Joint Village Strategic Planning
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Project Purpose

The purpose of Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) is to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation by planning for infrastructure, housing, community facilities, and economic development investments.

JVSP coordinates with the Hopi Tribal Council to advocate for such funding and investment.

Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) has been active since 2017. JVSP has held weekly meetings virtually every Tuesday morning at 10 am MST since the spring of 2020.

Pasture Canyon Water Development Project Receives Funding

When Upper Moenkopi Village (UMV) completed its Economic Development Strategic Plan in October 2020, one project rose to the top: an improved water system that would meet the needs of the Village for decades to come.

The Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA) has been a consistent participant in the weekly JVSP meetings for years. With this constant communication and project advocacy, JVSP assisted MUA in coordination with Indian Health Service (IHS) to update information describing the priority water project.

In April 2022, JVSP was contacted by Hopi Tribe Executive Director Dorma Sahneyah requesting information which could be provided to the Hopi lobbyist and Congress in order to be considered for Congressionally Directed Spending. Over the past several months, JVSP has communicated with the Hopi Water Energy Committee to provide clear and consistent communication from Hopi that this a priority for Congressional funding.

With all of this communication, Hopi has now been informed that it will receive $1.5 million for the MUA Pasture Canyon Water Development Project.

Project Description

The Moenkopi Utility Authority, with support from Upper Moenkopi Village, is advancing a $1.5 million water development project that includes: 1) the transmission line from Pasture Canyon (including tunneling under the highway), 2) the pump house, 3) the SCADA System, 4) fencing, and 5) a 230,000-gallon fiberglass tank.
The existing well has been drilled and capped but it is not enclosed. The project has been signed off and does have approved blueprints. Well #1 currently can produce 45 gallons per minute.

MUA currently serves 210 residential customers and 10 businesses. All of the businesses are served by the same water system.