

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY



District III Grazing Committee Members

James Beard Chairperson
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RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT III GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER RESOLUTION NO. D3GCM 2020-06-10

TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT III GRAZING COMMITTEE TO DENY A REQUEST BY PUMP HYDRO STORAGE, LLC., STEVE IRWIN, 6514 SOUTH 41ST LANE PHOENIX ARIZONA 85041. REGARDING A PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT ON FOUR (4) DAMS, (4) RESERVOIRS, WATER CONVEYANCE AND POWER GENERATION FACILITIES, ACCESS ROAD AND TRANSMISSION LINE WITHIN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE IN DISTRICT III, COCONINO COUNTY, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA. APPLICATION FOR A PRELIMINARY PERMIT TO DAM BIG CANYON (FERC PROJECT NO. 15024-000).

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 3N.N.C. Subparagraph 871-884, the District III Grazing Committee have authority to oversee activities on the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency District Three Grazing Committee is vested with authority to review all matters affecting the community, to exercise corrective authority where appropriate, and make recommendations to The Navajo Nation's and other Agencies and Entities; and
3. The Navajo Tribal Resolution CJ-6-53 dated January 13, 1953, recommended that the Advisory Committee initiate the establishment of Grazing Committees; and
4. The District III Grazing Committee Members denies the request to Steve Irwin of Pump Hydro Storage, LLC., address above the two District III communities the proposed feasibility study to application for a preliminary permit to dam Big Canyon (FERC Project No. 15024-000), and;
5. The District III Grazing Committee Members has not been officially notified of the above-mentioned undertaking, and;
6. The District III Grazing Committee Members within the district boundaries has a well-known Traditional Cultural Property known as Little Colorado River (LCR), and;
7. The District III Grazing Committee Members has been notified of the LCR's significant role in Diné ceremonial realm, which are still utilized in today's ceremony, and;
8. The District III Grazing Committee Members has been notified of LCR's active Traditional Cultural Property status, and;
9. The District Grazing Committee Members has knowledge of the TCP significance from the headwaters in the White Mountains to the main stem of the Colorado River also known as the Confluence, and;
10. The District III Grazing Committee Members has been notified by the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife of the biological preserve within the LCR Gorge as well as the LCR Rim, and;
11. The District III Grazing Committee Members has knowledge of the endangered cactus Fickeisen plain cactus and;
12. The District III Grazing Committee Members has knowledge of the endangered species humpback chub, and;

13. The District III Grazing Committee Members has knowledge of the entire LCR being a biological preserve from the headwaters to the main stem of the Colorado River also known as the confluence, and;
14. Mr. Irwin has not engaged in meaningful consultation with the Navajo Nation or its political subdivisions, including the local District III that where the permits would be located, and;
15. Mr. Irwin did not seek the consent of the Navajo Nation or procure the required clearances and permits from construction of the permits, and;
16. The permit may adversely impact the use of these lands by the Navajo Nation and its members, and;
17. The permits may adversely impact the water rights of the Navajo Nation or the use of waters of the Little Colorado River system and source, and;
18. The permits may adversely impact the fish and wildlife resources of the Navajo Nation, including the habitat for the Humpback Chub, and;
19. The permits may adversely impact the cultural resources of the Navajo Nation, including the Traditional Cultural Properties of The Confluence, Salt Canyon, and Blue Springs, and.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The District III Grazing Committee Members to deny a request by Pump Hydro Storage, LLC., Steve Irwin, 6514 South 41st Lane Phoenix, Arizona 85041, regarding a proposed feasibility study on possible development on four (4) dams, four (4) reservoirs, water conveyance and power generation facilities, access road, and transmission line within the Little Colorado River Gorge in District III, Coconino County, Navajo Nation, Arizona. Application for a Preliminary Permit to Dam Big Canyon (FERC Project No.15024-000).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the District III Grazing Committee at a duly called meeting at Tuba City Public Library, The Tuba City, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor 0 opposed 1 and abstained, this 8th day of June 2020.

Motion: *Harry J. Goldtooth* Second: *Lee Yazzie Jr*

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