

Joint Village Strategic Planning Report to Hopi Tribal Commissions

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Joint Village
Strategic Planning

UMV, VML & YPC

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.

Three Tribe In-person Planning Session Envisioned

The message in January of 2022 from the Senate Appropriations Staff was very clear: if Hopi would work with Navajo and the San Juan Southern Paiute – and be inclusive of the HPL and NPL areas – Congress would fund the implementation of a comprehensive planning effort by the three Tribes.

To date, Hopi's planning work is completed in the form of the Joint Village Strategic Planning. In addition, Navajo's planning is also complete in the form of the Navajo Thaw Regional Recovery Plan. What is missing is a similar planning effort being advanced by the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (SJSP).

SJSP is set to get underway with its similar planning effort this fall.

With all of this in mind, initial efforts are underway to bring representation from all three Tribes to one in-person meeting in November probably located at Upper Moenkopi Village or the Tuba City area.

Three similar meetings took place in 2022 which led to understanding and support by Congressman O'Halleran to seek funding benefitting the Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA). Resuming this focus and collaboration will be the intent of the in-person session.