

Hopi Tribe
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1st Annual Hopi Tribe Partnership Meeting
September 24, 2008
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Hopi Wellness Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

RESOURCES TASK TEAM

PURPOSE/KEY GOALS	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS	LEAD/MEMBERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identify existing gravel pits and locate them on a map ◆ Identify existing wells and locate them on a map ◆ Identify NDOT 20 year roads construction plans ◆ Identify ADOT 5 year roads construction plans ◆ Identify Apache, Navajo, and Coconino County School Bus Routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ We finally got the Navajo Nation Department of Mineral's gravel pit maps from Auto Cad format to DXF, arch GIS and Shape files and ready for printing. ❑ Apache County and NDOT working on the first opening of sand and gravel pit in Teec Nos Pos. ❑ Apache County and Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources working on drilling a well in Chinle. 	<p>Lead: Stan Robbins</p> <p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Patricia White ➤ Leo Sheppard ➤ Randal Pair ➤ Kee Yazzie ➤ Tim Dalegowski ➤ Vicky Begay ➤ Marcus Tulley

What the task team needs from the Partnership members to progress toward its goals:

- Identify all existing sand and gravel pits
- Identify all existing wells
- Review and study the Tribal mineral leasing process
- Review and study the Tribal water use permitting process

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SUCCESS STORY:**

Situation (provide a brief description/background of the situation):

- Choice of law (Tribe vs County and State)
- Sovereign Immunity
- Dispute Resolution
- Tribal Preference in Employment Act

Challenges (describe the difficulties/issues/obstacles):

- In the Chinle Water Use and well drilling MOU the Tribe and Apache County were reluctant to be subjects to one another's legal systems. The document was supposed to be a simple water use and drilling permit from the department of water resources but the Tribes OMB interpreted the condition of appropriation to be an MOU.

Partnering Practices (what were the behaviors, attitudes & steps taken to promote collaborative teamwork and a win-win outcome?):

- The Tribes department of Justice took over and for awhile communicated with the County Attorney ceased they stopped communicating. We at the County had to set up a meeting where the Tribe's DOJ, the President's legal Counsel and County Attorney were in attendance. They worked out the language in 20 minutes.

Outcomes (results: what happened as a result of the partnership efforts?):

- They did away with the MOU and went with the original water use permit. They said the MOU was too cumbersome because of the added legal language.
- There is an existing water use permit with Apache County District II and with the current review of District I Chinle Well a better "Water Use Permit Modification" was developed.
- Long term it is better for the County to purchase water and gravel from the Nation.