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**HOPI  
CALENDAR  
Hakitonmuyaw  
(May)  
The Wait Moon**

- May Hakitonmuyaw
- Jun Woko'uyis
- July Tala'Kyelmuyaw
- Aug Tala'Paamuyaw
- Sep Nasanmuyaw
- Oct Angakmuyaw
- Nov TömöKyelmuyaw
- Dec Kyaamuyaw
- Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw
- Feb Powamuyaw
- Mar Ösömuayaw
- Apr Kwiayamuyaw

**THIS MONTH IN  
HOPI HISTORY**

- 1894: Hopis arrested and sent to Fort Win-gate, then to Alcatraz
- 1907: Paaqavi estab-lished
- Act of May 25, 1918, 40 Statute Law 564
- 1942 Stock reduction began



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## Special High Pressured Hot Jet Vac Truck Equipped with Camera Locates Clogged Sewer Manhole and Vacuums all Debris



**L-R: First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Water Operators Joshua Huma and Daylan Qotswisiwma work on drainage back up (more pics on p6)**

**By: Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator  
First Mesa Consolidated Villages**

In December 2022, our sewer manhole leak on the north side of highway 264 was discovered. This manhole received three sections of sewer lines from the lower Polacca housing areas, drains under the highway to another manhole before into the main sewer lagoon. Not having a sufficient budget was a major obstacle, but having raw sewage spill drainage was of great concern.

Our office purchased the services of the Upper Moencopi Water Program for the use of the hot Jet Vac system. This could not open the clog in the drainage, and it was immediately suspected we had a collapsed line under the highway. With the cooperation of the property owners adjacent to the sewer drain, a temporary ditch was constructed to the old Polacca Day School lagoon.

Mr. Jacob Hess, Indian Health Service Tribal Consultant sought the services of a special hot Jet Vac Truck with high pressure and equipped with a camera. However, because of the sensi-tivity of this special machinery, it could not operate in very cold conditions. This was the main reason for the holdup other than the slow financial process of the Hopi Tribe to process the federal contract.

Our office recalled receiving a report from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) maintenance crew of having their equipment hitting this manhole.

Upon arrival of the specialized truck and the crew from Phoenix, they immediately entered the line from the south manhole and found the sewer line under the highway to be secure. The use

of the camera recorded the line to be clay piping and 10 feet of PVC connecting to the manhole.

This then had us concentrate on the north manhole with the three connections. The special truck was able to drain the manhole and vacuumed all the sewer debris. It was then discovered that at the time the manhole was damaged by ADOT, several sections of the concrete covering fell inside and in time caused the clog from all the sewer debris.

We already had in stock all the supplies required for the repairs and our Water and Sewer crew immediately started on the repair work. Within four hours, on Friday, April 29 at approximately 11 am, the dedicated and knowledgeable work of our staff completed the repair.

The FMCV office contacted the Phoenix Office of the Arizona Department of Transportation and reported the damage. The Risk Management Office provided all the documents to file a claim for the damages.

The use of the special truck and crew cleared all sewer mains mostly from tree root buildups within the lines. The several man-holes leading to the main lagoon and immediately inside the la-go-on receiving ponds, were cleared.

All the expenses for the cost were paid from a special budget of the Indian Health Service Engineering and Environmental Ser-vices. Our appreciation for their assistance and being the only true services responding to our need.



- First Mesa Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion**  
May 20, 2023, 10:00am  
**Hopi Jr. High School 8th Grade Promotion**  
May 24, 2023, 7:00pm—9:00pm (Bruin Football Stadium)  
**Hopi High School Graduation Ceremony**  
May 25, 2023, 6:30-9:00pm (Bruin Football Stadium)  
**Keams Canyon Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion**  
June 1, 2:00pm



# First Mesa Village Leaders Present Flood Concerns to AZ State Transportation Board



Photo of the Polacca bridge with years of sediment built up (see other photo p6)



L-R: FMCV Administrator Ivan L. Sidney and Council Rep. Wallace Youvella, Jr. provide testimony before Trans. Board

By: Wilber Kaye, Staff Assistant  
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

On April 21, 2023 the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) staff attended an Arizona State Transportation Board meeting held at the City of Winslow Chambers of Commerce.

Village Administrator Ivan Sidney presented matters regarding State Route (SR) 264. First, the Polacca Bridge and the potential for flooding, overflow and damage. Photos of the sediment build-up were submitted. First Mesa Council Representative Wallace Youvella, Jr. also presented as a member of the Hopi Tribal Council Transportation Committee.

There are limited routes for detours if flooding overtakes the Polacca Bridge. Local alternate routes are dirt roads that would be experiencing similar weather conditions. They all cross the Keams Canyon Wash, Polacca Wash or Wepo Wash at some point. Re-routing around Whitecone, Indian Wells, Dilkon to State Route 87 is an approximate 100 mile detour. This would have socio-economic impacts across the entire region if the Polacca bridge

was damaged or is deemed unsafe for use. (Healthcare, school, employment, supply chain, emergency services, etc.)

Sidney also emphasized the need for improvements to SR 264 through Hopi. In First Mesa alone there have been several vehicle and pedestrian fatalities. Polacca is the only Hopi community that SR 264 travels directly through. Recommendations include adding lanes, sidewalks, and street lighting.

It was learned that the Hopi Tribe does not share highway safety data with the Arizona Department of Transportation for SR 264, so this impedes any major improvements on Hopi. Time limitations kept the presentations brief, but pertinent information was conveyed to the Board.

Other notable events scheduled in the near future include a second public meeting of urgent environmental issues (TBA), site meetings with the United States Geological Service (USGS), and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE).

## Past Predictions of our Elders now Happening

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator  
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The predictions of our elders for the past years are now occurring. These predications include (1) disrespect for our Religious Leaders, (2) violations of the Constitution and by-laws of the Hopi Tribe, (3) tribal financial bankruptcy, (4) rewrite of the constitution, (5) takeover of village authority by tribal council, and (6) down fall of US government created tribal government.

It is amazing how these predictions of our elders are now taking place and with the use of our people and non-corrective actions of the Tribal Council and its General Counsel. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is watching its assimilation taking place, only to defer to the Self-Determination Act of the US Congress. Soon after the federal government consultant Oliver LaFarge wrote the constitution and was approved by the US Government, he also predicted its downfall.

At the early establishment of the Hopi Tribal Council, the Kikmongwi of Walpi, directed the Hopi Agency Superintendent for its shutdown due to critical violations of the constitution by tribal council representatives. Must history repeat itself?

These violations are unfolding to the reality of these predictions without true concern from our Hopi people. It is disheartening to watch and witness while having the concern for the future of our children and grandchildren. We only watch the great economic and community development of our neighboring Navajo Nation under educated and experienced leaders. For the past almost six years, an unexperienced leader abusing nonexecutive authority, along with the nonactions of the Hopi Tribal Council to enforce its constitution is to blame. These are all violations of “Serious Neglect of Duty” under the Constitution and by-laws of the Hopi Tribe.

It is only a matter of time when our village allocations will no longer be available. We can only blame ourselves when our three villages in the past twenty-five years received almost twenty-five (25) million. What happened to these funds to include providing for village revenue? It is reality that First Mesa Consolidated Villages, office of our traditional self-government did not receive village allocations and continued providing critical services, such as water and sewer. Our Kikmongwi has allowed use of these funds for community services although he has never authorized full governance authority to Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa as the recognized FMCV leader under the so-called constitution. These direct allocations

without proper authorization have all been by the approval of the Hopi Tribal Council only. The following are the current violations of the constitution by the Hopi Tribal Council and its government:

1. The Hopi Tribal Council approval of the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) within the First Mesa lands violated the Hopi Constitution, Article VII, Section 1 designating village land under traditional clan holdings, therefore, approval is by First Mesa Clans and Kikmongwi. The Hopi Tribal Council also violated and disregarded its land assignment policies by resolution.
2. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) Did Not Have Approval for Use of First Mesa Lands for the BIA water system. The contractor reported that sites outside the ADOT right-of-way had no approvals. The HUC, under the Hopi Tribal Council assumed they did not require village approvals. The Deputy General Counsel has been providing verbal legal opinion to the Hopi Tribal Council.
3. The Chairman purposely did not provide copies of the BIA reviews of the 93-638 BIA Police Contract conducted a year ago. First Mesa village members reported Civil Rights violations and unresolved homicides that continue to require federal investigations. Also, issues with possible non-qualifications of Police Officers places the lives of our people in jeopardy.
4. The Chairman and his assigned staff took full control of the Polacca Wash flooding mediations along with the United States Army Corp of Engineers. This included no clan leaders’ approvals and no inclusion of the village participation in planning meetings. This is a direct and intentional violation of village land use protocols.
5. The Chairman’s non-recognition of FMCV having village status according to the Hopi Constitutional provisions.

Our Kikmongwi and his Associates must provide the FMCV proper directives for corrective actions. Without these corrective actions, the Hopi Tribal Council has now assumed the roles of all villages. The Hopi Tribal Council must take the responsibility for its violations and including the Chairman. The true victims are the people and our leaders with assumptions that the BIA would assume its roles for creating the constitution.

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# Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Councilman Wallace Youvella, Jr.  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages  
April Report

## Hopi Tribal Council

- Tawa’ovi Investigation Report presented by Mr. R. Gehl Tucker: The report was read into record; however, Hopi cultural references were redacted. There are concerns expressed by the Hopi Tribal Council; however, no action was taken at the time.
- The Office of the Treasurer invited Wells Fargo to make a report to Hopi Tribal Council: The report was solely focused on the settlement funds that were won by Hopi in the Hopi v. United States settlement last year. Wells Fargo manages much more Hopi funds; however, those accounts were not discussed. It was reported to Hopi Tribal Council and the Investment Oversight Standing Committee that the \$55 million settlement funds were placed in short term bonds and over the past year has yielded \$1,013,000.00. This is mainly due to the Federal Reserve raising interest rates to 4%, which has been extremely beneficial for short term government bonds. With rates expected to slow, however probably remain near the 4% rate, we hope to incur similar yields throughout the 2023 fiscal year.
- Questions were asked of Wells Fargo regarding the Fake Account Scandal of 2016 and what Wells Fargo has done to correct the situation. It was also verified by Wells Fargo that the recent bank failures, such as Silicon Valley Bank, are being bailed out by the imposed FDIC fees. Although the Secretary of the Treasury and the President have said that the consumer is not bailing out the banks, according to Wells Fargo representatives, the FDIC fees are passed onto the depositors/customers. Regarding ESG (Environment, Social, and Governance) ratings, it was asked if Hopi would be penalized financially or by credit worthiness, if Hopi were to be able to market our natural resources. Wells Fargo representatives did not have an answer but will get back to Hopi Tribal Council with an answer.
- Action Item #034-2023, To transfer an estimated \$5.8 million of expenditures, not to exceed \$6 million, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: This action item is asking for approval of the ARPA funds to be used to cover expenses beyond the \$85.5 million in CARES funds. The CARES committee was delegated with the expending of \$85.5 million on Hopi’s behalf, as outlined and directed by H-032-2020. The CARES funds were spent on various projects to benefit Hopi; however, an estimated \$5.8 million, beyond the \$85.5 million, was expended by the CARES Committee. It was not shared with Hopi Tribal Council the source of where the \$5.8 million was expended from and why a report or action item was not submitted to Hopi Tribal Council prior to such expenditures. The \$5.8 million is Hopi money spent without proper authorization at this point. Much discussion took place, however a proper report from the Finance Director, Tribal Treasurer and the CARES Chair needs to be submitted to Hopi Tribal Council. The unauthorized expenditure of \$5.8 million is one third of the Hopi Tribal budget. It is very urgent that the protection and accountability of the Hopi Tribe’s funds are exercised. The action item was defeated with Hopi Tribal Council requesting various reports regarding the CARES funds, before proceeding with any further actions.
- A letter to Hopi Tribal Council regarding a request for an “Alternate Representative” to serve on the Budget Oversight Team, was submitted by Mr. Eugene Talas. Due to the various meetings, it was decided that another Tribal Council Representative serve on the Budget Oversight Team as an Alternate. Representative Dwayne Secakuku of Bacavi will serve in the Alternate role.
- Action Item #035-2023, To contract Walker & Armstrong, LLP, to provide accounting services for the Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31, 2021, technical assistance, and training to the office of Financial Management:
- Walker & Armstrong have been working with the Hopi Tribe since 2010, yet accounting services at the Hopi Tribe have not shown improvement as required in action items and contracts. It was explained that Walker & Armstrong has great knowledge of Hopi and the challenges being faced; however, since 2010 we still face the same lingering problems. Services by Walker & Armstrong have seemingly not met the conditions of past Resolutions and Contracts. Action Item #035-2023 was soundly defeated.

## Investment Oversight Standing Committee

- The Final Draft of the proposed amended Hopi Investment Policy was presented to Hopi Tribal Council. This draft addresses the quickly changing financial environment as well as allowing for a bit more flexibility with the

same conservative approach in protecting Hopi Investments. With much discussion, the Hopi Tribal Council did not request or desire any changes to the proposed draft. Chair Youvella, Jr., will be responsible for developing an Action Item/Resolution to be presented to Hopi Tribal Council for official adoption in the near future.

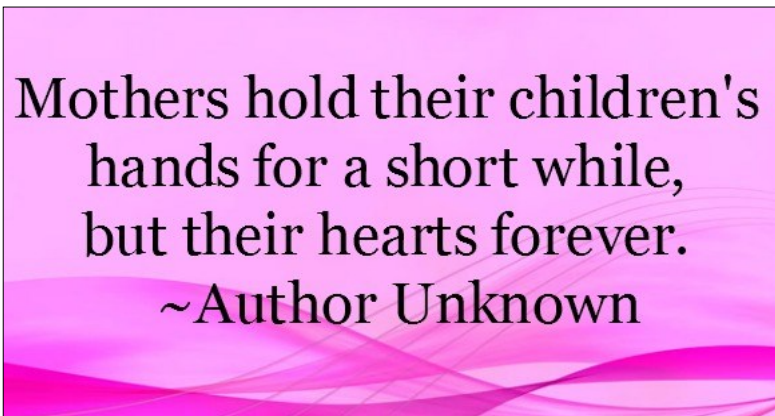
- The Walpi Housing Management Agreement was presented to Hopi Tribal Council via action item #021-2023 and approved. The management agreement is a short-term agreement and will be presented to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation by the Office of General Counsel. The Office of General Counsel will report back to Hopi Tribal Council on the HTEDC’s actions.
- The Moenkopi Developer’s Corporation presented to Hopi Tribal Council a suggestion that an amendment be made to the current payment schedule. The Investment Oversight Standing Committee’s official recommendation to Hopi Tribal Council is to remain with the existing and agreed-upon payment schedule. The sub-committee that worked with MDC was not able to find an agreed-upon solution that would allow for the current payment schedule to remain in place. Moenkopi Developer’s Corporation has indicated that they will bring forth an action item that officially requests a number of payments to be placed at the end of the payment schedule with a penalty enforced.

## Gaming Committee

- I was unable to attend the Gaming Committee meeting on April 14, 2023, due to attending the Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting in Albuquerque, NM. However, there is only one pressing issue on the Gaming Committee’s agenda at present. The issue is a letter submitted by the Moenkopi Developer’s Committee to pursue gaming at the Legacy Inn. That letter was directed to the Gaming Committee, by the Hopi Tribal Council and is to be addressed soon. I will submit a report on those discussions in next month’s report.

## Transportation Committee

- There was no meeting on April 12, 2023, due to no quorum. The primary reason for no quorum was because some members, along with the Hopi Dept. of Transportation staff, were attending the Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
- The Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting with Navajo Dept. of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Dept. of Transportation was very productive. All roads that connect between Hopi and Navajo were addressed for maintenance, new construction, rehabilitation, closures, etc.
- A subject of interest was the Right of Way process as it regards 25-CFR-169. There has been some discussion on this Federal Regulation because it was widely used to implement the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Plan (HAMP) water line, without a Right of Way. 25-CFR-169 allows Tribes to pursue projects that are totally within the boundaries of their reservation without the widely used Right of Way.
- A couple of points are that, since 2016, each and every road, water line, power line, etc., needs to have its own Right of Way. There is no allowance for “piggy backing” off an existing Right of Way. It is not known if the HAMP water line used any existing Right of Ways, which is not allowed.
- It is stated in 25-CFR-169 that the “landowner” must be given 30 days’ notice for consent. It brings into question if the various clans in and around the Polacca area were given such notice and consent given for the HAMP line to cross such lands. The decision for the Hopi Tribe to basically exert its will to install the HAMP line, although for a good purpose, questions a village’s autonomy per the Hopi Constitution. This is a subject that Hopi Tribal Council and the Office of General Counsel need to clarify, immediately. The need to bring clean water to all is first and foremost; however, the proper processes must be adhered to.
- Lastly, the use of 25-CFR-169 for projects that are wholly within the boundaries of a single reservation needs to be re-examined because utilities and entities are not currently bound to work together. Case in point, the HAMP Water Line was installed around the Polacca to Keams Canyon areas, with little to no communication with the Hopi Dept. of Transportation. Now there are serious concerns about the paving of HIR-10 (Spider Springs) that leads from HWY 264 on the west side of Polacca to the back of First Mesa. These concerns may very well cause even more delays, not only with obtaining a Right of Way, but possibly re-routing the road to avoid the HAMP Water Line.
- This issue needs to be addressed rather quickly, as it affects all villages and projects.





# Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Councilman Albert T. Siquah, Sr.  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

**Hopi Housing Authority**—The Hopi Housing Authority (HHA) Board held a work session on April 10-11, 2023, to update the Authority Bylaws, per approval of Ordinance # 15, as amended by the Hopi Tribal Council on March 21, 2023. Presently the HHA is planning a second session on May 18-19, 2023, to update the current Bylaws to comply with the approved amended Ordinance.

**Education/Health**—Presently the Hopi Tribe is planning to contract the seven (7) Hopi Schools under a single system in July 2023. The Board is in the process of making final decisions related to this effort. The Hopi Board of Education (HBE) will be hosting a Special Public Meeting on May 4, 2023

I attended an HBE meeting at an earlier date and aware that HBE is considering an extension of the actual conversion date, to be extended for another year. However, I am not aware if a final decision has been made.

On May 2, 2023, there was a discussion concerning the Contracting of the Hopi Schools, on the Hopi Radio Station (KUYI). School Leaders from Hotevilla Community School, Hopi Day School and the First Mesa Elementary School participated in this interview/discussion. The following areas were addressed:

- a. Lack of Policies and Procedures to administer the new School System
- b. Lack of a financial plan
- c. Lack of Salary and Benefits
- d. Clear Transition Authority
- e. Proposed Organizational Chart
- f. Alternative school plan
- g. Gifted and Talented Programs
- h. Hopi Language Program
- i. Special Needs Program
- j. Has the PL 100-297 Grant been approved by BIE?
- k. Do the Communities understand that decisions

concerning their schools will be made by the Hopi Board of Education?

**Other**—On April 23 to April 26, 2023, I attended the General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the LCR System & Source Hearing, held at the Maricopa County Superior Court, E Court Building, 101 W Jefferson Street, Phoenix Az; along with Council Members from the Villages of: Sipaulovi, Kykotsmovi, Mishongnovi, Bacavi, and the Tribal Leadership.

The Navajo Tribe was providing testimony to their Tribe. The Hearings will continue for several months. The Hopi Tribe will also have an opportunity to provide testimony related to this issue.

I have received a Press Release titled; “Hopi Schools to Address the Proposed Hopi School System in A Reservation Wide Town Hall,” scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Second Mesa Day School @ 6:00 P.M.

## Land Commission and Water/Energy Committee Report

By: Councilman Dale Siquah  
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

- A letter from Yuweloo Pahki Board Chairperson Martina Honie to Hopi Telecom Inc. (HTI) Lisa Youvella, was read into record in which Honie thanked HTI for a meeting they had. The letter requested assistance in infrastructure, telephone, broad band and improving services for residents. YPC Also requested an assessment/feasibility study for HTI to provide services to YPC. Honie mentioned economic development YP is pursuing and would like HTI services for the development.
- Letter from Clifton Ami Sr. and permittees Carlton Ami, Donald Ami, Myron Ami, and Josh Huma to Office of Range Management (ORM) and Tribal Council was received Re: Request for status update on Upper Polacca Mesa Range Management 61P2 Unit. The letter explained all permittees signed and agreed to a range management plan which was submitted to ORM to be reviewed by the Hopi Conservation District Board (HCDB). The letter asserts that HCDB approved the plan in Jan 2022 but subsequently disapproved with a permittee. The issue was cleared and the plan was reapproved and sent to ORM for processing. Since then, permittees have not received a status update. Permittees want to implement a Range Plan as soon as possible and request an update.
- A response letter to Clifton Ami from Priscilla Pavatea, ORM was read Re: letter of concern on Range Management Plan (RMP) for Upper Polacca 61P2. The letter stated the Permittee Management Plan went before the Range Mgmt Board in Jan 2021. The Plan was approved and forwarded to the State Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) board in Aug 2022. Hopi conservation Board and the District Conservationist should have engaged Permittees to explain the NRCS process. ORM contacted the District Conservationist for status update and was told their office had not met with permittees/ranchers. A meeting with permittees and Conservationist will be scheduled June or July. The letter explains RMP needs to be put into NRCS format with help of OLM and NRCS. Robinson Honani was designated as POC.
- Land Commission will reschedule Annual meeting with CKP in May. CKP is the Tribe’s Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Insurance Agent (commonly known as drought insurance).
- Update Request from Marlene Thomas for a Squaw Dance Ceremony site was entertained. During a March meeting MS Thomas’ site request was discussed and directed to Edison to inform her to conduct Ceremony on her home site due to concern of green tree cutting and possible damage to windmill site. Edison informed Thomas and has not heard back from her.
- Update on Rental refund on lease payment to Mr. Mullion-Fred Lomayesva Payment of balance for quarterly payment of Hopi Cibola Farm lease, which Hopi has discontinued, was made two weeks ago to Mr. Mullion. The Hopi Tribe discontinued the farm lease to participate in the Bureau of Reclamation’s Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program which is being initially funded by the Inflation Reduction Act and managed through the Bureau of Reclamation.
- Hopi Three Canyon Ranch (H3CR) Loan Forgiveness– Carrie Joseph, DNR Director. Motion was made by Rep. Siquah to have Action item taken to HTC.
- Next Land Commission meeting scheduled for May 18, 2023, 9 a.m.

The Land Commission, Law & Order Committee, DNR, Office of General Counsel, Offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman, Hopi Law Enforcement, and Hopi Lobbyist will conduct a joint meeting concerning Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation on May 4, 2023 in the council chambers.

Water/Energy Committee has key issues to address this month. First is two time certain requests on HTC agenda. Another is to continue to refine details of Hopi’s participation in the Bureau of Reclamation’s Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program concerning water assets Cibola Farms.

The Land Commission continues to engage the State of Arizona officials for acquisition of state parcels in the new lands to fulfill Hopi’s portion of the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996.

Monday mornings, Rep. D. Siquah, General Counsel and outside Counsel Osborn Maledon, participate with a Basin Tribal Group to give Hopi input into the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Near-Term Colorado River Operations and also creating a Preliminary Structure to Engage Basin Tribes in Developing and Implementing the Post-2026 Colorado River Basin Management Framework

WEC Chairman, Rep. D. Siquah, participates with Department of Natural Resources Director Dr. Carrie Joseph, and Gen. Counsel Fred Lomayesva in dialogue to increase capacity for Hopi Tribal Water Department with two facilitators from the Basin Tribal Group. The facilitators are Matthew McKinney, Ph.D from University of Montana and Daryl Vigil the former Water Administrator for the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the former Chairman of the Colorado River Basin Ten Tribes Partnership.

WEC authored a proposal for the Moenkopi Slide Rock Project to ARPA Committee and awaits evaluation.

WEC is exploring economic development of Hopi’s coal resources to create energy with less pollution. These opportunities will require mining of Hopi coal. Presently Department of Energy offers some incentives to produce power and alternate fuels such as diesel, JP4, hydrogen from fossil fuels. Hopi must look into the future for opportunities to participate in the new energy economy whether it’s thru solar, wind, hydrogen, natural gas, fossil fuels, investment, job training of Citizen’s, or energy infrastructure.

Hopi Tribal Council did not approve the proposed expenditure of \$5.8 million by the ARPA committee which was an over expenditure from CARES committee.

April 27, 2023

Hopi Tribal Council  
Hopi Tribal Secretary  
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**Re: Request for Time Certain regarding Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Near-Term Operations of the Colorado River**

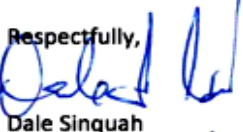
Dear Hopi Tribal Council and Hopi Tribal Secretary,

In April 2023, the Bureau of Reclamation published a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact for the near-term operations of the Colorado River (SEIS). Drought, climate change, and an imbalance between river flows and water uses has forced the United States government to consider new ways to reduce usage from the Colorado River. The federal officials have proposed two ways to reduce water usage in years of shortage. The Hopi Tribal Council’s Water Rights Negotiation Team (WRNT) has been closely following the work of the federal government, and WRNT will engage in a consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation on May 11, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ.

**WRNT requests a time certain during Hopi Tribal Council’s Agenda on May 9, 2023 at 9:15 am – 11:00 am.** The purpose of the time certain is for WRNT, Office of General Counsel (OCG), and outside Council Osborn Maledon to share the teams’ discussion points prior to the consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation. The consultation will be held on May 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Phoenix, Arizona at Osborn Maledon. All members of the WRNT are highly encouraged to attend in-person.

**Additionally, the WRNT requests a time certain during the Hopi Tribal Council’s Agenda on May 24, 2023 at 9:30 am – 11:00 am.** The purpose of this time certain is for WRNT to report back on the consultation and present the team’s proposed comments to the draft SEIS that are due to the federal government on May 30, 2023. This presentation and feedback will ensure the comments to the draft SEIS are prepared and sent to the Federal government by the due date.

Respectfully,



Dale Siquah  
Water Energy Committee Chairman  
First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Representative



# Hopi Jr. Sr. High School Implements Safety Strategies

Hopi Jr./Sr. High School (HJSHS) appreciates your understanding and support throughout this very challenging time.

It was great resuming school on Monday, May 1, 2023. Based on the recent events and to increase our campus safety, HJSHS is implementing several strategies.

They include but are not limited to no bags on campus, no excessively baggie clothing, no coats/hoodies, along with similar items. If these types of items are brought to campus, they are subject to search and will be checked-in and stored in a secured location.

Please see the attached parent letter below, from Interim Superintendent Alban Naha for further details. For questions, please call your student's respective office at (928) 738-5111.

# Letter to Parents/Guardians Hopi Jr. Sr. High School Resumes School 5/1

Date: April 28, 2023  
To: Parents/Guardians of Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Students  
From: HJSHS Administration  
Subject: HJSHS Resumes School on 5/1/23

Hopi Jr./Sr. High School (HJSHS) appreciates your understanding and support throughout this very challenging week. We look forward to resuming school on Monday, May 1, 2023. Based on the current climate and to ensure the safety of our students and staff, HJSHS must implement several restrictions. These new restrictions supersede items of similar nature found in the HJSHS 2022-2023 student handbook. They include:

- All individuals must enter the building through the main entrance adjacent to the student services office
- Students will remain inside the building during lunch periods
- No student bags allowed on campus including but not limited to backpacks and purses.
  - Each female student will be given a pencil case filled with female hygiene products, it may be carried to and from school as needed
  - Bags and cases are subject to search
    - Those brought to campus will be checked in to staff and stored in a secure location
- No excessively baggie clothing
- No outerwear worn on campus including but not limited to jackets, hooded sweatshirts, and coats.
  - Any outerwear worn to campus is subject to search
  - Outerwear worn to campus will be checked in to staff and stored in a secure location

HJSHS may supplement our school safety strategies with but not limited to the following items:

- Increased presence of law enforcement services
- Student safety assemblies held on Monday, May 1st
- Safety preparedness drills including but not limited to lockdowns and shelter in place
- Revamped monitoring schedules.

Please note, the restrictions and safety items may be in place for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. They will be evaluated following the school year and are subject to change for the 2023-2024 school year.

HJSHS is exploring various strategies to maximize our instructional time for the remainder of the school year. They include but are not limited to:

- Extended school days
- Credit recovery options
- Tutoring sessions
- Services for the students' overall well-being.

We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support. HJSHS understands the recent events have impacted emotions and increased anxiety. We also know that we serve an amazing community. We are confident that by reflecting and working together through these events, we are better prepared to serve our community. Rest assured that HJSHS is a safe and secure campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's respective office at; High School (928) 738-1406 and Jr. High (928) 738-1411.

# High School Extended School Days

On May 2, 4, 9, and 11, Hopi High School will hold extended school days due to the recent school cancellations.

We understand that many students need some extra time to complete assignments and finish projects. As a result, any high school student can sign-up on those days with the teacher of their choice and stay after school to receive assistance until 6:30 PM. Please read the letter to parents below for more detail.

Note: The Jr. High plans to offer extended school days beginning the week of May 8. Keep an eye out over the next couple of days for information. For questions on the high school extended school days, please call (928) 738-1406.

April 30, 2023

Dear High School Parents/Guardians:

I want to inform you of an opportunity for our high school students to get extra instructional support and assistance. Last week, the school was closed and students lost a couple of days of instruction. Since we are getting close to the end of the school year, students need all the time they can get to complete work and complete learning objectives. The end of the quarter/semester is approaching fast and I know some students are stressing about their grades.

The school recognizes that some students do need extra support and assistance from their teachers to catch up. Therefore, the high school is offering afterschool help sessions for all high school students on the following Tuesday and Thursday dates: May 2, 4, 9 & 11.

The sessions will run from 3:30 p.m-6:30 p.m. Students will catch the 6:30 p.m. bus home.

The students are responsible for: 1) Signing up with the teacher/class in which they need help, 2) Signing up on that teacher's tutoring list by noon on the day they are staying for the help session, 3) Using the time productively to finish work/learn objectives they are behind in.

For seniors and NPC TALON students, the cut off date for grading is May 12. For grades 9-11, the cut off date for grading is May 25. It is important for students to keep in contact with their teachers, check on their grades, and gauge their progress in each class. Parents can also contact the teacher directly for an update on their child's progress by calling (928) 738-5111.

We hope these help sessions will give extra support and assist our high school students in their academic success. Direct questions to the high school principal, Lynn Fredericks, at (928) 814-4401 or by email at lfedericks@hjshs.org.

With support,  
Lynn Fredericks, HS Principal Hopi High School

Early Release Day—May 24, 12:59pm  
Hopi Jr. High School 8th Grade Promotion  
May 24, 2023, 7:00pm—9:00pm  
(Bruin Football Stadium)

Early Release Day—May 25, 12:59pm  
Hopi High School Graduation Ceremony  
May 25, 2023, 6:30-9:00pm  
(Bruin Football Stadium)

First Mesa Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion  
May 20, 2023, 10:00am

Keams Canyon Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion  
June 1, 2:00pm





The Pro Pipe Professional Pipe Services were contracted by Jacob Hess, Office of Environmental Health, to clean out the manholes in Polacca.



Clogged manhole housing

# Tribal members join Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation at Groundbreaking of New Clarkdale Hotel

According to an article in the May 3, 2023 Nava-Hopi Observer, “Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, along with several Hopi councilmembers, joined members of the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation at the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Taawaki Inn in Clarkdale, AZ on April 21.

The new hotel is planned for the corner of South Broadway and Sycamore Canyon Road, near Tuzigoot National Monument. It will be a 44-room, two-story lodge with the intention to immerse travelers in the world of the Hopi culture.”

After the story was published, several Hopi Tribal and community members asked: “When was this

approved by the Entire Hopi public as a new Hopi tribal money making venture, Doesn’t HTEDC and the Hopi Council need the entire community of Enrolled members to approve it first, Where did the funding come from to build this new hotel, When were presentations made to the Hopi people to get their consent, and Why build 200 miles off our reservation and not invest in economic development here on Hopi?”

There were also statements of: “Funding should be used on much needed housing/repairs on the Hopi Reservation, renovate the Hopi Cultural Center, and We on the Hopi Reservation will never get to utilize the hotel facilities in Clarkdale.”



Broken pieces of concrete found in manhole

# RESERVATION WIDE TOWN HALL MEETING

## TOPIC DISCUSSION

All six elementary schools on the Hopi Reservation have united to address the proposed Hopi School System that is slated to begin on July 1, 2023. The formulation of the proposed Hopi School System will impact all families with children attending any local school on the Hopi Reservation, including Hopi Jr./Sr. High School and is a monumental change to the current educational system. All Stakeholders are invited to attend.

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### WEDS. MAY 10, 2023

6pm – 8pm

Second Mesa Day School Gym

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Let your voice be heard and Join us at the Town Hall Meeting!





Moenkopi Day School

For More Information, please contact your local elementary school.

Sediment built up under Polacca Bridge

Promotion Schedules
<b>First Mesa Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion</b> May 20, 2023, 10:00am
<b>Keams Canyon Elementary School 6th Grade Promotion</b> June 1, 2023, 2:00pm



VA waives copayments for eligible Native American/Alaska Native Veterans

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Washington, D.C.  
April 3, 2023

Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans are no longer required to make copayments for health care and urgent care received through VA.

The Biden-Harris administration and VA are proud to implement this rule, which is estimated to impact approximately 25,000 American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans. Under this new policy, VA will reimburse copayments paid on or after Jan. 5, 2022 and waive future copayments for eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Beginning Tuesday, April 4, Veterans can submit documentation to qualify for the copayment exemption. Eligible Veterans include any Veteran who meets the definitions of “Indian” or “urban Indian” under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act – including Veterans who are members of an American Indian Tribe, certain Veterans who are descendants of Tribe members, Alaska Native Veterans, and more.

“American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans deserve access to world-class health care for their courageous service to our nation,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “By eliminating copays, we are making VA health care more affordable and accessible — which will lead to better health outcomes for these heroes.”

To receive this financial relief, eligible Veterans should mail 1) a completed VA Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334), and 2) a copy of official tribal documentation demonstrating that they meet the definitions of “Indian” or “urban Indian” to PO Box 5100, Janesville, WI 53547.

For more information on copayment waivers for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, visit the VA website. VA posted a final rule for public inspection in the Federal Register today establishing the waiver and process for Veterans to submit documentation to have their VA copays waived. This rule implements Section 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 Public Law 116-315, signed into law Jan. 5, 2021.

Learn more about copayment exemptions for Native American and Alaska Native Veterans and VA benefits and programs for American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

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Hopi Tribe Vacancy Announcements



TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FROM:   
Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary  
Office of the Tribal Secretary

DATE: April 26, 2023

SUBJECT: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – TRIBAL REGISTRAR

The Hopi Tribal Council announces the vacancy of the Tribal Registrar position, a copy of the Job Description of the Hopi Tribe, Tribal Registrar is attached for your information as referenced in Ordinance No. 34, 4. (3).

All interested individuals must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary, the vacancy for the Registrar will remain open until filled.

Please contact the Office of Tribal Secretary by calling (928) 734-3132 or by email at [JYouvella@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:JYouvella@hopi.nsn.us) for a copy of Ordinance No. 34 and for additional information.

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FROM:   
Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary  
Office of the Tribal Secretary

DATE: April 26, 2023

SUBJECT: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – HOPI ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

The Hopi Tribal Council announces the vacancy of two (2) Election Board members and three (3) alternates. The Qualifications and Terms of members are:

3. Election Board

A. A member of the Election Board must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe or eligible for membership in the Hopi Tribe, able to speak Hopi fluently, and must not be a member of the Hopi Tribal Council or a personal staff employee of the incumbent Chairman or Vice Chairman. No more than two individuals from the same village may serve as a regular member of the Election Board at the same time.

B. Members of the Election Board shall serve for terms of five (5) years commencing on the effective dates of their appointments by the Tribal Council.”

All interested individuals must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary.

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First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council  
Representatives REPORT Card

FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and Updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to past gathering restrictions, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Below is a recap of reports submitted by your Representatives, beginning January 1, 2021 to Present.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	✓/✓	●	✓/✓	✓
February	✓/✓✓ ✓/✓✓	●	●	✓
March	✓/✓	●	✓	✓
April	✓	✓	✓	✓
May	✓/✓	✓	✓	✓
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April	✓/✓/✓	●	✓	✓
May	✓/✓	●	✓✓✓	✓
June	✓✓✓✓	●	✓	✓
July	✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓	●	✓	✓
August	✓/✓	✓	✓	✓
September	✓/✓	●	●	✓
October	✓✓✓✓	✓	●	✓
November	✓✓✓✓	●	✓	✓
December	✓✓✓✓	●	●	✓

The Village Crier is published on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All submissions are due one week in advance and may be sent to

Editor: Lnahsonhoya@gmail.com



For Information, Call  
First Mesa Consolidated Villages  
at 928-737-2670

Submission and Publication Schedule		
Issue No.	Publication Date	Submissions Deadline
8	6/13/2023	6/7/2023
9	7/11/2023	7/5/2023
10	8/8/2023	8/2/2023
11	9/12/2023	9/6/2023
12	10/10/2023	10/4/20223
13	11/14/2023	11/8/2023
14	12/12/2023	12/6/2023





## 2023 INDIGENOUS PRIDE HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

A fun & rewarding health career exploration and professional development program open to high school juniors, seniors and 2023 high school graduates

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!**

**Application Deadline: Friday, May 12th @ 5:00 p.m.**

Selected participants must commit to entire program:  
**June 12 - August 4**

**FOR APPLICATION INFO CONTACT:**  
LISA.LOMAYAYA@IHS.GOV  
928.737.6385

Indian Health Service  
PHS - 1955  
Hopi Health Care Center



## INDIGENOUS YOUTH MEDIA WORKSHOP AT NAU

June 25th - July 1st 2023

<https://nau.edu/communication/indigenousyouthmediaworkshop/>

Andy Harvey Indigenous Youth Media Workshop  
@Indigenousyouthworkshop\_nau  
@Andy\_youth

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

**Hopi Higher Education & Workforce Development**

Learn about programs that will help guide you through the process of going to school or obtaining employment.

Ask questions and get them answered, on the spot.




**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**  
10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Old Secakuku Store

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**  
10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Hopi Health Care Center

Questions: Call (928) 734—3547

**Receive an incentive for stopping by!**



## FREEPORT-McMoRAN NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023


Freeport-McMoRan and Education Forward Arizona's Native American Scholarship Program is accepting applications from Feb. 1 to June 1, 2023.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be an enrolled member of one of the following:
  - Ak-Chin Indian Community
  - Gila River Indian Community
  - Hopi Tribe
  - Hualapai Tribe
  - Navajo Nation
  - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
  - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
  - San Carlos Apache Tribe
  - Tohono O'odham Nation
  - Tonto Apache Tribe
  - White Mountain Apache Tribe
  - Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
  - Yavapai-Apache Nation
  - Zuni Pueblo
- Be attending an accredited trade school, community college, tribal college or four-year university
- Be a full-time student
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be in good current academic standing

**APPLY BY JUNE 1, 2023**

Apply at [bit.ly/NASP23](https://bit.ly/NASP23) or by scanning the QR code.



## NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY


presented by TALKING STICK RESORT

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks for the 25th Annual Native American Recognition Day. Festivities begin at 5:00PM and will celebrate Native American heritage and culture!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**  
FIRST PITCH 7:10PM


[DBACKS.COM/NARD](https://dbacks.com/NARD)

**First Mesa Consolidated Villages**  
928-737-2670



**Congratulations Graduate!**

Kida Shai Nahsonhoya  
Friday, May 26, 2023  
Mingus Union High School




## Youth Basketball Camp

Coaching staff include Scottsdale Community College, Hopi/Navajo College Basketball Players/Alumni, NWT, and Hopi High Alumni

Camp will focus on fundamental and advanced skill building. Health and sport injury prevention education.

<b>June 12 &amp; 13, 2023</b> 3rd - 6th Grades 8:00 am - 3:00 pm 100 participant limit	<b>June 14 - 16, 2023</b> 7th - 12th Grades 8:00 pm - 3:00 pm 100 participant limit
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**\$50 Registration Fee**  
Zelle: (480) 930-6401




**Registration Form**  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhh47vw>

**Waiver Form**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yhf5phbu>

For more Information Contact:  
honwungsics@gmail.com / (480) 930-6401  
Hopi Wellness Center / (928) 734-3432

Face masks are required by Hopi Tribe Executive Order  
The Hopi Wellness Center and Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center are soda/pop free facilities.

## How to Prevent Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

- Seal Up**  
  
 Fill small holes with steel wool. Put caulk around the steel wool to keep it in place.
- Trap Up**  
  
 Use "snap-traps" baited with a peanut butter/oatmeal mix. Position the bait end of the trap next to the wall so it forms a "T" with the wall.
- Clean Up**  
  
 Air out rodent-infested buildings or areas at least 30 minutes before cleaning. Do not sweep or dry vacuum. Use a solution of household bleach (one cup bleach per gallon of water).

Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Public Health Compliance  
For more information:  
(928) 497-1270

## HANTAVIRUS


Hantavirus is a dangerous infection spread by rodent to people when they come in contact with an infected rodents urine, droppings, or saliva. Hantaviruses can cause a severe illness known as Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, or HPS.

<b>Risks</b> Anyone in contact with rodents that carry Hantavirus. Healthy individuals may also get sick. This can happen when cleaning rodent infested sheds/ garages.	<b>Type of Rodent</b> Deer mice is the only rodent that carry Hantavirus in our area. Regular house mice are not known to carry the virus.
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**Symptoms**


**Early Symptoms:** Flu-like symptoms, including headaches, muscle aches, stomach issues, and dizziness.

**Late Symptoms:** Coughing and shortness of breath when lungs begin filling with fluid.



Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Public Health Compliance

For more information, call:  
(928) 497-1270




## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thank You TEACHERS	1	2 National Teacher's Day! 2 bus PM Only	3	4 6th grade Transition to HJSHS	5 End of the year School Dance 1—2:30	6
7	8 Last PIE Mtg. of the Year 6 pm "Jersey Day"	9 "Sunglasses Day"	10 HBE Town Hall Mtg. 5 pm "Superhero Day"	11 Headstart to Kinder Transition "Hat Day"	12 "Twin Day"	13
14	15 6th grade field Trip Grand Canyon 2 bus run AM/PM	16 6th Grade Banquet	17 6th grade field trip to Flagstaff 2 bus run AM/PM	18	19 6th grade promotion LAST DAY or SCHOOL!!! YAY!!	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	First Mesa Elementary School Polacca, Arizona (928) 737-5		

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## Food Handlers Training Online

[www.ihs.gov/foodhandler/](http://www.ihs.gov/foodhandler/)

Once complete, forward the email address to: [msahneyah@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:msahneyah@hopi.nsn.us) or [hkaye@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:hkaye@hopi.nsn.us) for a Food Handlers Card.



## Congratulations Class of 2023!!