

NAVAJO NATION

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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CANDICE YAZZIE
DIVISION DIRECTOR



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRINGS A 'GO GET 'EM AND GET IT DONE ATTITUDE'

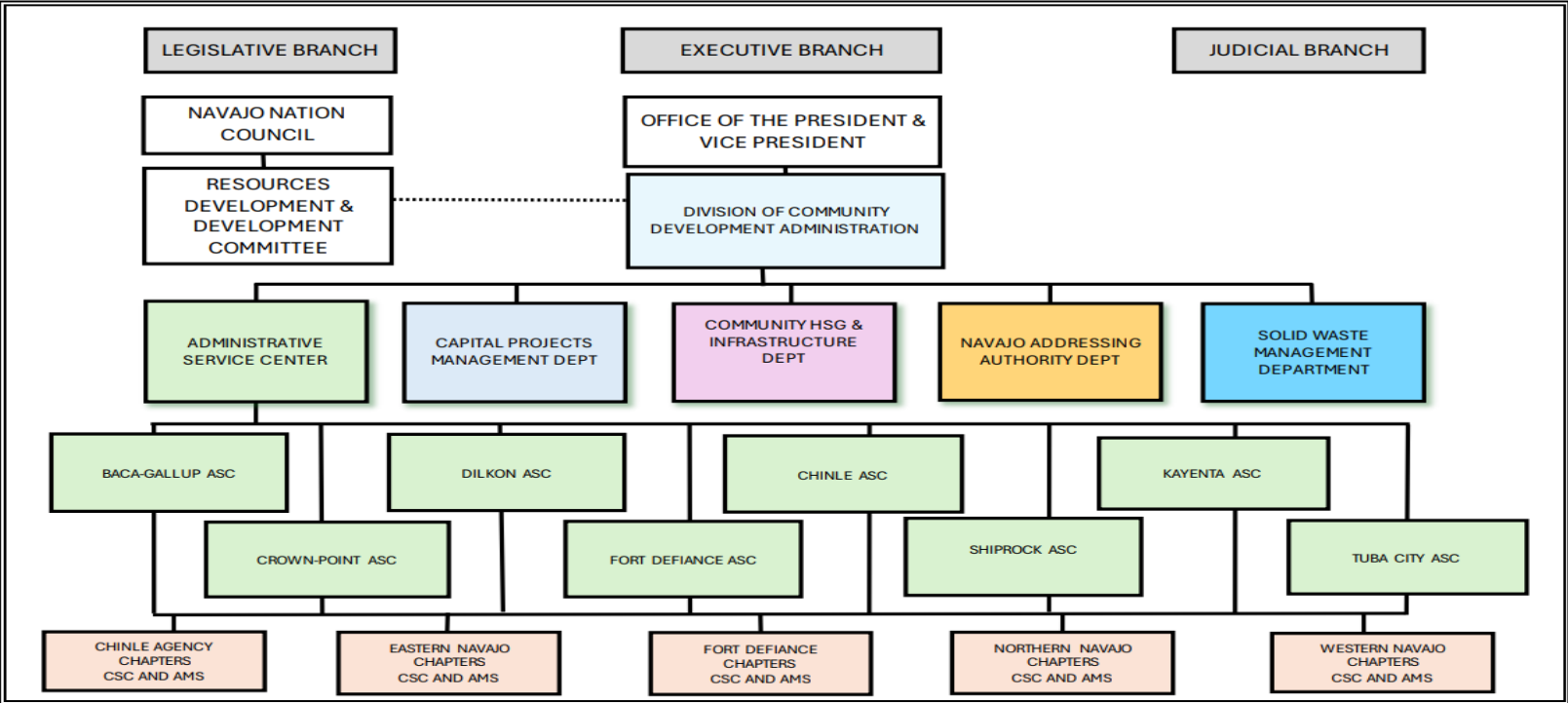
It is with great pride that I congratulate Candice Yazzie on her new role as the Executive Director of Community Development. From Fort Defiance, Arizona, Yazzie is Tódich'íí'nii born for Naneesht'ézhí Táchii'nii, her maternal grandfather being Naashashí and paternal grandfather is Kintichíí'nii.

Yazzie earned her Bachelor's degree in Construction Management from Northern Arizona University in 2003 and has spent her career mastering community development within the construction industry.

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► ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**THE NAVAJO NATION
EXECUTIVE BRANCH / DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



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► PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

The **Division of Community Development (DCD)** is a key administrative branch of the Navajo Nation government dedicated to strengthening local governance and community infrastructure. It provides direct oversight, guidance, and support to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters, which serve as the foundational units of local government. Through policy guidance, technical assistance, and administrative support, DCD ensures that chapters operate efficiently and in accordance with Navajo Nation laws, policies, and financial procedures.

The division is comprised of several programs and departments focused on planning, construction, community housing, project management, and administrative services. These programs work collaboratively to develop and maintain essential infrastructure such as community buildings, roads, utilities, and housing. DCD also assists chapters with land use planning, financial reporting, and grant and contract management. In addition, the division is **diligently working with the 54 New Mexico chapters** to ensure all **vetting requirements and training obligations** are met, reinforcing accountability and compliance standards across state boundaries.

Overall, DCD plays a vital role in advancing **self-governance, accountability, and sustainable community development** across the Navajo Nation. By supporting chapter operations, facilitating infrastructure development, and ensuring that chapter officials are properly trained and equipped, DCD helps strengthen local capacity and promotes the long-term well-being of Navajo communities.

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► IAD REPORTED ON JULY 31, 2024 CO IGAs, Projects, and Reversions

CO IGAs:

	Number of CO IGAs Sent to NPTs	Number of CO IGAs Returned to IAD for IAD Secretary Signature	Number of CO IGAs Fully Executed
FY25	144	4	3
FY24	229	0	78
FY23	159		
FY22	175		
FY21	43		

CO Projects:

	Number of CO Active Projects	Number of CO Closed Projects	Total Amount of CO Funding Allocated by FY
FY25	144	0	\$68,807,827
FY24	229	0	\$148,172,154
FY23	157	2	\$54,896,974
FY22	150	25	\$60,392,664
FY21	34	9	\$13,800,459

CO Reversions:

	Number of CO General Fund (GF) Projects Reverting/ed	Total Amount of CO GF Funding Reverting/ed	Number of CO Severance Tax Bond (STB) Projects Reverting/ed	Total Amount of CO STB Funding Reverting/ed
FY25	0	0	0	0
FY24	0	0	0	0
FY23	25	\$1,618,252	0	0
FY22	14	\$3,396,775	0	0
FY21	23	\$1,975,437	0	0

TIF IGAs, Projects, and Reversions

TIF IGAs:

	Number of TIF IGAs Sent to NPTs	Number of TIF IGAs Returned to IAD for IAD Secretary Signature	Number of TIF IGAs Fully Executed
FY25	17	1	4
FY24	34	0	24
FY23	17	0	17
FY22	17	0	17
FY21	14	0	14

TIF Projects:

	Number of TIF Active Projects	Number of TIF Closed Projects	Total Amount of TIF Funding Allocated by FY
FY25	17	0	\$62,310,000
FY24	34	0	\$67,500,000
FY23	17	0	\$38,140,000
FY22	15	2	\$26,630,794
FY21	11	3	\$19,896,635

TIF Reversions:

	Number of TIF Projects Reverting/ed	Total Amount of TIF Funding Reverting/ed
FY25	0	\$0
FY24	0	\$0
FY23	0	\$0
FY22	1	\$80,227
FY21	7	\$3,833,179



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▶ NAVAJO NATION DCD-VETTING INITIATIVE

Vetting Process Timeline

PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE (30) DAYS BEFORE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEADLINE	VETTING AT DCD OFFICE (10 DAYS)	RECOMMENDATION FOR SUBMITTAL (5 DAYS)
Identification of Chapter Top (2) Projects	Submittal of Application for Service	Authorization for 2025 NM Capital Outlay Submittal
Support Resolution for Project	Support Documentation Review	
Project Estimate	Identification of two project priority	

Action Items

Prioritize funding allocation based on Community Project that is under funded to complete.

Assessment, Analysis & detail cost estimate and timeline to support the priority project

* Chapter Master Plan should be used to guide the vision and mission of the objective

Ensure the projects are sustainable and measurable

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▶ VETTING REQUIREMENT - NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS



THE NAVAJO NATION
Capital Projects Management Department
Division of Community Development
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION & CHECK-OFF

TODAY'S DATE: _____

CHAPTER/DEPT.: _____

TYPE OF PROJECT:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter House | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Purpose | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> NN Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Powerline Ext. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Lagoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterline Bathroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewerline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housewiring | <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

RECEIVED DATE: _____

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

ASSIGNED TO: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

CHECKLIST OF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Withdrawal/Land Designation | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Land Use Plan (CLUP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Data Square |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Approval/Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Estimate/Cost Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Service Cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Review/Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Feasibility Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off. of Environmental Health (IHS) Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Analysis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resource Compliance Form (Archaeology) | <input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work/Background Information | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Clearance Form (Endangered Species) | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Assessment/Max Capacity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easement/Right-of-Way | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PURPOSE: _____ hereby request for technical assistance
SPONSORSHIP/CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM
for the following areas:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection/Walk-Thru |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schematic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Estimation/Cost Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Drawings | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of Contract Proposals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specification Development/As-Built | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Attendance | |

Priorities for Discussion: (Projects which are underfunded from previous years) Must be completed in the grant period or within a year.

A. New Construction (Building/Facility)

- Projects with completed designs requiring construction funds
- Aim to enhance community services and expand capacity

B. Renovation of Existing Facilities

- Upgrades to existing buildings to maintain and improve community services
- Focus on modernization spaces to better serve community needs

C. Exterior Improvements

- Essential updates such as roofing, gutters, electrical systems, windows, and doors.
- Address aging infrastructure and enhance building aesthetics and safety

D. ADA Compliance Enhancements

- Improvements to restrooms, building entrance, common areas, and parking to ensure accessibility for all.
- Compliance with ADA standards to better serve the community.

E. Energy System Updates

- Investment in heating and cooling systems to improve energy efficiency
- Long-term cost saving and reduced environmental impact

F. Underfunded Projects

- Additional funding required for ongoing

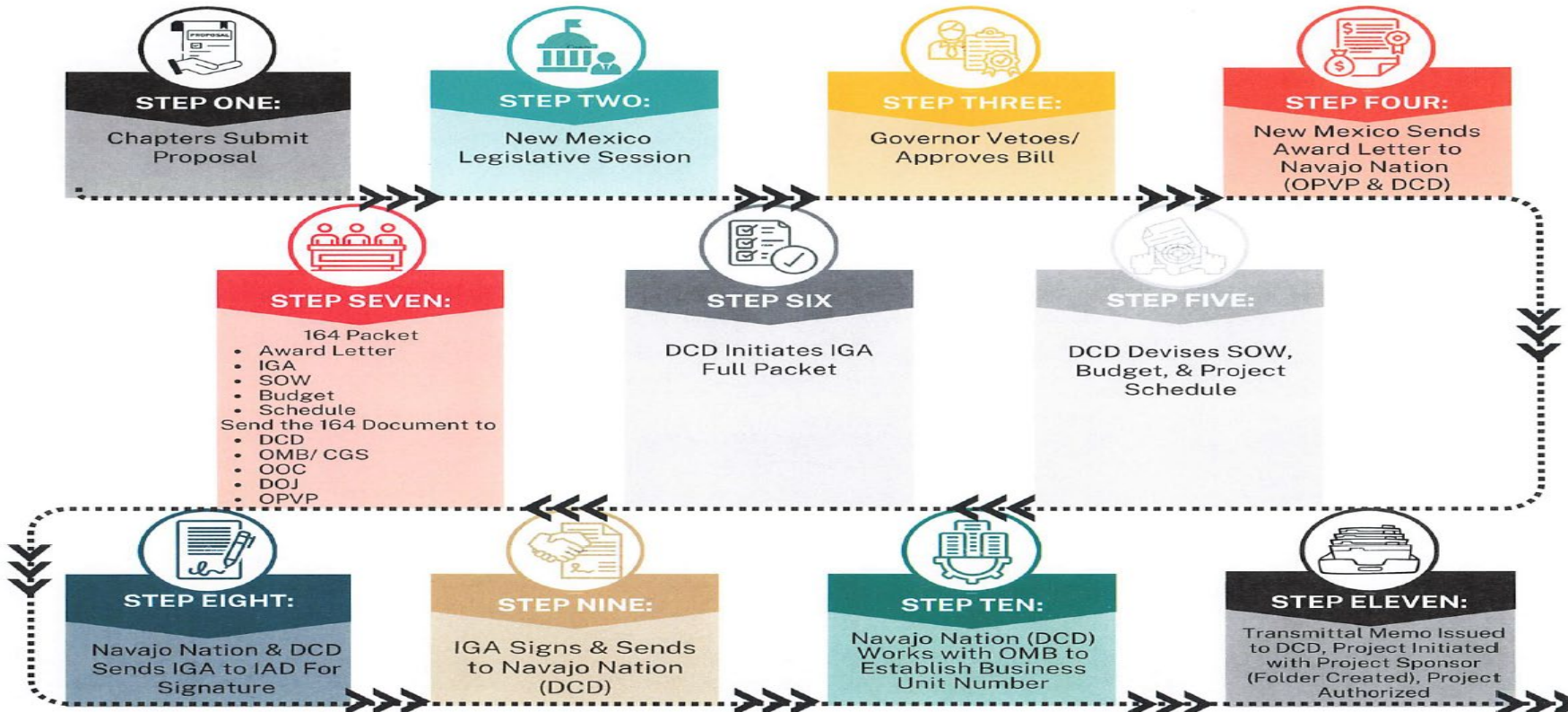
G. Community System Analysis

- Further analysis needed for road improvements and utility systems
- Identify areas for investment that will support community infrastructure and service delivery

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▶ NAVAJO NATION 164 PROCESS/PROCUREMENT/ALIGNMENT

PROPOSAL/ IGA/ 164 PROCESS



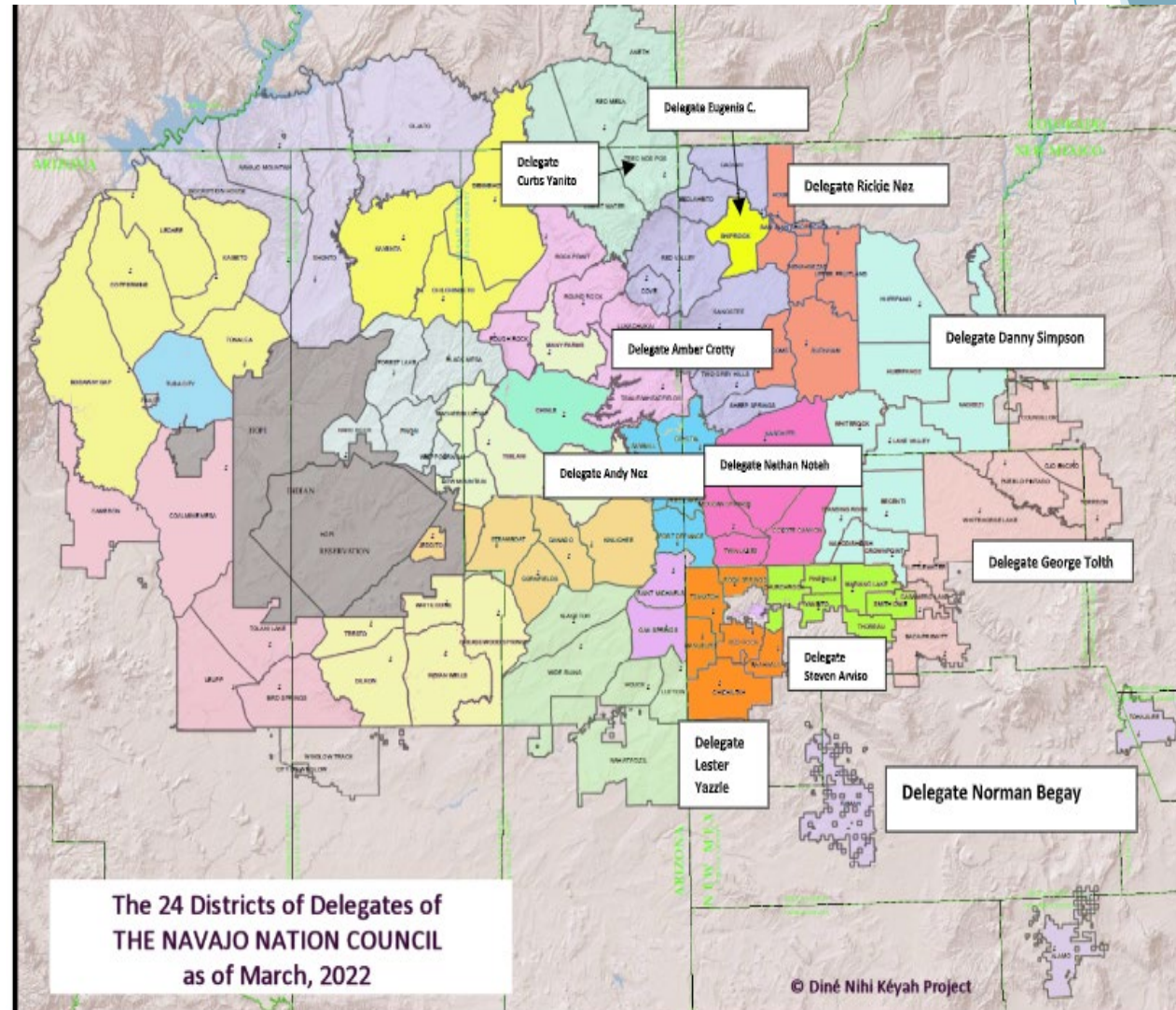
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- ▶ CHALLENGES AND ONGOING COORDINATION
- ▶ The Division of Community Development continues to experience challenges with **New Mexico Capital Outlay project implementation** at both the chapter and departmental levels. Often, chapters and departments request funding for projects knowing they will not be fully funded in a single allocation and will likely need to be completed in phases. This creates complications with **contract modifications, fund reversions, and timeline extensions** when projects move into another allocation year.
- ▶ DCD recognizes the importance of **educating chapter officials** to better understand the intent and requirements of the Capital Outlay process, including the need to **prioritize shovel-ready projects** and those already **in progress or nearing completion**. The division continues to emphasize planning, readiness, and accountability in project submissions to ensure funds are utilized effectively and within required timeframes.
- ▶ DCD remains committed to **transparency and collaboration** with the **New Mexico Indian Affairs Department**, continuing reconciliation meetings to monitor project progress and ensure compliance. Transparency remains critical, especially regarding recent and upcoming process changes such as updates to **IGA language for the Notice of Obligation**, the **PARS initiative**, and the implementation of a new **DocuSign system** for executing and uploading IGA documents.

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DELEGATE REGIONS-NEW MEXICO

- ▶ LEGEND:
- ▶ Delegate Eugenia C. Newton-Shiprock
- ▶ Delegate Rickie Nez- T'iistoh Sikaad, Nenahnezad, Upper Fruitland, Tse' Daa' Kaan, Newcomb, San Juan
- ▶ Delegate Curtis Yanito- TeecNosPos
- ▶ Delegate Amber Crotty-Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley Tse'alnaozt'i'i', Sheepsprings, Beclabito, Gadiiahi/To'Koi
- ▶ Delegate Danny Simpson-Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint
- ▶ Delegate Nathan Notah-Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, Bahastl'a'a'
- ▶ Delegate Andy Nez-Fort Defiance, Crystal
- ▶ Delegate George Tolth-Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor
- ▶ Delegate Steven Arviso- Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau
- ▶ Delegate Lester Yazzie- Baahaali, Chilchiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh
- ▶ Delegate Norman Begay- Alamo, Ramah, Tohajiilee



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Thank you

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▶ DEPARTMENT MANAGERS AND PROJECT MANAGERS

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Executive Office

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Delilah Bill, Office Assistant.....	7182

Information Technology

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Project Management

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Judith Willoughby, Programs & Proj. Specialist.....	6089
Henry "Jay" Yazzie, Jr., Project Manager.....	6736
Irma Julian, Project Manager.....	6168
Kent Grantsen, Project Manager.....	6735
Ricky Begay, Project Manager.....	6740
Mark Crawford, Project Manager.....	6939
Marta Quintana, Planner/Estimator.....	6739
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Stephanie Baldwin, Contract Compliance Officer.....	6734

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Community Housing & Infrastructure Department

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Clint Chischillie, Carpenter.....	6468
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William Nelson, Construction Supervisor.....	4017
Irvin Shorty, Construction Supervisor.....	4017
Darrell Benally, Carpenter.....	4017
Barton Willie, Carpenter.....	4017
Natasha Caldwell, Carpenter.....	4017
Ferland Jesus, Carpenter.....	4017
Lander Sam, Carpenter.....	4017

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Agency Staff

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