



# First Mesa Consolidated Villages Newsletter

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**Tala Paamuyaw  
Month of Life  
at it's Height**

**This Month in  
Hopi History**

**August 20, 1629:**  
Franciscans arrive at Awatovi to establish a mission

**August 10, 1680:**  
Franciscans killed at Awatovi, Oraibi, Shungopavy during Pueblo Revolt of 1680

**SAVE A LIFE  
WEAR A MASK  
SOCIAL DISTANCE  
AVOID  
GATHERINGS**

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## Public Safety Officers Report Continued Activity in First Mesa

Amidst the coronavirus pandemic, Public Safety Officers have reported traffic, ranging from minor infractions to more serious and major criminal related activity.

Since the last newsletter, Public Safety Officer Ramon Howato reported responding to a few Curfew Violations, and responding to another

Fire in Keams Canyon. He also responded twice to individuals carrying deadly weapons (guns), one threat and one instance of a machete. He also responded to a Search and Recovery of a stolen vehicle and was called upon to remove a dead animal, from the community due to Small Animal Control

officers unavailable.

Being first at the fire, Howato established a fire line and secured the area. The guns were recovered and machete confiscated. The vehicle stolen from Dilkon by First Mesa individuals was recovered and returned to owner.

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shortage of Hopi Police**



FMCV Public Safety Officers received new uniforms and will soon be fitted for protective vests, as well as more training in the near future.

## Hopi Cares Act Committee Engages Services of Walker & Armstrong, LLP

In a July 24 Hopi Tribe Press Release, the Hopi CARES Act Committee engaged the services of Walker & Armstrong, LLP and hired Ken Mason, to assist in man-

aging the CARES Act appropriations.

The Team will assist the Committee in developing a Budget & Expenditure Plan and ensure compliance, accountability,

management, audit and provide advisory services.

The Hopi Tribe was appropriated \$92.9 million dollars from the Aid to Tribal Govern-  
ments and \$2.4

million dollars from the Aid to Tribal Government Welfare Assistance.

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## Public Safety continued from P1

In all instances, FMCV Officers were called and first to respond; **due to the shortage of Hopi Police Officers, as well as the distance and time for the fire response team to respond from Kykotsmovi to Keams Canyon.** All cases were turned over to the Hopi Police upon arrival at the scene.

The Hopi Tribe currently has a shortage of Police Officers to patrol the entire Hopi Reservation and according to a report by FMCV Council Representative Dale Siquah (see Report P4), Chief of Police Virgil Pinto reported to the Land Commission Team that HLES is **“limited in providing coverage due to lack of officers and are having difficulty hiring officers.”**

Pinto said when the Hopi Tribe took over the BIA Law Enforcement through a PL 638 contract, there was a 3-5 year transition period from BIA to Hopi; currently, in its first year. A meeting to discuss this issue has been scheduled for August 31 with Land Commission Team.

There is a public outcry from the Hopi Community on lack of Police presence and call for the return of BIA police.

A huge thank you to FMCV Officers Joshua Huma, Ramon Howato and Jack Pashano for keeping our Communities Safe, and also to Walpi Security and Tewa Security for their assistance.

FMCV Public Safety Officers, are on foot patrol in the Villages on the Mesa and patrol the areas of Polacca, Keams Canyon and Spider Mound Communities.



Vehicle Recovered and returned to Owner



Fire in Keams Canyon

## ATTENTION: CSAs, Schools, Entities, Stores Re: Liquid Hand Sanitizers

Recently there has been reports of individuals drinking the liquid hand sanitizers issued out during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The liquid sanitizers were either donated or brought for the purpose of assisting and helping our Hopi/Tewa People as another source of hand-washing health measures during this pandemic. Unfortunately, this has posed a problem for those who are abusing the product as alcohol consumption.

HERT and Staging crew are reviewing the current stock of sanitizers to ensure they are labeled with warning and content labels before they are issued out. Sanitizers without labels, Staging crew will begin labeling the bottles with warning and contents.

For local villages, schools, entities and stores who may have the liquid sanitizers, please check the bottles for warning and content labels before you issue to the public or customers. Should you plan to distribute the liquid sanitizers at your local food box drives; as added measures please provide verbal instruc-

tions on contents and to safeguard in homes and/or facilities.

Furthermore, Hopi Emergency Response Team (H.E.R.T.) recommends immediately you stop distributing the liquid hand sanitizers using the conditions below:

1. Any bottles with no warning or contents labels.
2. Transferring larger sanitizer bottles to fill clear smaller bottles without the labels.
3. Unsure of exact contents of the sanitizer.

Finally, should your organization request and/or accept future liquid sanitizer donation shipments, please ensure the donors or vendors have labeled the items for safety and health precautions.

HERT is exploring other options to ensure the safety of our Hopi/Tewa people, while still providing the sanitizers as added COVID-19 health measures for our responsible Hopi/Tewa People. Any questions and/or concerns please contact the Emergency Operations Office at (928) 734-3661.

## Hopi Tribe Extends Government Shutdown

The Hopi Tribe issued a Directive on July 31, extending the Hopi “Tribal Government Shutdown” through August 30.

“Extension of the Tribal Government Shutdown is necessary for comprehensive and targeted containment and mitigation efforts to address the continued threat of the COVID-19 virus to the health and safety of our tribal government workforce and the general Hopi public.”

Employees are reminded they must be available to report to work within an hour of being notified. The Finance Dept will ensure employees are paid.

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.  
Romans 12:21**

## PRESS RELEASE

July 20, 2020

# Hopi Tribe Enacts CARES Act Funding Committee

## *Progress Update of the CARES Act Committee*

The Hopi Tribal Council on June 26, 2020, approved by motion and majority vote, Action Item #051-2020/H-046-2020; CARES ACT COMMITTEE DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH A METHOD TO CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)).

On \*July 9, 2020, the Hopi Tribe CARES Act Committee convened its first official meeting by teleconference with some members present and participating in the Hopi Tribe's Department of Administration & Technical Services (DATS) conference room. The committee is comprised of 15 appointed members and 7 Ad Hoc members.

To date, the CARES Act Committee has convened four official meetings and has set standing weekly meetings for 9:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays. A progress report of the Committee was made to Hopi Tribal Council on Friday, July 10, 2020 with a second report scheduled for July 20, 2020.

### Meeting Dates

July 9, 2020, First Meeting

July 14, 2020

July 16, 2020

July 17, 2020

The CARES Act Committee has established their immediate priorities with timelines as:

- 1) Review broad categories for budget development, July 17, 2020.
- 2) Develop the CARES Act budget, July 21, 2020.
- 3) Develop procedures to accept and approve proposals for CARES Act funding, July 21, 2020.
- 4) Target date to begin first review of Proposals, July 28-30, 2020.
- 5) Target date to issue first funding for approved proposals, August 3, 2020.

### CARES Act Committee membership

Garalene Povatah of the Office of the Tribal Treasurer, serves as the recording secretary and Point of Contact (POC) for the CARES Act Committee.

#### Appointed Members (13\*\*)

Carroll Onsa, Chairman

Monica Nuvamsa, Vice-Chairwoman

Craig Andrews

Tim Bodell

Lillian Dennis

Andrew Gashwazra

Mose Herne

Jamie Navenma

Timothy Nuvangyaoma

Dorma Sahneyah

Noreen Sakiestewa

Cindy Smith

Clark Tenakhongva

#### Ad Hoc Members (?)

Robert Collateta, Jr.

Jim Davis

Wilfred Gaseoma

Anthony Laban

Micah Loma'omvaya

Fred Lomayesva

Cheryl Tootsie

#### Representing Agency

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.

Hopi Foundation, Hopi non-profit

Hopi Tribal Council

Hopi Utilities Corporation

Hopi Villages

Office of Community Planning

Hopi Health Care Center, Indian Health Service

Department of Public Safety &amp; Emergency Services

Office of the Chairman

Office of the Executive Director

Department of Education &amp; Workforce Development

Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation

Office of the Vice-Chairman

Office of Information Technology

Office of Financial Management

Tribal Treasurer

Office of Financial Management

Office of Real Estate Services

Office of General Counsel

Office of Financial Management

\* correction to date

\*\* correction

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## FMCV Hopi Tribal Council Representative's Report

### Wally Youvella, Jr. FMCV Representative & Land Commission member Report

#### Hopi Tribal Council ACTION ITEMS- July 2020:

**Action Item #057-2020: (Defeated)** to hire McCabe Consulting Firm under the oversight of the Hopi Tribal Council's CARES Task Team to manage the CARES Act fund.

**Action Item #052-2020: (Tabled on 7/7, Passed on 7/22)** to allocate a portion of the Hopi Tribe's Emergency Funds (unallocated funds) to the villages/community to provide for the needs of the community members and staff as required by the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Action Item #055-2020 (Passed)** to amend the Hopi Code, Title III, Chapter 13 by adding a new section 3.13.6 Declared disaster.

**Action Item #056-2020 (Passed)** for the purchase of heavy equipment through the Agricultural Fund.

**Action Item #058-2020 (Passed)** Approve Commonwealth Retirement Plan Consulting Agreement for Non-ERISA Plans and grant a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in connection with the Commonwealth contract.

**Action Item #059-2020 (Defeated)** Approve Addendum #1 to Ordinance 43.

**Action Item #060-2020 (Defeated)** Contract Walker & Armstrong, LLP to provide COVID-19 related advisory services for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2020.

**Action Item #053-2020 (Passed)** Approve Letter of Intent between the Hopi Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe for the purposes of Mobile/Online Sports Betting.

**Action Item #054-2020 (Passed)** Approve Letter of Intent between the Hopi Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe.

**Action Item #062-2020 (Tabled)** Approve Deputy Counsel Agreements.

**Action Item #061-2020 (Tabled)** Approve the Settlement Agreement in the Hopi Tribe vs. United States, No. 06.0941 Fed. Ct. of Claims) Executive Session.

**Report by Center for Disease Control** to Hopi Tribal Council was made on July 9, 2020 and re-aired on KUYI. CDC has met with Hopi Schools and shared the phases recommended in the re-opening of schools. One request I asked of the CDC, is to meet and work with local businesses, post offices, etc., to assist them with safety protocols regarding COVID-19, as this has yet to be done.

**Short Report** by the Treasurer regarding the CARES Team on July 10, 2020. He reported that Carroll Onsaie is the Chair and Monica Nuvamsa is the Vice-Chair of the CARES Team. There have been three (3) press releases by the CARES Team and has been provided to the FMCV newsletter personnel for publication.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Investment Committee - July 13, 2020

-The Moencopi Development Corporation has requested and has been allowed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to place the 3rd and 4th quarter 2020 payments to the back end of the loan term.

-Per Hopi Tribal Resolution 045-2020, the Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation is to report to the Investment Committee on the financial status of HTEDC. To date, those reports have not been received by the Investment Committee.

-The Galveston properties in Texas are struggling—to be expected due to COVID-19. Wells Fargo Bank has not yet responded to requests to defer payments, per Investment Chair Wilfred Gaseoma. It was recommended, and by consensus was approved, that the Investment Committee get a report from Hans Lindbergh, Business Partner, on the status of the Galveston Properties at the next scheduled meeting.

##### Transportation Committee - July 28, 2020

-Route 10 (Spider Springs) in First Mesa has been design and assessment is now 90% complete! Michael Lomayaktewa noted that once the design and assessment is complete we will need to have a community meeting; however, he does not foresee that happening soon, due to the pandemic. I suggested a Zoom Meeting in lieu of an in-person meeting, for the safety of all. At present, HDOT and the Hopi Tribe do not have a Zoom account, however we cannot impede the progress of this road project any further. Therefore, Lomayaktewa and I will seek to obtain a Zoom account and he will give notification to the community, when the meeting will take place and ensure that the public has the information/link to attend virtually.

-Leupp Road will soon be in the first phase of improvements, so please be aware when traveling that route.

-HDOT project workers are not deemed essential workers, however during the summer, because heat is important in laying down asphalt, most projects should be in process. Discussion took place for a solution to get road projects underway. The Transportation Committee voted "yes" to have Transportation Chair Honanie submit a letter to Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Tenakhongva to request that all Transportation Project Workers be deemed essential.

-I asked HDOT Director Lomayaktewa to look into the possible improvements to the Polacca Airstrip with CARES funding. The airstrip is not on the HDOT inventory, however Mr. Lomayaktewa is willing to reach out to the Community Planning Economic Development Office, who oversees the airstrip, as to how we can work with the ADOT Aviation to get back on track to improve the airstrip. Mr. Lomayaktewa will also reach out to Jesse Thompson of Navajo County and Arizona State Representative Arlando Teller for assistance and support.

-Village signage for roads and public notices should be received by the end of the week and Mr. Lomayaktewa will be getting with individual villages for signage needs and to convey COVID -19 information regarding HDOT and BIA roads.

-The Hopi Senom Transit program has received CARES funds in the amount of: FTA/ADOT CARES Act Award Secured: \$1,413,920 | FTA: \$450,558 | ADOT: \$963,362.

**W. Youvella, Jr. Report Continued on P 6**

## FMCV Hopi Tribal Council Representative's Report

### Dale Siquah, FMCV Representative & Land Commission member Report

The Hopi Land Commission met on July 29, 2020 via Zoom conferencing, with an established quorum.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Land Commission Chairman Craig Andrews (Mishongnovi Rep) announced a proposal received from the City of Eager for annexation of Hopi Ranch lands for the development of an Industrial Park. He said it is still in the proposal stage and the Hopi Ranches have no objections; since it is in an area not used for grazing. He also noted there may be an advantage by developing infrastructure on the land. The matter was referred to the General Counsel and Reality.

FMVC Rep Siquah announced that he received a request from a Tewa village member for access to Rte 10 to water his cattle. A road block set up by Tewa village blocked him from returning home after taking water to his cattle at his ranch at Sand Springs. The Item was added to the Agenda, under New Business, item c. (See New Business)

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**A. Letter from John & Flor McBride re: Land in Cibola** Request from McBrides to purchase plot of land. The Tribe acquired these lands from funds through the Hopi/Navajo Land Dispute Settlement. During this same time, a Letter from Owner of a Company requesting to mine gravel and sand (aggregate) on Hopi lands in Cibola was also discussed. The Land Commission directed the General Counsel, Osborne Meledon and Reality to research and report back.

**B. Agricultural Residential Land Request-**Blayne Honanie Edison Tutsi was not able to address the issue due to his meeting with FEMA and his HERT responsibilities

#### **C. Spower Proposal for Solar Project on two sections of AHA Ranch (Memo 7/1/20) – Next Steps**

Mr. Lomayestewa reported that the Meteor Creator I-40 Solar Project changed companies. Next Terra had opted out of the Project and **Spower** was chosen to replace Next Terra in the Meteor Creator I-40 solar project. Next Terra cited issues with COVID-19 as a reason for not continuing with the project. To avoid confusion, Mr. Lomayestewa named the other Solar Project the Aha Ranch Solar Project. Representative Siquah forwarded information to FMCV for publication in Newsletter.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item a.** CKP LLC Presentation – CKP LLC is Hopi's agent in the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage (PRF) Insurance Program offered by USDA Risk Management Agency. The insurance is designed to provide coverage on Hopi's pasture, rangeland, or forage acres on the Hopi Reservation (district six and Hopi Partitioned Lands). The insurance program is based on the amount of rain received on the insured grazing land using a Rainfall Index. The program gives the Hopi Tribe the ability to buy insurance protection for losses of forage (grass for livestock) produced for grazing, which results in increased costs for feed, inability to make full use of area or having to sell cattle due to no forage (grass/feed), or other actions.

Land Commission Chairman Andrews introduced Ms. Renalda Begay for an update. Begay reported Hopi has received enough return in 2020 to pay our premium as of the May/June interval. Hopi's payout not only paid off our pre-

mium, but it also, paid the Tribe \$1,169,992. There are still six intervals left in 2020 where the amount of rainfall will determine if the Tribe will receive additional funds. A snapshot of our three year history shows Hopi paid a total \$6,442,180 in premiums. Hopi's total pay back \$16,073,884 minus the premiums Hopi was paid \$9,631,704 over the three year period. There are six more intervals left in 2020 which may pay Hopi depending on the rainfall.

#### **Item b. Arnold & Porter Break Down/Determination Report-Navajo Rental payments for 2019**

Clayton Honyumptewa reported that Arnold and Porter has not yet provided information on Navajo billing issues for 2000-2009 and is currently being worked on, which Navajo appealed.

Honyumptewa and Priscilla Pavatea reported fence boundaries being cut and trespass by Navajo livestock in Low Mountain areas. Pavatea reported there is a lack of Hopi Rangers to cite violators and deter fence destruction and said Ranger presence does help. Money received from past Navajo billing settlements contributed to Ranger salaries.

Honyumptewa said the new person in the Navajo Regional office is aware of the billing concerns but has yet to address it. Honyumptewa and Pavatea have sought assistance from BIA to discuss and settle these issues. Navajo Nation has the contract for fence boundaries but has yet to repair damages caused by their members. Currently, Hopi Range Management repairs fences and bills Navajo through the Navajo billing process.

**Chief Pinto addressed the lack of HRES/Ranger presence. Pinto said they are limited in providing coverage due to lack of officers. He said they are having difficulties hiring officers** and job descriptions are in HR office which is closed. Pinto acknowledged that Navajo Billing provides funding to hire Rangers but cited additional factors such as qualifications and job descriptions. Pinto said he presented a 3-5 year transition, from BIA to Hopi 638 and currently in first year. A meeting to address this issue has been scheduled for August 31, at 9am with HRES, ORM, WEMP and the Land Commission. Siquah requested that the Director of Public Safety & Emergency Services, Human Resources and Executive Director be present at the meeting; however, there was no agreement to invite those departments to the meeting.

**Item c. Route 10 access -Tewa Village road block** Rep. Siquah informed the Land Commission that a member of Tewa Village called for assistance in gaining access to his ranch at Sand Hills to take water to his cattle. The rancher said the Hopi Tribe approves grazing permits and the road block infringes on his access his cattle. He does not want to violate any orders but wants access to care for his cattle. He said he gets off work, fills his water tank and drives to his ranch and returns home on route 10. Although other routes may be available, Route 10 is the best route. The Commission felt this was a Village Leader (Kikmongwi) issue and directed Siquah to relay the message. Siquah notified the rancher and advised him to address it with the Village Kikmongwi.

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## ***FMCV Dale Siquah Hopi Tribal Council Report cont'd from p4***

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **(a) Kendrick Lomayestewa report on meeting with clan practitioners Re: Spower project.**

Lomayestewa reported that the Sun Clan took a trip to the proposed Spower site and did not have any serious issues with the proposed solar and transmission line projects. They did, however, have several questions: Who owns the towers near the proposed site and what was their purpose? Lomayestewa's office explained the towers were not part of the proposed Spower site. They explained the towers were on land and one may belong to the US Forest Service for microwave and cell. They also asked if a buffer zone could be placed around eagle nesting sites and asked if an irrigated corn field was possible.

#### **(b) Land Commission decides to continue with Spower**

A motion was made to continue with Spower on the Aha Ranch Solar Project, seconded and approved by roll call vote.

#### **(c) Status update on ROW/Quest Star- Mr. Lomaomvaya Realty Dept. and Mr. Lomayesva, Office of General Counsel**

ISSUES/ CONCERNS: NTUA to correct right of way— issue of a gas line they placed near Pasture Canyon which trespasses on Hopi Land. The village of Moenkopi has been in discussions with NTUA on this situation. NTUA is also requesting to place broad band in this right of way. The Land Commission requested OGC and Realty to look into the issue and come back with recommendations. Primary concern is trespass.

#### **(d) Update from Cindy Smith of HTEDC RE: Proposed development in twin Arrows area (Smith unavailable)**

Chairman Andrews said he has tried several times to contact Smith for report but unable to. Land Commission Secretary Meranda Nutumya also provided Zoom information to her.

#### **(d) Update Report on true balances of Land settlement accounts, restricted—Chairman Andrews Land Commission**

Andrews did not receive response from Treasurer on balance, will continue to request.

**Next Land Commission Meeting: August 20, 2020 at 9 am**

Submitted by FMCV Council Representative and Land Commission Member Dale Siquah

## ***FMCV Wallace Youvella, Jr. Tribal Council Report cont' from P4***

### **BIE Reopening of School Zoom Meeting 7/10/20**

Much of the meeting were questions by Educators and staff with vague answers by the BIE. Main points of the meeting were:

-Transportation. Is GSA going to make changes to the buses to comply with CDC recommendations? Does the BIE have the extra funding to support schools who may incorporate a blended type of school session where half the school population attends school in the morning and the other half attends in the afternoon?

-Internet (Broadband). Broadband needs to be upgraded now, across all reservations. Schools need extra funding for distance learning.

-Testing of students/staff. Can schools do temperature checks on students and staff? Can schools require students and staff be screened or given temperature checks twice a day?

-Parents preference. Can the option of attending via distance learning be offered regardless if a school opens traditionally for the SY 2020-21?

-Recommended BIE links to refer to: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Schools-Decision-Tree.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Schools-Decision-Tree.pdf) and [www.bia.gov/covid-19/school-reopening](http://www.bia.gov/covid-19/school-reopening)

### **Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Tom O'Halleran 7/21/20**

The town hall meeting subject was Broadband and IT needs. There were many comments from around the state, and much of rural Arizona has the same broadband challenges as Hopi. I was fortunate enough to speak during the meeting and I emphasized the technology challenges we face on Hopi. There is a lack of reliable broadband and is something that negatively affects our students, those working from home, the Hopi Health Care Center, stores, etc. Any assistance that the Congressman can offer would be greatly appreciated.

### **Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Tom O'Halleran 7/28/20**

The town hall meeting subject was health care, related to COVID-19. Much of the meeting was primarily about general protection practices against the contraction of COVID-19. A very good point that was noted by Flo Spyrow are the Social Inequities that are evident in Northern Arizona, on and off the reservations and how it affects health care, especially during a pandemic. Northern Arizona Health care is looking at the situation and seeks to work with hospitals on the reservations in Northern Arizona, to address the matters.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. Be safe, Kwah'Kway.

### **Response to Inquiries:**

No Reports were received from Council Reps. Albert Siquah and Wallace Youvella, Sr. as of press time.

# Hopi Tribe CARES Act Committee Develops Working Budget

The Hopi Tribal Council established the CARES Act Committee (CAC) designating the responsibility to develop a budget and expenditure plan for funds received under the Aid to Tribal Governments totaling \$92.9 million dollars and the Aid to Tribal Government Welfare Assistance totaling \$2.4 million dollars.

**The CARES Act Committee’s priorities with timelines are;**

Develop the CARES Act budget, *in progress*. 2) Review procedures to accept & approve proposals for CARES Act funding, July 28, 2020. 3) Target date to begin first review of proposals, TBA. 4) Target date to issue first funding for approved proposals, TBA.

**Preparing for Accountability**

On July 14, 2020, the CARES Act Committee approved a contract with Walker & Armstrong, LLP and welcomed Ken Mason, Advisory Services Manager for their services, including;

- to provide advisory services to the CARES Act Committee and Office of Financial Management in best practices to meet reporting requirements and documentation standards.
- to help the Hopi Tribe’s financial management team prepare for a Single Audit.
- to support fiscal accountability, taking into consideration the eligible purposes and time restrictions of each funding source.
- to assist in program development as needed to ensure compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of the Treasury and other agencies.
- to provide technical support to villages to clarify and support regulatory accountability in receiving & expending CARES Act funding.
  - o Initial meeting for Hopi village CSA’s with Ken Mason, Sunday, July 19, 2020.
- Ken Mason’s professional experience; <https://wacpas.com/professionals/mason.htm>

**Develop a Working Budget**

Friday, July 17, 2020, the CAC established Broad Categories of Funding to guide budget development. The categories identify and frame priorities of the COVID-19 direct response to villages, first responder agencies, tribal government, schools, tribal corporations & tribal-member businesses, and nonprofits.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, Ken Mason delivered a presentation titled, “Spending the CARES Act, THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND FOR TRIBES.” The presentation focused on fund allocations, allowable & disallowable costs of CARES Act funding, lasting benefits, and covered Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s). Time was allowed for Question & Answer with committee members, village CSAs and invited media representatives.

The Committee noted consideration of other sources of funding provided as COVID-19 direct response to other Hopi tribal programs and local organizations through their existing federal contracts including but not limited to; Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Indian Health Services, Transportation, all Hopi Schools through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and donations made to The Hopi Tribe and The Hopi Foundation. The committee remains focused on the directive to create a budget and to expend funds specific to the Aid to Tribal Governments, emphasizing the greater intent of the committee to maximize funding to strengthen the community at large, while appropriately expending federal funds. The committee will review the budget and an expenditure report for the Aid to Tribal Government Welfare Assistance reflecting a \$2.4 million dollar allocation on July 28, 2020.

July 21, 2020, the CAC developed Broad Categories to provide a framework for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) process and to provide the structure of budgeting and accounting of COVID-19 related expenditures. The committee decided to remain flexible in the distribution to allow for reallocation based on the proposals to be received and a contingency to fund unforeseen proposals or conditions related to COVID-19. A Cost Accounting Structure (coding for budget expenditures) was supplied by Walker & Armstrong, LLP.

July 23, 2020, the CAC designated a subcommittee to develop the process to submit and review project proposals. The committee will finalize this process on July 28, 2020.

**Broad Categories of Funding with Allocations; Broad Category Allocation % of \$92.9M**

a. COVID Family Direct Response	\$21M 23%
b. Community Infrastructure Capacity Building	\$21M 23%
c. Business Operations & Economic Recovery	\$21M 23%
d. Education & Child Care Services	\$9.5M 10%
e. Health & Medical Services Response Needs	\$9M 10%
f. Food Security & Food Access	\$5M 5%
g. Home Safety & Energy Efficiency	\$5M 5%
h. Contingency	<u>\$1.4M 1%</u>
	\$92.9M 100%

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Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* July 30, 2020					
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	31	424	2,835	22	3,297

Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020.

Number of Cases per Village as of July 30, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	8	3	11
Orayvi	8		8
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	133	2	135+
Musangnuvi	9		9
Supawlavi	14		14+(+)
Söngoopavi	110		110+
Yuwelu-paki	5		5
Paaqavi	2		2
Hotvela	7	6	12
Keams Canyon	8	3	11
Munqapi		33*	33*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>357</b>

The information by villages presented above is release by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. \*The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified to the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as

WEAR A MASK  
STOP THE SPREAD  
SAVE A LIFE

There is currently no vaccine for the novel coronavirus and the numbers continue to rise in First Mesa.

This deadly virus has taken the lives of many of our family members and relatives.

Please, protect yourself and others!

WEAR A MASK when in the public and Social Distance of at least six feet.

Visit us on-line at:

[Firstmesaconsolidatedvillages.com](http://Firstmesaconsolidatedvillages.com)

(website under construction)

Kudos to LaMon Begay for technological assistance.

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# Summary of Proposed HEROES Act

By: Ben Nuvamsa, KIVA Institute, LLC July 4, 2020

The KIVA Institute, LLC, is sharing a *Summary of the Proposed HEROES Act* (H.R. 6800) for your information and guidance; along with a copy of Rep. Tom O'Halleran's (D-AZ) *proposed bill to extend the funding availability of Title V of the CARES Act*.

On May 12, 2020, House Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) introduced a \$3.0 trillion House Resolution 6800 (H.R. 6800), called the "Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES Act); and on May 15, 2020 the House of Representatives passed it along a party line vote of 208-199. Some refer to HR 6800 as CARES Act 2.0. The bill now sits in the Senate awaiting Senate action. Talk is that Senate Republicans are also working on its version of the HEROES Act. HEROES Act provides significant tribal and public healthcare provisions including a \$20.0 billion tribal set-aside funding (double to what is in the current CARES Act for tribes). *See briefing below.*

House Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ) is also introducing legislation to extend the funding availability of Title V Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) of the CARES Act to December 30, 2022. As you know, there have been several delays in sending the full allocation of CRF to tribes because of disputes relating to the funding allocation methodology established by the Department of Interior and Department of the Treasury. A consequence is that tribes received their allocations late, leaving little time to select their projects and spend the funds before the end of the year. A year extension would lessen the pressures; and provide for more time to plan, select projects, spend and use the funds. Extension of time does not alter the allowable use of CRF.

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## HEROES ACT (H.R. 6800) Briefing

### (Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions)

**Introduction**—Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) of the U.S. House of Representatives, introduced House Resolution No. 6800 on May 12, 2020, in the House of Representatives, called the "**Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act**" (**HEROES Act**). H.R. 6800 also referred to as CARES Act 2.0, is a \$3.0 trillion funding package that provides for emergency supplemental appropriations to address challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 15, 2020, the House of Representatives voted and passed H.R. 6800 along a party line vote of 208-199. The bill now sits in the Senate where it may fail, but many of the healthcare and public health provisions in H.R. 6800 are likely to gain bipartisan support. We understand the Senate majority is also preparing its own healthcare relief package to counter the HEROES Act.

The HEROES Act bill proposes significant tribal and public healthcare provisions, including a \$20.0 billion tribal set-aside funding to provide for economic relief from COVID-19, and a \$2.1 billion appropriation for Indian Health Service along with other tribal health provisions. If enacted, the HEROES Act would inject another \$100.0 billion into the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund on top of the \$100.0 billion already appropriated under the CARES Act; and \$79.0 billion under the Paycheck Protection and Health Care Enhancement Act.

Overall, HEROES Act will provide over \$2.0 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and \$3.0 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The bill includes increased aid for states, local governments and Indian tribal governments; extends unemployment insurance benefits; and provides additional direct payments of \$1,200 to American citizens.

**Coronavirus State Fiscal Relief Fund** HEROES Act establishes a new fund, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Relief Fund, that includes a \$20.0 billion tribal set-aside funding to help

tribes address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) fiscal impacts:

- The bill affirms the federal district court ruling in the *Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation v. Mnuchin* (Case No. 1:20-cv-01002); and clarifies Congress' intent that only federally-recognized Indian tribes are eligible to receive these funds.
- The bill requires the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury to redistribute any returned or recouped funds to eligible tribes; and disclose detailed descriptions of funding allocation formulae and methodology.
- The bill further provides greater flexibility for tribal governments in the use of any funds received under this Act, including to replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues stemming from the pandemic.
- It provides that the range of allowable expenses is extended from January 31, 2020 (instead of March 1, 2020) through December 31, 2020.

**Tribal Specific Set-Asides (Title V)** Key provisions of the \$20.0 billion tribal set-aside funding are designed for tribes to: (1) prevent, (2) prepare for; and (3) to respond to, the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs:** \$900.0 million to meet tribal government needs, including:
  - o \$780.0 million to continue tribal government operations and programs to clean facilities;
  - o \$100.0 million to address overcrowded housing; and
  - o \$20.0 million for sanitation needs (water hydration and hygiene)
- **Indian Health Service:** \$2.1 billion to address health care needs, including:
  - o \$1.0 billion to account for lost third-party revenues stemming from reduced medical care;
  - o \$64.0 million to assist Urban Indian Health Organizations;
  - o \$10.0 million to assist with sanitation, hydration and hygiene needs;
  - o \$500.0 million to provide health care (including telehealth, medical supplies and personal protective equipment);

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### Indian Health Service *continued*

- o \$140.0 million to expand broadband infrastructure and information technology for telehealth and electronic health records system purposes;
- o \$20.0 million to provide health care, housing and isolation units for domestic violence victims and homeless Native Americans; and
- o No less than \$366.0 million to provide isolation or quarantine space.

**Other Provisions Relating to Tribal Governments**—Other provisions of H.R. 6800 that may apply to tribal governments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** \$2.1 billion to support federal, state, and local public health agencies, including \$100.0 million to assist tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Health Organizations, or health providers that service tribes.
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration:** \$3.0 billion to support increased mental health support, substance abuse treatment, and outreach, including not less than \$150.0 million specifically for tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Health Organizations, or health service providers across a variety of program.
- **Department of Labor Workforce Training:** \$3.1 billion to support workforce training and worker protection activities related to COVID-19. Includes \$2.0 billion to support worker training; \$25.0 million for migrant and seasonal farmworkers; \$925.0 million to assist states in processing unemployment insurance claims; \$100.0 million for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for workplace protection and enforcement.
- **Assistance to Homeowners:** \$75.0 billion to states, territories and tribes to address ongoing needs for homeowners struggling to afford their housing due directly or indirectly to COVID-19 impacts by providing direct assistance with mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, utilities, and other housing related costs. It provides \$100.0 billion to provide for emergency assistance to help low income renters at risk of homelessness avoid eviction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. \$500.0 million to for housing for low income elderly. And \$200.0 million for housing for persons with disabilities.
- **Benefit for Broadband Service during the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Entitles households where a member has been laid off, or furloughed, to get \$50.00 benefits; or a \$75.00 benefit on tribal lands, to put toward the monthly price of internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **COVID-19 Testing and Awareness:** Requires the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to coordinate with tribes and other governments' health departments to establish and implement a national evidence-based system for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment and mitigation of COVID-19.
- **E-Rate Support for Wi-Fi, Other Equipment and Connected Devices During the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Authorizes \$5.0 billion for temporary disbursements to be administered through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) E-Rate Program for schools and libraries to provide internet service in a technologically neutral way to students and teachers, prioritizing those without internet access at home. Five percent of the funds are set aside for schools and libraries that serve people on tribal lands.
- **Highways:** \$15.0 billion for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to support the ongoing work of state, tribal and territorial departments of transportation and certain governments with \$150.0 million available for the tribal transportation programs under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. It also includes \$15.75 billion to the Federal Transit Administration for Public Transportation

Emergency Relief.

- **Veterans:** Allows Urban Indian Health Organizations to seek reimbursement from the Veterans Administration for care provided to qualified Urban native veterans and ensure coverage for Native veterans.
- **Violence Against Women Act:** \$45.0 million for assistance to tribal governments and other funding through tribal set-asides.
- **Voting:** Requires certain accommodations for tribes that would apply in the November 2020 election. Requires states or political subdivisions to collect ballots from designated locations and to provide tribes with accurate precinct maps for all precincts located within tribal lands, at least 60 days before an election. Permits Indian tribes to designate buildings as ballot pickup and collection locations at no cost to the tribes. Provides for absentee ballots for federal elections, use of designated buildings for addresses, language accessibility, and enforcement by the Attorney General.

**Additional Funding Provisions** There are certain general funding provisions that may provide potential funding resources for tribes:

- **Administration for Children and Families:** \$10.1 billion to provide supportive and social services for families and children through programs including \$7.0 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants and \$1.5 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), to include Tribal LIHEAP.
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** \$10.0 billion to support increased participation in SNAP due to the effects of COVID-19.
- **Administration for Community Living:** \$100.0 million to provide direct services such as home-delivered prepackaged meals, and supportive services for seniors and disabled individuals, and their caregivers, of which \$1.0 million is for Native American elder nutrition and supportive services.
- **Expansion of Broadband:** \$1.5 billion to close the homework gap by providing funding for Wi-Fi hotspots and connected devices for students and library patrons, and \$4.0 billion for emergency home connectivity needs.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency:** \$1.3 billion in assistance, including \$200.0 million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program; \$500.0 million for Assistance to Firefighter Grants; \$500.0 million for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants; and \$100.0 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants.
- **Small Businesses:** \$10.0 billion in grants to small businesses that suffered financial losses as a result of COVID-19.
- **Payroll Tax Deferred Allowed for Recipients of Certain Loan Forgiveness:** Allows businesses receiving Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness to defer payment of payroll taxes under Section 2302 of the CARES Act.
- **Additional Recovery Rebates to Individuals:** Provides \$1,200.00 refundable tax credit for each family member in the form of advance payments similar to the Economic Impact Payments in the CARES Act. Credit for a single taxpayer of \$1,200.00 (\$2,400.00 for joint filers), in addition to \$1,200.00 per dependent up to a maximum of 3 dependents.

The above represents highlights of the provisions contained in H.R. 6800; and is intended only to provide information and general guidance. The proposed provisions may change pending the outcome of H.R. 6800 in the Senate. As stated above the Senate Republicans are developing their own version of COVID-19 legislation to counter H.R. 6800. Should you have any questions, please contact us at: info@kivainstitute.com, or our toll-free telephone number at: 1-866-202-5482. Visit our website: www.kivainstitute.com for information on the CARES Act and related information.

## Memorandum – Please circulate

**To:** WEC and Land Commission Members  
**From:** Ken Lomayestewa, Hopi Renewable Energy Office  
**Date:** 7/1/2020  
**RE:** sPower Proposal for Solar Project on two sections of Aha Ranch

**Purpose:** To follow up with Land Commission and WEC Members regarding the 6/18 presentation from sPower and provide additional information about the proposed solar project on Aha Ranch.

**Summary:** sPower is proposing to build up to 200 MW of solar on 1100 acres of the 37,000-acre Hopi Aja Ranch land, adjacent to the company's proposed Chevelon Butte wind farm (see maps at bottom of text). sPower proposed two sections of land for discussion purposes, but is open to developing their project on any two or three adjoining sections of the Aha Ranch that the Tribe prefers, which would still be adjacent or close to the wind farm (see maps 1 and 2). As part of the wind farm, sPower is constructing an approximately 12 mile long transmission line (gen-tie) to connect to the 345kV transmission line that runs south from Cholla Power Plant toward the Phoenix metro area. Construction of this gen-tie line is expensive, and the cost is being built into the proposed large wind project. The proposed Aja Ranch solar project would benefit from this line being built – it's too small of a project on its own to bear the cost of building a dedicated gen-tie line, but would be a very competitive project if connected to the proposed wind project gen-tie.

If the Tribe is interested in moving forward on this project, the Tribe would sign an 'option agreement' for a short period (2-4 years) in which sPower would perform project due diligence and try to find a buyer, likely APS, for the electricity. If this work is successful, sPower would enter into a long-term lease (typically 25 years) with the Tribe. The structure of the lease or other business arrangement, and other financial or community benefits of the project, would be the subject of negotiation with sPower.

### Benefits to consider:

**Jobs** – The project is anticipated to create 200-300 construction jobs, and 2-6 permanent full-time O&M jobs, with Hopi hiring preference. Experience working on this project, even during the shorter construction phase, could lead to additional employment opportunities around the region. sPower also indicated they would seek to hire Hopi offices to complete cultural and wildlife surveys, which would ensure direct Hopi expert participation in these important elements of the project and create revenue for these offices.

**Revenue** – Will create an estimated \$25,000-\$50,000/year during initial 2-4 year option period and \$300,000-450,000/year in land lease revenue for 20-25 years once project is operational. There may be options for revenue-sharing in lieu of a straight land lease, and many developers make additional community investments at the start of a project.

**Engagement in renewable energy economy** – this project would enable the Hopi Tribe to participate in a meaningful way in a growing sector of the state and national economy. A limited number of such projects, carefully developed on appropriate parcels of Hopi land, could provide a reliable revenue stream and help diversify the Hopi economy.

### Impacts to consider:

**Land use** – Grazing, hunting, and other land use at the site could continue during the Option Agreement Period but would be required to cease once project moves to construction phase. Once construction begins, the site will be fenced off and inaccessible to unauthorized visitors for the life of the project (25-35 years), until it is decommissioned and site is returned to its original state. Hopi staff would likely be permitted to schedule visits or inspections. DNR Director Honyumptewa verified that the 1,100 acres of proposed use would cause only minor issues in terms of grazing across the 37,000-acre Aha Ranch. This would affect 5 head of cattle. Likewise, the 1,100 acres would not be available for hunt-

ing once construction begins, but the remaining 35,900 acres of the Aha Ranch would not be affected.

**Visual** – If constructed, the site (approximately two sections of land, 1,100 acres) would be covered in solar panels for 25+ years.

**Flora and Fauna** – sPower stated that it plans to utilize pillar foundations (Figure 4) in lieu of grading the site. Even if not graded, a solar project can impact wildlife and flora – Hopi Staff would work with the developer ahead of time to:

- survey wildlife and vegetation on site,
- determine potential impacts,
- develop a plan to mitigate impacts (both during construction period and during operation), and
- develop a plan for restoration of the site to previous conditions when the long term lease ends.
- sPower specifically mentioned wanting to work with Hopi agencies and hire Hopi contractors for survey and planning work. Hopi WEMP and Range Management have experience with these surveys and planning processes.

**Cultural** – Similarly, while sPower doesn't plan to grade the land, there will be construction activity, followed by light vehicle use on the site during operations – the tribe needs to work with the developer ahead of time to determine what areas need to be avoided and to detail a plan for tribal observation/participation during construction, as well as specifics on how impacts will be avoided if something is discovered during construction. Again here, sPower specifically mentioned wanting to work with Hopi agencies and hire Hopi contractors for this survey and planning work. Hopi CPO has experience with these surveys and impact mitigation planning processes.

### Other project considerations:

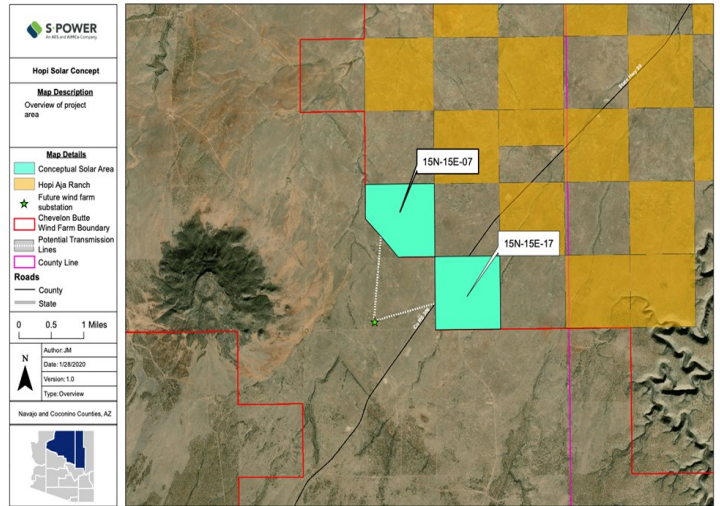
- A solar project in this area will not be economically viable without a preestablished gen-tie line. sPower approached the Tribe about this project because it will dovetail nicely with the company's proposed wind farm project on adjacent private land, which will include construction of a gen-tie line that a solar project could benefit from.
- The developer's wind project is not yet guaranteed to take place. If it does, this makes the solar project viable, as mentioned. It's worth noting that if the wind project moves forward, sPower is likely to build a solar project near the wind site in order to take advantage of these favorable economics. This solar project would likely be built on private or state land if the Hopi Tribe isn't interested in partnering with this developer.
- This project would sell power into the APS system by connecting to the APS high voltage 345kV transmission line running south from Cholla Power Plant toward Phoenix. This kind of project, generating electricity for sale to the power company, has no bearing on electrification of new lands or service on the main reservation; when asked, sPower highlighted that they are not allowed to serve power directly to customers but would very much like to have a conversation about other potential future projects based on the reservation that could meet other types of project goals. (there are multiple options to consider if these other conversations move forward). If the Hopi Reservation's electrical service reliability is a current priority for Council members, the Council may want to discuss these issues with HUC to develop a strategy for engaging with the Arizona governing bodies that regulate electric service reliability. Additionally, council should discuss the possibility of earmarking some of the revenue from the Aja Ranch solar project for initiatives that improve reliability at specific facilities on the Reservation.

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**Next steps/how to proceed (typical timeline noted for each step):**

1. Land Commission/WEC determines if they want to proceed with project (next 2-3 weeks)
2. Sign mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with sPower (ideally 2 weeks)
3. Obtain Special Land Use Assignment (ideally no more than 60 day process)
  - a. Begin SLUA (sub tasks: file paperwork with DNR, circulate Document Sign off Sheet, etc.)
  - b. SLUA approved by Council
4. Negotiate and sign Option Agreement – payments begin (ideally 60-90-day process)
  - a. Negotiate option agreement, and agree in principle to terms of a long term lease agreement
    - i. This will involve Hopi Renewable Energy Office, OGC, ORES, sPower attorneys
    - ii. This agreement does not require BIA approval but will go to Hopi Tribal Council for approval. Option Agreement is signed by Hopi Chairman on behalf of Council
  - b. Option term may last 2-4 years, typically with quarterly payments to the Tribe. If sPower is successful marketing the power from the project, they will execute the pre-negotiated long-term lease. In the Option Agreement, the Hopi Tribe is committing to sPower’s right to utilize the property under a long-term lease
    - i. The details of the long-term lease will be fine-tuned during the Option period. This includes Hopi Tribal Council approval as well as review by BIA
  - c. Grazing and other land use can still continue during this period
5. Cultural and Environmental Surveys and broader NEPA process
  - a. Begin cultural and wildlife surveys of the Aja Ranch properties
  - b. NEPA process can begin – this effort will be coordinated and paid for by sPower, and the BIA regional office in Phoenix will serve as the lead agency
6. Execute Long-Term Lease – payments begin
  - a. Once lease is executed, larger payments to Hopi will begin. Construction will commence. Grazing and other land use must cease. This long-term lease is expected to last 25years and will typically have an option for the developer to extend for another 5-15 years years.



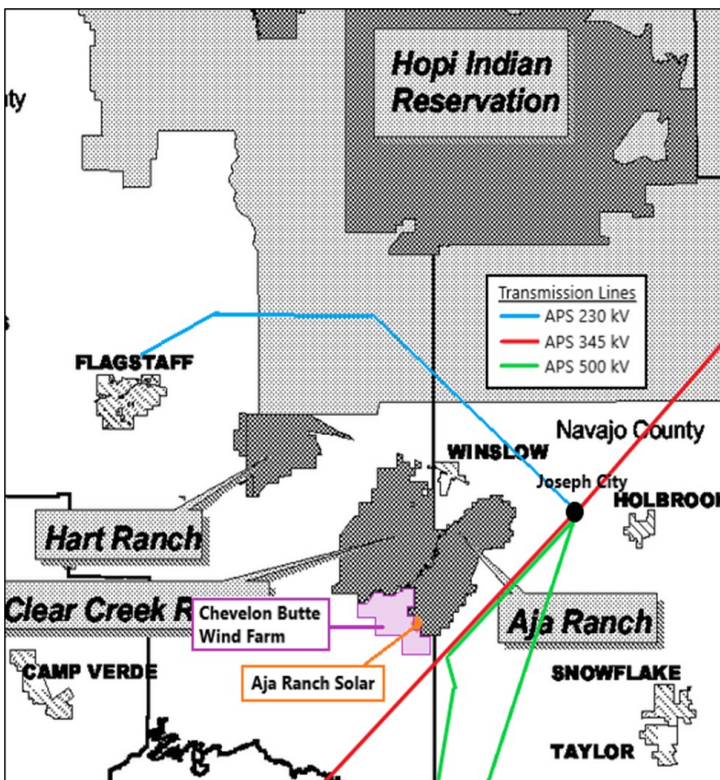
**Figure 2.** An sPower proposed solar project site on two sections of Hopi Aha Ranch. NOTE: these sites are only one potential option - sPower has indicated interest in any set of sections that the Hopi Tribe prefers on the Ranch lands near to the proposed wind farm.



**Figure 3** Example of pillar foundations sPower plans to utilize.



**Figure 4** Example of large-scale solar installation for discussion purposes.



**Figure 1** Approximate location of transmission lines, wind farm boundary, and Aja Ranch solar site.

**Hopi Tribe  
Government  
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# Food For Thought

## *The Purpose of Life*

Once upon a time, there lived a wise man in the Village. Everyone respected him and his views and opinions were well regarded. Many people came to him seeking for advice.

His son, however, was very lazy and wasted his time sleeping and spending time with his friends. No amount of advice or threat made any difference to him. He wouldn't change at all.

The years passed, and time faded the wise man's youth. As he grew older, he began to worry about his son's future. He recognized the need to give something to his son so that he could take care of himself and his family to be.

One day, he called his son to his room and said "My son, you are no longer a kid. You must learn to take responsibilities and understand life."

"I want you to find the real purpose of your life and when you find it remember it always and you will lead a life full of happiness and joy."

Then he handed his son a bag. When the son opened the bag, he was surprised to see four pairs of clothes, one for each season. There was also some raw food, grains, lentils, little money and a map. His father said, "I want you to go find a treasure. I have drawn a map of the place where the treasure is hidden, you need to go and find it."

The son loved this idea. The next day, he eagerly set out on a journey to find the treasure. He had to travel far across borders, forests, plateaus and mountains.

Days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months. Along the way, he met a lot of people. He was helped by some with food and by some with shelter. He also came across robbers who tried to rob him.

Slowly the season changed and so did the landscapes along with it. When the weather was unpleasant, he halted for the day and continued his journey when the weather cleared.

Finally, after a long year, he reached his destination. It was a cliff. The map showed the treasure being placed below the cliff under the tree. Upon spotting the tree, he began to dig the ground. He searched and searched around it, under it, on it but found nothing. He spent two days looking and digging for the treasure. By the third day, he was so exhausted that he decided to leave.

Disappointed over his father's lie, he headed back to his home. On his way back, he experienced the same changing landscapes and seasons. This time, however, he halted to

enjoy the blooming flowers in spring and the dancing birds in monsoon. He stayed in places only to watch the sun set in paradise or to enjoy pleasant summer evenings.

Since, the supplies he carried were gone by then, he learned to hunt and make arrangement for his meals. He also learned how to sew his clothes and shelter himself. He was now able to determine the hour of the day by the position of the sun and plan his journey accordingly. He also learned how to protect himself from wild animals.

He met the same people who had helped him earlier. This time he stayed a few days with them and helped them in some way to repay them. He realized how nice they were to an ordinary passerby who had nothing to offer to them in return.

When he reached home, he realized it had been two years since he left the place. He walked straight into his father's room. "Father", He said

The father immediately jumped to his feet and hugged his son. "So how was your journey my son, did you find the treasure" he asked.

"The journey was fascinating father. But forgive me for I wasn't able to find the treasure. Maybe somebody took it before I reached." He surprised himself by what he just said. He wasn't angry at his father. Instead, he was asking for forgiveness.

"There wasn't any treasure in the very first place my son" father answered smiling.

"But why did you send me to find it then", he asked.

"I will surely tell you why, but first you tell me, how was your journey to the place? Did you enjoy it?"

"Of course not father! I had no time. I was worried someone else would find the treasure before I did. I was in a hurry to reach the cliff." He continued, "but I did enjoy the journey on my way back home. I made many friends and witnessed miracles every day. I learned so many different skills and the art of survival. There was so much I learned that it made me forget the pain of not finding the treasure."

The father said to him, "Exactly my son. I want you to lead your life with a goal. But if you remain too focused on the goal, then you will miss out on the real treasures of life.

**Moral of the Story:** Live your life with a purpose, but don't become so focused that you miss out on the beauty of life. You only live once, so enjoy the time with your family, your friends and your relatives. You will then appreciate the real treasures of life.

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