



Navajo lawmakers reject water rights settlement

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Navajo lawmakers rejected a settlement to recognize the tribe's water rights from the Little Colorado River basin, likely sending the tribe and its Hopi neighbor back to court to resolve their claims.

The Tribal Council voted 15-6 against the settlement Thursday during a special session in Window Rock. The vote also puts a stop to legislation in Congress to move the settlement forward because it needed the blessing of both the Navajo and Hopi tribes.

"I think it's a missed opportunity," said Jared King, a

spokesman for the Navajo Nation. "These things don't come by very often. It's disappointing."

Critics saw the settlement as an attack on their aboriginal rights and tilted toward corporate interests. They urged lawmakers to vote it down and continue fighting in court. A case in Apache County had been on hold while the tribes and 30 other entities worked out a settlement decades in the making. Aside from Zuni Pueblo, no other Arizona tribe has acquired rights to the Little Colorado River.

Under the settlement, the

tribes would have waived further claims to the river basin if the federal government funded more than \$300 million in groundwater delivery projects. Kyl had said the settlement would address the water needs of the reservations and provide certainty of the state's water supply for off-reservation communities.

Tribes often trade what could be huge water claims for the promise of federal funding to deliver water to tribal communities. A few American Indian water rights cases have been resolved through litigation.

Navajo President Ben

Shelly ultimately backed the settlement as a way to avoid protracted courtroom battle and guarantee water delivery to tribal communities. He and Tribal Council Speaker Johnny Naize held public hearings across the reservation and received hundreds of comments on the settlement.

Shelly said that he would look for other ways to bring water to the communities on the western side of the reservation.

Naize has said lawmakers weren't willing to accept the settlement as is and had urged colleagues to table it for fur-

ther discussion. He said he would advocate for an independent review of the settlement and renewed negotiations that would result in more favorable terms for the tribe, though it's unclear whether the other parties would be willing to work toward another settlement.

"We will not be rushed into a settlement that a majority of our citizens are uncomfortable with," said Naize, who voted in favor of it.

The Hopi Tribe took two separate votes on the matter—one to oppose Kyl's legislation and the other to support the settlement.

Zuni Pueblo get rare designation

ZUNI, N.M. (AP) — Zuni Pueblo made history by becoming the nation's first American Indian Main Street Project from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela joined the Pueblo of Zuni Governor Arlen Quetawki at a special pueblo ceremony dedicating Zuni Pueblo as an official Main Street community. New Mexico MainStreet services 23 projects and six state-authorized arts and cultural districts. It is an economic development program that assists communities in revitalizing their traditional commercial neighborhoods.

The Zuni dedication is also an initiative of the New Mexico Economic Development Department to commemorate New Mexico's Centennial Year.

Native American dropout rates higher in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Native American students are dropping out of Rapid City schools at a higher rate than their peers in other South Dakota districts, an analysis of South Dakota Department of Education records found.

In the Rapid City Area Schools district, Native American students dropped out of school at a rate of 10.6 percent last year compared to rates of 6.2 percent in Sioux Falls and 5.3 percent in Aberdeen.

Roger Campbell, director of the South Dakota Office of Indian Education, said Native American dropout rates have long been a focus of his office but have risen

to the forefront of late. He said he'll be in Rapid City in August for a Native American education summit to help look for answers.

The summit, organized with the Rapid City district, will bring together schools in the state that have had success in improving graduation rates among Native American students and in decreasing the achievement gap, said Jr. Bettelyoun, director of Indian Education in Rapid City.

"Sometimes we take for granted our students are dropping out for reasons beyond our control," Bettelyoun said. "I also think there are some things we can do within our school environment to help keep kids in school."

Campbell said schools with large Native American student populations will be invited to bring their success stories to the summit, and he hopes districts can benefit from each other.

"We will be gathering some of those best practice models that are making a difference," he said.

Educators also will address the challenges of improving the rates, something that can't be discussed without acknowledging the complex socioeconomic challenges those students face.

Shannon County, a district located within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, had a lower dropout rate than Rapid City in 2011 at 6.2 percent.

Todd County, inside the Rosebud Indian Reservation, had a dropout rate higher than Rapid City at 11.5 percent.

The statewide dropout rates are 6.6 percent for Native American students and 1.8 percent for all students.

In 2011, less than 52 percent of Native American students in the district graduated from their school—a drop from 54 percent in 2009. The rates are an improvement over 2007, when graduation rates for Native American students were just 40 percent.

Statewide, the graduation rate for Native American students in 2011 was 57.1 percent compared with 85.9 percent for all students.

Bettelyoun said the first

step to improving the number is getting students to use the programs already in place.

For example, Credit Recovery, started as a summer program in 2011, allows students to finish classes they may have fallen behind in without retaking the entire course. The program will now be incorporated year-round.

Take Back The Night
Sexual Assault Awareness

Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

Basketball courts across from VOCS
 Call Nancy Seyler or Dorothy Kalama for details 541-553-2293

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Tribal jobs

See Amelia Tewee in the personnel department to submit an application, or call 541-553-3262. View full descriptions and apply online at www.ctws.org. For jobs at Kah-Nee-Ta, go to kahneeta.com.

Compensation & Benefits Coordinator. Associated degree in Business Administration. Three years related experience. Salary Range \$29,077. Yr. Lupe Katchia 553-3498. Open Until Filled.

Forestry/Natural Resources Restoration Crew Driver. Salary Range \$10.50 Hr. Doug Dunlap 541-553-8205. Open Until Filled.

Forestry/Natural Resources Restoration Crew Member. Salary Range \$10.00 Hr. Doug

Dunlap 541-553-8205. Open Until Filled.

Gaming Commission: Executive Director. Salary Neg. Pamela Keo-Douglas 541-553-4890. Closes 7/13.

Community Health Nurse. Salary Range \$50,506. Yr. To \$55,393. Yr. Elizabeth Johnson 541-553-2460. Open Until Filled.

Community Health Nutritionist. Salary Range \$45,151. Yr. To \$48,339. Yr. Elizabeth Johnson Linda Porter 541-553-2460. Open Until Filled.

Range & Ag. Restoration Crew Driver. Salary Range \$10.50 Hr. Jason Smith 553-2011. Open Until Filled.

Range & Ag. Restoration Crew

Members. Salary Range \$10.00 Hr. Jason Smith 553-2011. Open Until Filled.

Police Officer. Salary Range \$29,675. Yr. To \$37,689. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-2037. Open Until Filled.

Corrections Officers. Salary Range \$25,235. Yr. To \$36,054. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-3272. Open Until Filled.

Court Bailiff. Salary Range \$25,000. Yr. To \$34,800. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-3343. Open Until Filled.

Notice regarding Unclaimed Per Capita payments

The following is a list of Tribal members who have had at least one per capita payment returned to a special account at OST.

If your name is on this list, there is no check waiting for you at the IIM vault at Warm Springs. If your name is on this list and you wish to claim a returned per capita payment, you must come in person to the IIM Office at the Warm Springs Agency with a photo ID and fill out a claim form.

IIM technicians will submit the completed claim form to the OST's Albuquerque, NM office. If accepted, a check will be issued to your current mailing address within several weeks.

The following is a list of tribal members who have at least one per capita check that needs to be reissued.

If your name is on this list

you will need to come to the IIM Department and fill out form so we can reissue. Identification is required. The names are listed last name first:

Alexander, Shana; Arthur III, Bailey, Gunner; Bethancourt Jr., Francisco; Bisner, Regina; Blackwolf, Zelma; Boise, Desirae; Boise, George; Boise, Jolene; Bookout, Kimberly; Brunoe, Anna; Brunoe, Kathryn; Brunoe, Maria; Bryant, Ernie; Burgess, Bryan.

Caldera III, Lawrence; Ching, Elmina; Culpus, Christopher; Culpus, Jr. Patrick; Culpus, William; Curry, Glenda.

Daniels, Angel; Davis, Sr., Dalton; Doney, Jeremy; Dowty, Levi; Duncan, Heather.

Frank, Sharmayne; Frank Jr., Floyd.

Galan, Randi; George, Dorothea; George, Olivia; Gonzalez, Jr., Javier; Grace, Christina; Graham, Jr., Edward;

Greene, Manuel.

Hart, Aaron Lee; Holum, Wanda.

Ike, Charlotte; Ike, Jeneva.

Jackson, Inman; Jackson, Kalliah; Johns, Rowena; Johns, Otis; Johnson, Rhonda.

LeClaire, Marlon; LeClaire, Rodney; Long, Loni; Longknife, Jessica.

Made, Shanina; Maldonado, Aja; Miller, Jody; Mitchell, Jeannie; Mitchell, Rayfield; Moody, Jacquelyn.

Saludo-Kelly, Martika; Santos, Ruben; Selam-White, Loretta; Simtustus, Julia; Smith Sr., Stuart; Smith, Austin Jr.; Stevens, Sheena; Stormbringer, Tyree; Stroschein, Samantha.

Taitague, Angelica; Thomas, Crystal; Torres, Shawna; Trujillo, Brittany; Tuckta, Terry; Tufiti, Jessica.

Yahtin, Lillie.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases.

Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs vs. Rosetta Danzuka, defendant. Case No. CR582-11/CR587-11 #11-2460 / #11-2476. To: Rosetta Danzuka:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: That the above cited case(s), as filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court, has been rescheduled for an arraignment at 1 p.m. on the 25th day of July, 2012.

Nancy Gilbert, Petitioner vs. Nicolas Heath, Respondent; Case No. RO62-12. TO: NANCY GILBERT F: MINOR/Nicolas Heath. YOU ARE HEREBY NO-

TIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 1ST day of AUGUST, 2012 @ 10:30 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Charlene Chee, Petitioner, vs. Nicolas Heath, Respondent. Case No. RO64-12. TO: Charlene Chee/Nicolas Heath:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are

summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 1ST day of AUGUST, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Jonathon Gilbert, Petitioner, vs. Nicolas Heath, Respondent; Case No. RO63-12. TO: Jonathon Gilbert / Nicolas Heath:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 1ST day of AUGUST, 2012 @ 10:15 a.m., at the Warm Springs

Tribal Court.

Dorothea Barney, Petitioner, vs. Sacheen Estrada, Respondent; Case No. DO64-12. TO: Dorothea Barney / Sacheen Estrada.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Elder Protection Order has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 26th day of JULY, 2012 @ 10 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.