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First Mesa Consolidated Villages

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Initiate Moon,  
the last moon

## THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

### AD 900:

Early Hopi people moved into Grand Canyon, Black Mesa and the little Colorado River area

### AD 1100-1300:

Hopi Ancestors began moving to Hopi Meas because of dependable springs

### 1598:

Juan de Onate arrived at Hopi searching for gold

### 1776:

Franciscans arrived in Orayvi to help against the Navajos

### 1859:

Mormons arrived on Hopi

### 1863:

Kit Carson arrived on Hopi

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of the month

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# Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Celebrate Win as President and Vice President-elect



L-R: Jill Biden (incoming First Lady), President-Elect Joe Biden, Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris and husband Doug Emhoff (incoming Second Gentleman)

Former Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris defeated Republican incumbent President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in the Presidential election.

Joe Biden was announced President-elect after winning 290 Electoral Votes, over the 270 votes needed to win; including, 11 electoral votes from Arizona. Arizona Voters flipped the State Blue.

His running mate, Kamala Harris, made history as the first woman and first Black and South Asian American to ever be elected as Vice President.

Citing *Votes too close to call*, a recount of votes in Georgia began Nov. 13.

Voters chose a joint ticket for President and Vice President, which determines the presidential electors of the Electoral College. These Electors in turn will vote for the candidates on Dec.14.

Biden will become the 46th President on Jan. 20.

This election was the first since 1992 in which an incumbent president failed to win re-election to a second term

This election, also, saw the highest voter turnout since 1900, in which both Biden and Trump received more than 70 million votes, surpassing Barack Obama's record of 69.5 million votes from 2008.

With more than 77 million votes and counting, Biden received the most votes ever cast for a candidate in a U.S. presidential election.

## FMCV Leaders thank Caregivers for Invaluable Services

During National Family Caregivers Month in November, First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Administrator Ivan Sidney and the traditional leaders encourage everyone to thank Caregivers who provide care to family members, relatives and neighbors in need of care.

On Oct. 29, 2010 President Barack Obama proclaimed November as National Family Caregivers Month.

The proclamation states, "Every day, family members, friends, neighbors, and concerned individuals across America provide essential attention and assistance to their loved ones. Many individuals in need of care - including children, elders, and persons

with disabilities - would have difficulty remaining safely in their homes and community without the support of their relatives and caregivers."

"During this coronavirus pandemic it has become extremely difficult for caregivers to provide the critical services to vulnerable individuals in need of care," said Sidney. "Caregivers are vital to the quality of life of our family and community members with special needs. With the current restrictions in place, and the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, Caregivers are unable to physically provide the needed services. Take time today to thank a Caregiver for their invaluable services."

## It's a Snow Day in Hopi Land



Hopi Farmers were elated when nearly an inch of snow fell in Hopi land on Nov. 8.

Farmers depend on the snow and rain to provide moisture to the drought conditions, in preparation for next Spring's planting season.

The snowfall did not last and brought with it strong winds and very cold temperatures.

# Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Plan (HAMP) First Mesa Chronology Overview

## FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

In the early 1970's, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Polacca Day School transferred ownership of the First Mesa Water Wells to the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV). FMCV then established the Polacca Water Rights Association (PWRA) to operate and manage the system. Shortly after, the PWRA disbanded in 1972 and again in 2005. This resulted in FMCV taking over the water system to continue providing water to the First Mesa communities and entities in Polacca.

Prior to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Government passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in 1948 and later, the 1972 Amendments that created the current Clean Water Act. This Act applies to all public water systems in the U.S., including Tribes. EPA was later designated by Congress to monitor and enforce the Clean Water Act.

From 1972-2005, the arsenic levels in the FMCV Polacca Water System was within acceptable levels. In 2006; however, EPA lowered the acceptable levels of arsenic, which then placed FMCV in violation.

In 2005, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administrator Ivan Sidney and Indian Health Services (IHS) local Sanitation Engineer Pete Mitchell conceived a plan to draw water from the Navajo Aquifer, used by Peabody to slurry coal to Mohave Generation Station in Nevada. Water to First Mesa would come from well fields in the Hardrock area to replace the high levels of arsenic in First Mesa.

Engineer Mitchell contacted the IHS Sanitation Engineering Office in Pinetop. Soon discussions and the concepts for drawing water from Hardrock water fields was implemented. FMCV was not aware of any involvement by the Hopi Tribe at the time, unless the IHS who is required to work through the Hopi Tribe, informed them of our plans for an alternative water source for First Mesa.

Sidney left FMCV in December 2005 and was not involved. During that time, Bernie Nuvakuku became CSA and later Business Manager and continued to be involved in the planning, including conceptual drawings and well drillings. After reappointment as Business Manager in December 2011, Sidney reviewed the conceptual drawings.

The drawings included a waterline from Hardrock wells through Wild Cat area into Wepo Valley and continued to the First Mesa Gap area and finally connecting to the East Water tank. Reports showed the Hopi Tribe hired Yellow Jacket Drilling Co. using \$700,000 allocated to FMCV in 2004 by EPA (PH04563) for water development, without Village approval. These funds were reverted to the drilling operations by IHS and the Hopi Tribe without FMCV consent; also, the wells were drilled within the traditional land

holdings of FMCV. It was not until the second drilling when problems developed that the Tribe finally asked to meet with FMCV traditional leaders for permission to continue drilling operations on village land. At this meeting, the Hopi Tribe and IHS requested permission from FMCV for water pipeline rights-of-way to Keams Canyon from the First Mesa East Water tank. It is unknown when the second waterline to serve the Second Mesa villages from First Mesa Water Fields was included into HAMP.

Sidney reviewed the proposed drawings developed by IHS and found the cost estimates for the entire operation was \$18 million. Funding for the construction was never discussed with FMCV and assumed the Project would be funded by federal grants and supplemented by Hopi Tribe funds. Sidney requested final drawings to discuss the approval with the FMCV leadership for the required rights-of-ways as federal grants require clearances, such as environmental assessments, prior to awarding and construction start-ups.

Upon review, Sidney learned that EPA had already established strict arsenic testing requirements and policies becoming law. These policies included finding an alternative water source or installing filters to meet safe arsenic levels for public consumption. Records, however, show that the Hopi Tribe and IHS never supported the filtering system.

EPA required a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for alternative water source to justify non-enforcement of arsenic violations. On March 21, 2011 Bernie Nuvakuku signed, on behalf of FMCV along with the Hopi Tribe, to provide an alternative water source by January, 2016. The year 2016 was the anticipated completion date of HAMP, as stated in the Agreement. The year came and went with nothing completed. No records exists showing that this information was shared with the Villages, nor were any informational meetings recorded. Sidney attended a meeting by invitation of the Tewa Administration office, but quickly reverted to other topics, completely off the Agenda.

FMCV's input in the Project was not seriously considered, due to IHS maintaining its government to government relations only with the Hopi Tribe. Since 2012, FMCV has continued to recommend changes to the Project, has requested review of planning/construction documents and continued to review the estimated amount of the loan as the loan payment would pass on to the customers and result in higher monthly costs. The monthly cost for HAMP water has never provided to the current FMCV leadership and today remains a critical matter for customers and the traditional leadership.

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# Polacca Water System Arsenic Levels above Federal Drinking Water Standard

## First Mesa Consolidated Villages PUBLIC NOTICE

First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV), *Polacca Water System*, recently violated the federal drinking water standards for arsenic. Although not an emergency, customers have the right to know what is being done and what they can do.

FMCV routinely monitors for contaminants in drinking water and sends water samples to the lab for testing. The September 2020 test results showed the system exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standard arsenic level of 0.010 mg/liter. The level at West well was 0.017 and 0.019 mg/liter at the East well.

Historically, contaminants have been in the Polacca water wells since Polacca Day School was built by the BIA several decades ago. The arsenic in drinking water can come from erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, or electronic production waste.

**What does this mean?** Your water is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess, over many years, can experience skin damage, problems with their circulatory system or may have a higher risk of cancer.

**What should I do?** You do not need to use an alternative water supply, although many persons prefer bottled water for drinking. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your health provider.

**What is being done?** Because of the arsenic contaminants in the Polacca, Keams Canyon and Second Mesa water systems, a Compliance Plan was approved by EPA requiring costly water tests and quarterly reports of test results. FMCV submitted the Compliance Plan which was approved by EPA. FMCV is in compliance with the Plan, which is in

effect until the arsenic problem is resolved.

The EPA is aware of the pending Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP), which Polacca, Keams Canyon and Second Mesa water systems are tied into.

FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney was verbally informed by HAMP Manager that funding has been now been received and the Project is currently underway. Expected completion date of the Project is 2021. The HAMP wells have been drilled near Hardrocks, AZ. Once complete, the arsenic contamination in First Mesa should be resolved.

For information call 928 -737-2670 or US mail: First Mesa Consolidated Villages Water Program PO Box 260 Polacca, AZ 86042

A Public Notice has been sent to all Polacca Water Customers.

**CUSTOMER USER AGREEMENT  
WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICES**

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Polacca West well  
Water Tank

**The Polacca Water System is tied into the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP).**

Polacca East well  
Water Tank

**HAMP is currently underway and once complete, the arsenic contamination should be resolved.**

**See photos of HAMP construction on P8**

## HAMP cont'd from P1

First Mesa is a major component in the Project due to the largest number of households it serves; including private, public, federal and tribal business located in First Mesa. First Mesa has the largest water operations and provides direct services to its members but does not receive any financial support from the Hopi Tribe. **FMCV solely subsidizes the water operations from its businesses in First Mesa. Customer payments do not meet the cost of operations.** It is obvious that a loan to fund the HAMP, mandated the number of First Mesa customers (SDS IHS Scoring Matrix on file).

By Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council then created the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) to oversee HAMP and hired a Manager and Board of Directors to oversee future operations of the Hopi Water and Sewer Operations. Tim Bodell was hired as HAMP Manager, without a budget.

From September 2016 to November 2017, FMCV immediately begin working with Bodell and provided comments and recommendations. On June 13, 2017, the USDA, another Federal Agency, reviewed the HAMP Engineer's drawings and shared his opinion in writing that the Project was overdesigned. This supported FMCV's position that the Project was failing, partially due to high costs. In a memorandum dated September 1, 2017, the IHS and Hopi Tribe focused on problems and costs associated with filtering systems, because apparently, it was a threat to HAMP. The Hopi Agency BIA System and the Second Mesa School filtration systems were included in the critic of the IHS and Hopi Tribe.

In May, 2017, the Tribal Council placed the HUC under the Hopi Telecommunications, Inc (HTI), partly due to the fact that the Hopi Tribe is ineligible for federal grants due to audit violations. FMCV was not in support of this transfer due to experiences with HTI.

The Hopi Tribe and EPA requested a renewed MOA for alternative water and FMCV's written support for HAMP. On November 7, 2017, officials from EPA Region 9 came out to specifically ask FMCV to sign the MOA. The head EPA official said without FMCV support for HAMP, the Hopi Tribe would not receive any grants. Based on directives from the traditional leadership, Sidney did not sign the MOA at the time. The decision of the traditional leadership was to withdraw from HAMP; and any future involvement or discontinuance would be by official signature of the FMCV traditional leadership and not the Village Administrator. FMCV then met with USDA Representatives and various other companies on installing a water filtering system; to which they received favorable support.

Throughout the years, Village members have voiced concerns on the high levels of arsenic. These concerns have been expressed in person, email, face book and at village meetings. Two years ago, the Hopi Tribe invited an Arizona Republic reporter to write on the high level of arsenic without the knowledge of FMCV. The reporter interviewed tribal officials, FMCV members and did not include the FMCV administration. Second Mesa villages were not included, although they too have high levels of arsenic. This resulted in threats and political movements by villagers, directed at FMCV. This is just an example of how First Mesa has been subjected to politically motivated blame for arsenic in the Polacca water system, while we continue to wait on the Hopi Tribe to complete the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project. FMCV has minimal records of HAMP planning documents during this entire time and meetings only result in verbal discussions and no planning or final documents produced on HAMP for review/approvals.

In addition to the November 7, 2017, meeting with EPA officials, the FMCV traditional leadership was again invited to a January 10, 2017 meeting at the Hopi Tribe. The meeting was regarding the email sent by Sidney to tribal officials, IHS and EPA, stating FMCV's withdrawal from HAMP which was not received well and resulted in several concerns and comments. They questioned whether it was Sidney's sole decision to withdraw. Although the meeting agenda was to hear from First Mesa, several other Villages, Tribal Council Reps, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the HTI board and tribal staff were in attendance of the meeting; making it seem politically motivated. The Hopi General Counsel presided over the meeting and the possibility that EPA might issue violation citations was discussed. It was also said that EPA did not favor a water filtration system; but rather supported HAMP. The EPA law only requires that water have safe levels of arsenic. FMCV then decided that all communications to EPA would be through the Office of General Counsel and involve the FMCV Attorney.

Since October 10, 2018, the EPA has not questioned the Hopi Tribe on why the years of delay on HAMP. The delays by the Hopi Tribe on the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project has caused FMCV to be threatened with violations of the clean water act. All information on this document is supported by files in the FMCV office, including numerous letters on this subject to the Hopi Tribal Council and Office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman – with no replies.

Since the November 7, 2017 meeting with the Hopi Tribe and EPA Region 9 officials, FMCV has not received any planning documents, no briefings, nor the status of HAMP. Tribal officials said the delay was due to use of grant funds to financially support the IHS Engineering office in Pinetop. In the meantime, FMCV received a threatening letter accompanied by an Administrative Order requiring 15 days to respond. First Mesa has the largest base of water customers to whom they provide direct services (households, businesses, schools, the Hopi Health Care, tribal and federal offices) yet, for political reasons, do not receive tribal allocations as do other villages for their water programs. For years FMCV solely subsidized its water programs to provide direct services. The delay in HAMP construction by the Hopi Tribe, was the main reason FMCV wanted to install filters in their water wells to immediately be in compliance with EPA. Unfortunately, the filtration system was not supported; favoring HAMP, which after several years finally received funding and is currently under construction.

When First Mesa was threatened by violation penalties from EPA, why was the Hopi Tribe and IHS not included? They oversee HAMP and are the cause of years of delay. The Administrative Agreement was first signed in 2011 with completion date projected at 2016. Two years later in 2018, we received another threat to sign another Administrative Agreement, without any official committed date for completion of HAMP.

Why are First Mesa and Second Mesa under threat? We were never involved in the planning, design and actual construction of HAMP. We are merely Customers paying for HAMP services, whenever it is complete. I repeat the statement by EPA on Nov 7, 2017: HAMP will not receive EPA grants if FMCV is not included in the Project. Today, EPA is still ordering compliance by Villages, but do not include the Hopi Tribe and IHS who are responsible for and have direct authority over the Project. Today, FMCV would have been in compliance with EPA if supported to install filtering systems in our

wells. Unfortunately, it was not supported, because if FMCV was not included in the Project, the Tribe would not receive the EPA grant for HAMP.

Lack of funding was a critical issue faced by HAMP and with the closure of the Navajo Generating Station and Peabody Coal Company, the Tribe was placed in a financial dilemma with its diminishing revenues. Without the royalty payments supporting about 80% of its revenues, it was proposed that the Customers will pay for the HAMP loan. This loan could place villages and its members in a possible financial dilemma. What business plan does the Hopi Tribe have that will assure villages that HAMP will be completed and who will be responsible for any financial shortfalls? Assurances on the immediate completion of HAMP is necessary for the EPA Administrative Orders and the Tribe and IHS will need to make commitments on the completion date of HAMP.

This overview has been updated to document years of FMCV's efforts to meet the Safe Drinking Water compliance and faced with delays which is totally out of our control. For some time now, we have not had contact with the IHS engineers but recently received an update from HAMP Manager Bodell. Villages continue to be impacted by the non-completion of HAMP and continue to submit compliance plans and quarterly reports; although EPA had already accepted and approved FMCV's initial plan. The new requirement includes numerous testing, all very costly. This is a requirement for Hopi villages, yet IHS and the Hopi Tribe are not subject to this same requirement by EPA. With the slow effort on the completion of the Hopi Project, FMCV at one time entered into discussions with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA), to install arsenic filters at the east and west wells and have NTUA take over and manage the First Mesa Water System.

Costs of operations, pumping, repairs and testing are all very costly, which resulted in an increase in water payments in January, 2020 to offset the water operations. Customers do not pay for water; the water is free. It is the cost of operations, pumping, repair and testing that customers pay for. Other Hopi Villages receive annual allocations which they use for their village water operations and test costs. FMCV does not receive any tribal funding and solely supplements the cost of operations.

**Recently HAMP Manager Tim Bodell met with FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney to share the status of HAMP. Bodell verbally informed Sidney that the Project received funding and is currently under construction. The Project is slated to be complete by 2021.** FMCV must approve a right-of-way for the Project and currently waiting on documents for authorization signatures by the FMCV leaders. The HAMP office is located in Flagstaff resulting in no daily contact with FMCV.

Nine years after being promised an alternative water source with less arsenic, the HAMP project is finally underway. It is disappointing that the Hopi Tribal Council did not direct the expedited completion of HAMP. Our office has records on files on issues pertaining to arsenic and justification of water rate increases.

The recent increase in rates, resulted in complaints and meetings without any research for facts. I recommend that particular Village Boards conduct research and engage in respectful discussions to obtain factual information on the First Mesa Water System; although I understand that certain Boards have been directed not to associate with FMCV.

This overview, summary was first written in 2016, and updated April 25, 2020. All supporting documents and records are available at the FMCV office.

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## Hours of Operation

The FMCV Office is open for Business by Telephone only at 928-737-2670, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm (closed 12-1).

Water payments may be made by Debit/Credit Card Money Order payments may also be mailed to FMCV Water Department: PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042

## FMCV Water and Wastewater Services System USER AGREEMENT

The First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Water & Wastewater Services System User Agreement, is an Agreement entered into between FMCV and the Customer. The Purpose is to provide a binding Customer Service Agreement for water, sewer or septic service to residential homes and businesses located within the jurisdiction of First Mesa Community Villages.

The Agreement reads as follows:

**FMCV (First Mesa Consolidated Villages) AGREES TO:**

1. Oversee the connection of homes and businesses into existing water/sewer systems and oversee septic tank installation to private homes and businesses; upon the proper authorization by Village Kikmongwi. Water service lines will be installed at no less than 3 feet in depth.
2. Operate, maintain and make repairs required on water/sewage systems owned by FMCV up to 50 feet from the home. Homes on the Mesa will be maintained up to the exterior walls.
3. Assist homeowners and businesses with emergency services that impact their water/sewer/septic connections upon notification to FMCV. All service requests must be followed upon a standard FMCV Work Order Request.
4. Provide technical assistance to homeowners and businesses on matters within the Water Program's scope of work.

**CUSTOMER AGREES TO:**

1. Complete land assignment and water connection approvals from their respective clan leaders for FMCV's Kikmongwi signature; authorizing water, sewer and/or septic installation.
2. Agrees to make monthly water payments to assure continued service.
3. Agrees to make payment of a \$10.00 Late Fee per month, when monthly water payments bare not paid by the designated due date.
4. Agrees that only FMCV water operators are authorized to open and shut-off water valves and further acknowledge that ay unauthorized tampering will result in violators being reported to local Law Enforcement.
5. Provide written notice to FMCV of any transfer in water payment responsibility as a result of change in homeownership or rental.
6. Request for temporary water/sewer shut-off service during

non-occupancy of a home.

7. Agrees to utilize water only for residence and **refrain from extending or permitting any extensions of water pipes, hoses or sewer lines to adjoining or neighboring property.**
8. Refrain from hauling water for livestock, from households, community hydrants and businesses that are services of FMCV.
9. Septic Tank users agree to pay additional fees for pumping services.

**GENERAL AGREEMENTS INCLUDE:**

1. Emergency water shut-off may occur without prior warning to address problems with the water system.
2. Water shut-off notices will be provided for routine repair and maintenance.
3. Water related fees are subject to review and adjustment as needed to cover the operations and maintenance of the FMCV water and sewer systems.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

As the undersigned homeowner/renter or authorized business representative, I agree to abide by this FMCV Water Service Agreement. I further understand that any violations of this Agreement will result in disconnection of water/sewer service to my residence or business, possible legal action against me; including, but not limited to, associated expenses.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Customer  
Address  
Contact Number

**LOCATION OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS (check one per Agreement):**

- |                                                                       |                                         |                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walpi                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sichomovi      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tewa         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Polacca                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Polaca | <input type="checkbox"/> West Polacca |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walpi Housing, Unit #                        |                                         |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Mesa Elementary School Housing, Unit # |                                         |                                       |

**TYPE OF HOME:**

- |                                      |                                          |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUD Home    | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-built Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Property |

# Hopi COVID-19 Report

Recently, there has been a sharp increase in positive coronavirus cases throughout the U.S including Arizona reporting more than 3,400 cases in a single day since July. There is also a significant increase in patients being hospitalized and an increase in the number of virus. In a report released by the Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services, "the number of new COVID-19 cases (on Hopi Reservation) continues to increase with signs of community wide spread. In areas where coronavirus disease 2019 is spreading quickly, it's best to stay at home as much as possible, especially if you're at higher risk of serious illness from the virus. If you go to public places, minimize your interactions. That includes the number of people you interact with, as well as how close you get and how much time you spend. If you are sick or you've been exposed to the coronavirus, stay home except to get medical care. Contact your health care provider for medical advice. Call the Hopi Health Care Center Hotline if you have any questions about your status or concerns with COVID-19 at (928) 737-6188."

As of Nov. 10, the Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 5,206 patients. Of that amount, 526 tested positive and 374 were Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care also reported 58 Hopi members who tested positive to date. A total of 432 Hopi have tested positive

In Memory of Family and Friends who are no longer with us this Thanksgiving. Always on Our Minds, Forever in our Hearts



**Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases\* November 10, 2020**

	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative	Total Number in Process	Total Tested
	14	526	4,649	12	5,220

*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 November 10, 2020	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqötsmovi	23	4	27
Orayvi	8		8
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	154	3	157+
Musangnuvi	12		12
Supawlavi	16		16+
Söngoopavi	115		115+
Yuwelu-paki	6		6
Paaqavi	3		3
Hotvela	18	8	26(+)
Keams Canyon	13	4	17
Munqapi		44*	44*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>437</b>

## MISSING Ambrose "Moe" Siquah

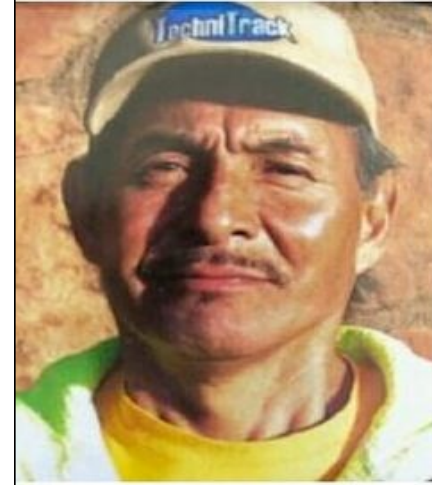


Last seen Sept. 28, 2020 near IHS Housing area, Keams Canyon, AZ wearing a dark blue shirt and denim jeans.

Weights 175 lbs  
5'11" Tall  
Dark brown eyes  
Dark brown hair  
Scar on left cheek.

If you have any information, call Hopi Police: 928-734-7340, or First Mesa Consolidated Villages 928-737-2670.

## MISSING Charles Ray Navasie



Keams Canyon AZ  
Hopi Reservation  
Missing 2-4-20

Age 54  
Brown Hair - Brown Eyes  
5' 5" to 5' 6" Tall  
137 lbs

Enrolled Hopi Tribe of Arizona  
Last seen by relatives near his residence  
If seen, or you know where Charles is, please call BIA Hopi Agency (928) 738-2235 Case# B0 2001 6765

NamUs# MP 68375

(5-14-20)

# First Mesa Tribal Council Monthly Report

By Wallace Youvella, Jr., First Mesa Council Representative

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-8:

### HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

**#026-2020-** To approve the Charter of Incorporation for the Tawa'ovi Community Development Corporation to establish a federally chartered corporation.  
Action: TABLED

**#061-2020-** To Approve the settlement agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. United States, No. 06-0941 (Fed. Ct. of Claims).  
Action: TABLED

**#081-2020-** To transfer Orayvi Village Carry-Over Allocations for fiscal years 2005-2018 from the Hopi Tribe to Orayvi's Merrill Lynch interest bearing account.  
Action: PASSED

**#079-2020-** To obtain approval to accept \$16,000 in funding from the Office of Arizona Attorney General for Law Enforcement Safety Equipment.  
Action: PASSED

**#080-2020-** Termination of Karen Pennington's contract.  
Action: PASSED

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-29 HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL IN RECESS

Legislative Building closed due to COVID-19 related matters.

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

October 12, 2020;

**No meeting** due to a lack of quorum. Meeting rescheduled to Oct. 20, 2020.

October 20, 2020:

**The seawall properties (hotels) in Galveston, Texas** are now in the process of foreclosure. Despite three attempts by the principal investor (Propel Management), to find a solution to late mortgage payments, the bank has decided to foreclose. Presently, the Hopi Tribe stands to lose an investment of approximately \$8.6 million, in this foreclosure. The matter is to be presented before the entire Hopi Tribal Council as soon as possible.

**The Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation** has not submitted the documents requested by the Hopi Tribal Council, to the Investment Committee. A letter of non-compliance, of a Tribal Resolution, is to be submitted to the Hopi Tribal Council as well as a courtesy letter to the HTEDC.  
**Next meeting** scheduled November 12, 2020 at 9am.

### TRANSPORTATION TASK TEAM:

October 20, 2020:

**Correspondence from F. Shupla (Office of Planning and Economic Development)**, read into record regarding the Polacca Airport status. We are in year two of a five year grant that is being handled by the Office of Planning and Economic Development. Although this project has oversight by a different department, it is directly related to the Hopi Transportation and communication with Shupla is greatly appreciated. More information will be forthcoming.

**Transfer of Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) funds to an Interest Bearing Account** brought forth by Representative Wallace Youvella, Jr. Monies within the HDOT program in the amount of approximately \$30 million could possibly be placed into interest bearing accounts, yielding funds that may be able to cover the shortfalls of HDOT or may be used for other uses. Support has been given to explore this endeavor and Michael Lomayaktewa, HDOT Director, will gather more information and provide the information to the Transportation Task Team for an update.

**The Hopi Sinom Transit** continues to prepare for the re-open (Phase 2).

**The Hopi Medical Transportation Program** was showcased with the AzTA/ADOT Spotlight Award! Congratulations and many thanks to everyone involved in this valuable program.

**There is a need for physical addresses for every home on Hopi.** Discussions and the need for presentations will be addressed in the near future.

**Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) reminds HDOT that general information needs to be shared** with the ADOT to justify and advocate for funds to improve the State Highways on Hopi.

**Improvement on the bridge crossing Moencopi Wash**, on State Highway 264 is scheduled to begin in 2024.

### OCTOBER 13 & 19, HDOT Work Sessions. Topics discussed:

- Inventory and Priority listing. Discussions were preliminary, however no action was taken due to the need for more Task Team participation and discussion within the villages.
- Presentation and update of how Transportation funding is acquired and its uses.
- History of Hopi Lands, New Lands and how it impacts HDOT.
- Overview of the Tribal Transportation Program/PART 170
- Discussion of the BIA 1984 Agreement
- Overview of HDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan. Changes may need to be made, however will need an amendment to the Resolution, via the Hopi Tribal Council.
- Challenges with all roads, Tribe, BIA and ADOT were discussed with recommendations to address matters.
- ADOT has been invited to participate in the Hopi Transportation meetings where upgrades to State Hwy 264 will be addressed
- Update of non-inventory roads (villages, farm, ranching and new lands).
- The Hopi LIS Office was very valuable in assisting with the presentations and we thank them for all their assistance to the HDOT program and the Transportation Task Team.
- Challenges and obstacles were discussed with possible solutions. Discussion will continue within Transportation Task Team meetings.

**Conclusion of Report for October 2020.** A reminder to all, be safe and take all necessary precautions to protect yourself and your family, against COVID-19. Kwah'kway.

## Navajo Tribal Members CARES Fund Hardship Assistance Program

The Navajo Nation CARES Fund Hardship Assistance Program was established under Resolution No. CJY-67-20 and Resolution No. CS-74-20, developed to support enrolled members of the Navajo Nation who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to receive funding, individuals must show a financial impact resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic by completing and submitting the Hardship Assistance Program Application.

**WHEN:** Early application period opens on October 26 for paper applications for elderly and special needs only; all applications (online and paper) available November 2, 2020.

**WHERE:** Visit your local Chapter House for more information, access to the online application, or to complete a paper application.

**REQUIREMENTS:** All enrolled members of the Navajo Nation who have experienced a financial hardship resulting from circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to apply.

**HOW:** Apply online at [navajonnsn.gov](http://navajonnsn.gov) or [nnooc.org](http://nnooc.org) for safest and most convenient processing.

**WHO:** Applicants may apply for themselves and/or on behalf of others, such as family members.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are due by **November 30, 2020**. All applications will be processed as soon as possible, and our team members may reach out with follow up questions. Final approval of your application and determination of all payouts will be communicated after the application period closes.

## Hopi Solid Waste Management Program

The HSWMP has announced they will continue to provide weekly solid waste services to customers.

Solid waste collection will be conducted Monday – Friday on routine scheduled routes. Repossessions will still be in effect and other Work Orders processed along with new Applications.

Payments can be made at the Hopi Tribe Treasurer's Office by credit card or money order. Contact # for the Treasurer's Office is 928-734-3124.

The HSWMP Landfill will be open to the public on regular schedule: Monday through Wednesday, 9am – 3pm and Thursday & Friday 9am – 2pm (weather permitting).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and limitations, Customers requesting assistance with account information, payments, new application or related services, are encouraged to call prior to visiting the office. The HSWMP contact # is 928-734-3452 or 3454 (limited staff on duty).

## Hopi CARES Program

The last day to apply for the Hopi Tribe General Welfare Emergency Assistance, was November 13 at 5pm.

Emergency assistance payments are currently being processed with some tribal members already receiving their assistance payments.

For information on the Hopi CARES General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program, call 928-734-3571 or 3573.

# November Nationals Month

## NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrates the rich culture, history, and traditions of Native people in November.

This observance is a time to educate everyone about the different tribes, raise awareness about the past struggles native people faced as well as the present. Thousands of years before Christopher Columbus landed his ship in the Bahamas, Native Americans already had cultivated lives and communities. Native American history and culture is rich and diverse and Native Americans have always been known for hard work and quick instinct.



National Native American Heritage Month  
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

### NOVEMBER 26 IS THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Traditionally it is a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the harvest. In modern times it is a National Holiday when people take time off from work and spend time with family and friends over a large feast—usually with a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving in the early days was celebrated on various dates until Abraham Lincoln, in 1863 with help from Sarah Josepha Hale, decided Thanksgiving should be on the final Thursday in November. Later, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law making the day officially celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.



## What are YOU Thankful For?

### NOVEMBER 11 IS VETERANS DAY



**FLU SHOTS by Hopi Health Care**  
**Ponsi Hall, November 17**  
**10am—12 noon**

### First Mesa Youth Center's Business Center Open

Window Service Only, Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.  
For information call FMYC at 928-737-2799 or email Cheyenne Walker at Cwalker@htha.org

### NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVERS MONTH

In 2014, through a Presidential Proclamation, Barack Obama designated November as National Family Caregivers Month. All Americans are encouraged to pay tribute to those providing for the health and wellbeing of family members, friends and neighbors.

### NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH

In November, National Diabetes Month focuses on the growing diabetes and its effects on people's lives. From physical, emotional and social effects to damaging health, diabetes impacts more than 30 million people in the United States and continues to grow. Also known as American Diabetes Month, this month focuses on making healthy changes and reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes.

### NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE MONTH

In November, National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month shines a spotlight on the most common form of dementia. There is No Cure for this disease that affects nearly 5.4 million Americans, and the number is growing. While November is dedicated to raising awareness about the disease, it also focuses on increasing support for caregivers and sharing available resources.

### NATIONAL COPD AWARENESS MONTH

National COPD Awareness Month dedicates all of November to educating the public about a disease that makes breathing difficult. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is any disorder that persistently bronchial obstructs airflow. During National COPD Awareness Month, learn about the causes and become an advocate for prevention.

### EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

Epilepsy Awareness Month in November brings attention to a condition affecting more than 1 million in the United States. This life-long condition has no cure, and continued research is needed. That's why Epilepsy Awareness Month continues to make a difference in November and all year long. Since epilepsy is the 4th most common neurological disease, it impacts everyone. The condition does not discriminate. While anyone of any age and any popu-

### FREE LABOR

Local LDS Missionaries provide free community service (cut & chop wood, yard work and general labor around the house). They can provide their own tools. Call Elder Bracken, Elder Finlinson or Elder Crawford at (928) 421-9420 for assistance.

## Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

As we near the winter season, the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) has identified the need to continue and increase the opportunities to access the Hart/Drye Ranch, to harvest dead and down wood to heat their homes, during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hopi WEMP implements the schedule below to allow our Hopi Tribal member's access to the Hart/Drye Ranch to obtain wood during the rest of the Fall/Winter 2020. Hopi Tribal members may make multiple trips during the four day event Hopi Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest.

#### 2020 Hart/Drye Wood Harvest Schedule:

Dates	Hours of Operation
November 20th to 23rd	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
December 4th to 7th	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)
December 11th to 14th.	8 am to 4 pm (Last vehicle check-in at 2 pm)

WEMP staff will be onsite to monitor and check-in vehicles and issue permits upon completion of wood harvest. WEMP staff will follow CDC guidelines and follow social distancing guidelines, and keep immediate interaction at a minimum. We will require individuals to wear a mask during the check-in and check-out process.

The scheduled dates will be open during times when no Arizona State General Hunts will occur to limit any potential conflicts. All Hart/Drye Ranch Wood Harvest will be scheduled in-between the 2020 AZGFD General Hunt dates.

Any questions, please feel free to call WEMP staff at (928) 497-1012 or (928) 497-1014.

**Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good;**  
**His love endures forever.**  
**1Chronicles 16:34**

# The Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project Construction Currently Underway



HAMP Well #1



HAMP Well #2



HAMP Well #3 Currently Being Drilled



Solar panels currently under construction at Well #3, along with a water tank to bring water to First Mesa

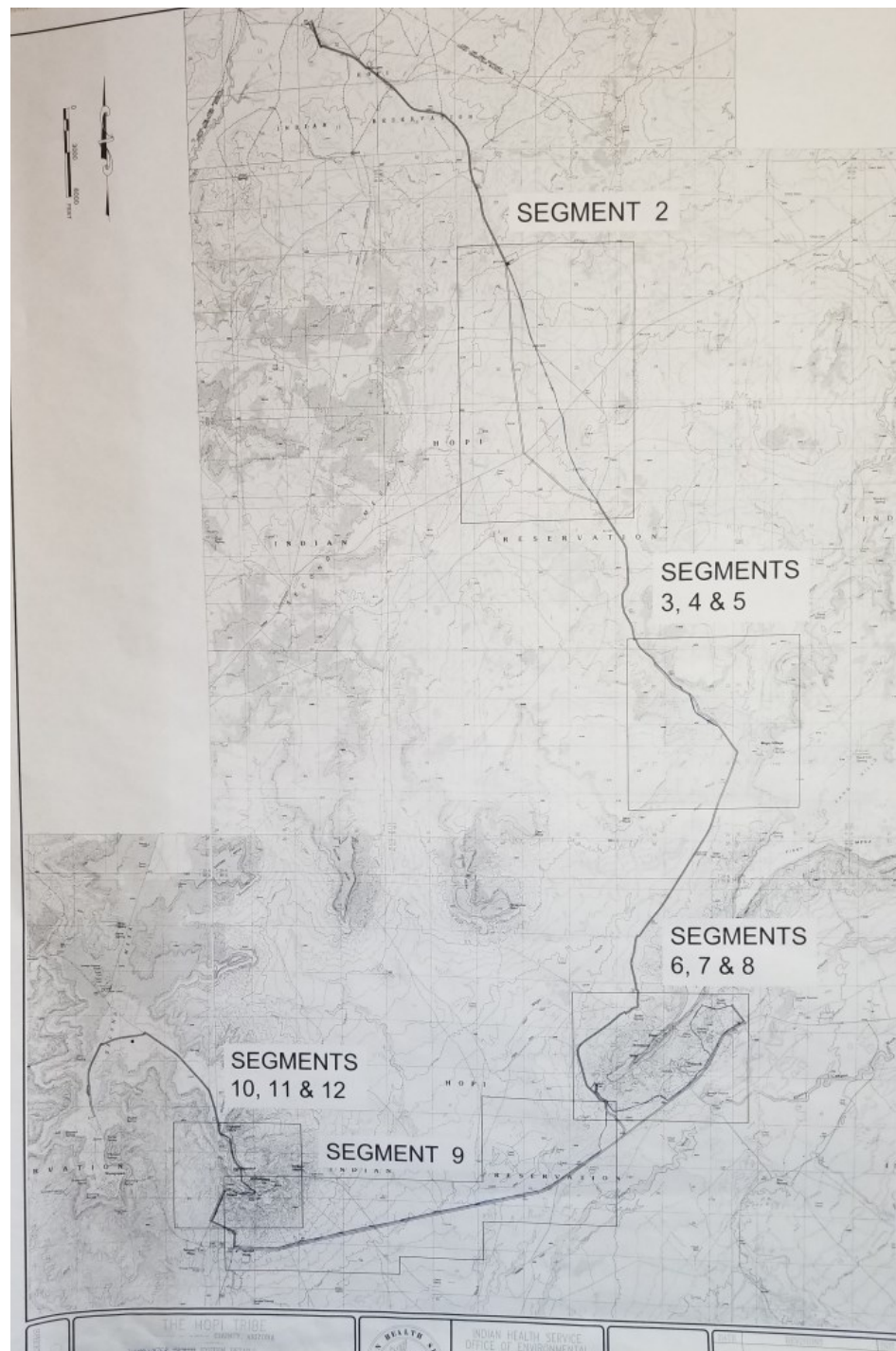


Since 2005, First Mesa Consolidated Villages entered into an Agreement with the Hopi Tribe and the Indian Health Services to bring safe drinking water to the Polacca and Keams Canyon areas. After nearly 15 years, the Project finally received funding and is now under construction.

The HAMP wells are being drilled in the Hardrock area, bringing a source of water from the Navajo Aquifer (N-Aquifer), previously used by Peabody to slurry coal to Mohave Generation Station in Nevada.

Water from the well fields in the Hardrock area will replace the high levels of arsenic in First Mesa.

The drawing shows a waterline from Hardrock water fields going through Wild Cat area



into the Wepo Valley. The pipeline will continue to the West

Tank where it will finally connect. From there another water-

line will run to the East Water Tank and on to Keams Canyon.