health Service. As part of that contract, the Hopi Tribe is committed to incorporating Hopi/Tewa art in the facility and is launching The Hopi Tribe Community Art Initiative. The application submission deadline is October 25, 2024.

The Hopi Tribe is seeking art to be installed or displayed at the Hopi Health Care Center in any medium* that reflects the following theme

- Suphelawkyàakyangw naqalanwiskyàakyangw lolmat wuupat qatsit itam yesvani.
- English translation: By encouraging a state of good health and supporting each other, we live a long and fulfilling life.

All applicants/team members must be enrolled Hopi tribal members, and be 18 years of age and older.

The Hopi Tribe is seeking:

- LARGE CENTRAL ART, for specific areas of the HHCC. This art will be utilized in larger areas such as waiting areas, the cafe, the conference center and it will be installed by the artist. Large Central Art will aesthetically enhance the surrounding area.
- GENERAL ART, for other areas of the HHCC. These will be individual pieces of art purchased outright by the Hopi Tribe to be utilized and installed by Melvin Consulting along with the construction/architectural teams.

Artists (or artist teams) can submit for consideration either LARGE CENTRAL ART and GENERAL ART, or BOTH, by indicating it in the application. Approximately 20-25 artists will be selected for this initiative. The total budget available for artists for this project is: \$105,000.

*The Hopi Tribe’s selection committee, following the original Hopi advisory committee, is not accepting katsina dolls or imagery for this project.

The Hopi Tribe is seeking original works of art for an indoor environment with the desire for:

- Art that educates and inspires community members and visitors.
- Art that preserves Hopi’s rich artistic traditions and culture for future generations.
- Art that showcases and elevates the participating artists’ artistic excellence
- Approximately 20-25 artists will be selected for this initiative.
- All art mediums will be considered* such as clay, wood, paintings (oil, watercolor, etc.), photography, murals, vinyl application, screens/panels, mosaics, basketry, quilts, textiles, sculptures, prints, stained glass, tiles and more.

The Hopi Tribe is partnering with Melvin Consulting PLLC to assist with the application process and manage the application/section process, installation and payment to selected artists. There is no application fee.

For more details on the application process visit: www.melvinconsultingpllc.com//hopi-art-rfp

The application is online and can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArtApplication>. However, printed forms are available at the Hopi Education Endowment Fund office (HEEF in Kykotsmovi on the Peace Academy campus) or at KUYI Hopi Public Radio (Lower Sipaulovi, Junction of HWY 264 and SR 87, Second Mesa).

For more information or questions, contact daryl@melvinconsultingpllc.com or call/text 928) 527-4114.

The Hopi Tribe appreciates your interest and is committed to making the process accessible. Melvin Consulting is available to assist in completing applications by phone as needed (artists will still need to submit images of samples of their work).

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STEPS IN THE PROCESS	DATES
Application Submission Deadline	October 25, 2024
The committee reviews applications and recommends finalists based on qualifications.	October 25 - Nov. 6, 2024
Interviews with Finalists for LARGE CENTRAL ART.	November 2024
Artist notified by the selection committee of award for both LARGE CENTRAL ART and GENERAL ART.	December 2024/January 2025
Installation of Art	January 2025 to July 2025
Artists Reception and Opening of New Spaces at HHCC.	Late Summer 2025





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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Kykotsmovi, AZ – This is an important message for the Hopi Community. Please be advised that all official public service announcements will be distributed through the Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) or the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services (DPSES) via KUYI Radio.

Any information being disseminated through other platforms, including social media like Facebook, should not be considered valid unless verified through official channels.

We are committed to ensuring that accurate and timely information is shared with the community and will disseminate updates as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Lower Sipaulovi, AZ – On the night of September 25, 2024 at 8:00pm, Hopi Law Enforcement Service (HLES) Officers, Hopi Fire & Rescue and Hopi EMS responded to a call regarding a missing person. Upon arrival, the responding Officers made contact with the caller who was identified as the mother of the missing person. She informed officers her daughter who is 22 years old with special needs, had been missing for more than two hours.

A search was conducted in the area of lower Sipaulovi, Second Mesa Day School and the foothills of Shungopavi with no findings of the missing female. At 10:30 p.m., the mother was notified through friends of her daughter whom she was communicating with through text messages, that she was safe and did not want to be bothered. With this information, the family decided to call off the search.

At 4:00 a.m., September 26, 2024, HLES Dispatchers received a phone call from the mother stating her daughter returned home and is safe.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
LIVESTOCK INSPECTIONS**

September 26, 2024

Effective September 26, 2024 **ALL** Livestock Inspections will be conducted at the **Keams Canyon Veterinary Clinic inspection site**. Livestock inspections will no longer be conducted at Hopi Law Enforcement compound until further notice.

Livestock inspections are held on Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Wednesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Hopi Law Enforcement Services at (928) 734-7340 or (928) 497-1493. Thank you for your understanding.

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Niitiwpu - Abundance	Paapu - Beans (Pod)	Silaquv - Corn Husk
Aniwna - Achieve or Accomplish	Sikyahatiko - Beans (Y. Lima)	Mangwni - Corn Leaves
Aptsiwta - Adequate	Pasqalalni - Boundary (Crop)	Kyåasòmkwivi - Creamed Corn
Natwànpì - Agricultural Practice	Patomelooni - Canteloupe	Angwusi - Crow
Qana'òna - Ambitious	Hökni - Corn (Harvested)	Qataala - Darkness
Maqsoni - Arduous	Tuupevu - Corn (Pit Steamed)	Tuviku - Disguise
Åasa'ta - Enough (candy treats)		Tukwsi - Matured Corn
Uti - Exclamation! (Horror)		Kawayvatnga - Melon
Niktiwta - Extra (candy treats)		Halasami - Moist Ground
Màmqasi - Fear		Tuvatski - Nut Bearing Tree
Nùutsel'eway - Fearsome		Pisoq - Occupied (Harvest)
Sami - Fresh Corn		Sipala - Peach
Sungwa - Friend		Pintomori - Pinto Beans
Tsawna - Frighten		Natwani - Plant
Huyta - Give Out (Treats)		
Maalama - Ground Cultivated		
Höqna'ya - Harvesting Party		
Hota - Haul (Harvested Goods)		
Pàngala - Heap (Harvested Goods)	Moritpu - Hull (Beans)	



WATCH: Kelly Introduces Arizona Tribal Leaders at Senate Committee Hearing on Key Water Rights Bills

For Immediate Release

By: Press@Kelly.Senate.gov

Washington, DC - September 30, 2024 Last week, Arizona Senator Mark Kelly appeared before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to introduce Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Tanya Lewis, and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Vice President Johnny Lehi. These leaders came to testify in support of two critical tribal water settlement bills that Kelly previously introduced to secure long-term water rights and resources for Arizona's tribal communities.

In July, Kelly introduced the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement Act—bipartisan legislation to secure a sustainable water supply for the Nation by delivering water from the C.C. Cragin Reservoir, ensuring access to clean drinking water while protecting the Verde Valley's vital water resources. He also introduced the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act (NAIW RSA) of 2024, which addresses water claims in the Colorado River Basin, providing significant water resources to the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. Both bills aim to resolve long-standing water claims, ensure reliable drinking water access, and promote economic opportunities for the tribes. These settlements are the result of years of negotiation between tribal leaders, local stakeholders, and federal agencies.

"These settlements are an enormous step forward for securing your tribes' water future and providing certainty for Arizona and the whole Colorado River Basin," said Kelly at the hearing. "Without the settlement, a cloud of uncertainty will remain over tribal water claims, and tens of thousands of tribal members will continue to struggle to meet their basic needs."

To watch his remarks, go to: <https://senator-mark-kelly.app.box.com/s/gw8qp8jqtgixxkc84h80jgimmuclbyf>

See below for a transcript:

Sen. Kelly: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you and the Vice Chairwoman for including the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act and the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water right Settlement Act in today's hearing.

It is my honor to introduce Navajo President Buu Nygren, Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Tanya Lewis and San Juan Southern Paiute Vice President Johnny Lehi.

President Nygren was elected to serve as the tenth Navajo Nation President in November 2022. President Nygren has a doctorate from the University of Southern California. He has been involved closely with leading the Navajo Nation through the negotiation of the Northeastern Arizona Water Rights Settlement.

Chairman Nuvangyaoma has led the Hopi Council since his election as Chairman in 2018. He has served as a tireless advocate for the Hopi and been instrumental in negotiations that enabled the Northeastern Arizona Water Rights Settlement to come together.

Chairwoman Lewis is an importance voice in the Verde Valley. Before her election as Chairwoman, she served as Vice-Chair and has been on the council since 2010. She has been personally involved in working with parties across the Verde Valley to come to consensus and develop a settlement that is designed for the future.

Vice President Lehi Jr. currently serves as the Vice President of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. He was first elected to the council in May of 2022 and served as President prior to his current role. Vice President Lehi is serving on the council in the footsteps of his father, Johnny Lehi Sr., who served on the tribal council when the tribe was originally recognized in December of 1989.

President Nygren, Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice President Lehi I want to commend you for your commitment to your communities. The fact that you have all come together, after decades and multiple attempts at a settlement is truly historic and you and your teams should be recognized for your dedication to this large and complex settlement.

The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act will bring safe and reliable drinking water to your tribal communities in Arizona, establishing a homeland for the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. It's important to note that on the Navajo Nation approximately 30 percent of homes do not have access to safe and reliable drinking water. This settlement is an enormous step forward for securing your tribes' water future and providing certainty for Arizona and the entire Colorado River Basin. Without the settlement, a cloud of uncertainty will remain over tribal water claims in the Colorado River Basin, and tens of thousands of tribal members will continue to struggle to meet their basic needs.

Chairwoman Lewis, I want to thank you, and everyone who has been a part of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Settlement process for your dedication. The Nation and the parties have worked hard over 15 years to complete the Settlement. Working with the Bureau of Reclamation, the parties evaluated numerous water sources and potential infrastructure options to achieve a reliable and sustainable water supply to meet the Nation's current and future permanent tribal homeland needs.

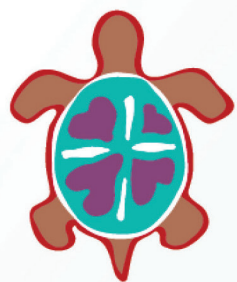
Ultimately, the delivery of C.C. Cragin water through the Cragin-Verde Pipeline is the best option. This settlement protects local groundwater aquifers from over-pumping, and thereby preserves these resources that are needed to meet the Nation's water demands under its settlement budget. By reducing the capture of groundwater that feeds the Verde River, it also protects base-flow that supports the Verde River.

So, this Settlement helps to ensure Arizona's water future both in the valley and downstream.

I urge my colleagues to support both of these important bills as they move through the Committee process.

Again, Chairman Schatz and Vice Chairman Murkowski, I want to thank you for holding today's hearing on these two important and historic bills.

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