

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
and)	
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE,)	07cv00681-DHU/JMR
Plaintiffs,)	
)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
v.)	ADJUDICATION
)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel.)	Subproceeding 1:
STATE ENGINEER, et al.,)	Zuni Indian Claims
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”), the United States of America (“United States”), the Zuni Indian Tribe (“Zuni”), and the Navajo Nation (“Navajo”) (collectively, the “Parties”), through undersigned counsel, jointly submit this Status Report to the Court pursuant to the June 21, 2017 *Order Directing Submission of Status Report* [Doc. 347].

1. In the Parties’ June 20, 2023 status report [Doc. 372], we notified the Court that the Parties had reached a settlement of Zuni’s water rights claims in this adjudication. Since that time, we continue to make progress on various settlement tasks. The Parties anticipate federal legislation will be introduced in the very near future, and work continues on other conditions precedent to enforceability. Zuni’s attorneys also met on several occasions with counsel and staff for the Navajo Nation to provide an update and information about Zuni’s settlement.

2. In addition, the Parties, through each Party's staff and/or technical consultants, continue to collaborate on developing a hydrologic model capable of assessing impacts of historical and proposed water uses.

3. The Parties jointly agree that additional time is needed to pursue the next steps in the settlement process and to continue the modeling work. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request the Court to hold all litigation deadlines in abeyance so the Parties may continue their efforts. The Parties intend to provide the Court with a Status Report no later than June 20, 2024, pursuant to the Court's *Order Directing Submission of Status Report* [Doc. 347].

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on December 15, 2023, I filed the foregoing *Joint Status Report* electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused CM/ECF Participants to be served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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