

Joint Village Strategic Planning

Upper Moenkopi Village Village of Moencopi (Lower) Yuwehloo Pahki Community

TO: Hopi Land Commission

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RE: Joint Village Strategic Planning Update

We are pleased to provide you with this update on the effort that has become known as Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP).

Upper Moenkopi Village, the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Yuwehloo Pahki Community are seeking federal funding to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation. Over the past two years, we have been working on strategic planning and capital improvement plan efforts to make a case to Congress for such funding.

This approach is unique in that it is based upon economic development strategic planning. That is, we are not just asking for money for damages, but rather we are seeking an investment by the federal government so that the housing, infrastructure, public facilities and economic development opportunities can be created to sustain Hopi for decades into the future.

In recent months, activity has actually picked up (even with the impacts of the pandemic). All three Communities have participated in weekly video conferences to finalize the capital improvement plan budget that is necessary to meet the needs and economic development opportunities of the Communities.

A recent meeting finalized this process, and the Communities are prepared to make their request before Congress.

Throughout this effort, we have briefed Congressman O'Halleran, and especially his aide, Jack Jackson, Jr., on these efforts.

All of this took a new twist when the pandemic began to impact Hopi and the rest of the world in March. While we always thought that the "end game" would be a multi-year federal appropriation (or even a federal settlement), we now believe that our best opportunity to find a remedy to this situation is

through an upcoming federal stimulus bill. We are anticipating that Congress will be considering additional stimulus bills soon.

There is one more plan in the works, the strategic plan for Upper Moenkopi Village. This planning activity takes place September 2-3.

We believe that the time is now for all parties to come together to pursue these funds. In total, funding could approach \$1.2 billion.

Request for Action

A tremendous amount of planning and project analysis has been completed over the past two years, and we are ready for action right now. We request your support for this effort as we communicate with federal representatives. ***We need a response to this request at your earliest convenience.***