

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:10 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Mary Bradley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Dale Lucero, Leroy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, James Surveyor, Philton Talahyewa, and Brian Cole.

3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding

Brian Cole began the meeting by sharing information on a new federal grant program that can have indirect benefit to the JVSP effort. It is the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) program. Cole indicated he is developing a collaboration between Hopi, Navajo, Hualapai, and Havasupai to plan and fund a series of regional tourism attractions that will all be interconnected. Cole explained this could be a significant additional opportunity to bring water Moenkopi. The project could benefit other potential projects around Hopi as well.

Cole then indicated that the project, referred to as the NHHH Collaborative (Navajo/Hopi/Hualapai/Havasupai) could provide a catalytic effect for JVSP with Congressional advocacy. That is, by reaching out to the other Tribes, particularly Navajo, we could “catalyze” the communication to secure the \$1.2 billion envisioned through JVSP. Cole stated that he thought Leroy Shingoitewa was ideally positioned to assist with all of this.

Leroy Shingoitewa stated that he was in favor of this plan but wanted the feedback from the group to make sure that everyone was comfortable with this broad and relatively immediate approach. In general, people responded that the JVSP game plan was in place, the Tribal Resolution is in hand, and it is time to move forward.

Cole indicated that all of this was very timely, as Congress continues to deliberate the Infrastructure Bill. This can be an opportunity to secure the Federal Funding envisioned through the JVSP effort.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

Leroy Shingoitewa discussed the upcoming meetings of the UMV Steering Committee.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No report.

5. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

6. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 24 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am MST.