

Announcing The Haury Program Navajo Nation Water Resilience Information Hub- “The Haury Water Hub”

The Haury Program invites tribal water resilience researchers, nonprofits, and funders to submit and share news to be included in its *Tuesdays with Haury* (TWH) electronic newsletter.

This news will be shared in a new feature of TWH titled, *Navajo Nation Water Resilience Information Hub (The Haury Water Hub)*, inspired by the water sustainability goals and accomplishments of the Navajo Nation’s COVID-19 Water Access Coordination Group (WACG). The Haury Water Hub is not intended to be any form of a data repository, rather a place where information on current and on-going work and research happening on the Navajo Nation water issues can be shared.

WACG is a coalition of Navajo Nation leaders and water experts who have worked together with federal agencies, university researchers, nonprofits and funders to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. The focus is on the significant clean water access and quality challenges faced by many families across the Nation. WACG sought to respond not only during the current pandemic but beyond because the clean water access issues of the Navajo Nation will endure even after this crisis subsides.

The WACG also formed a Sub-Group on Water Access Communication and Research, the stated goals of which are as follows:

- To promote safe water consumption by the Dine' (Navajo) people who have no piped water by building trust and knowledge on how to access safe water.
- To develop a common understanding by universities about the drinking water research priorities of the Navajo Nation.

The Haury Water Hub is designed to build on the second goal of the WACG Sub-Group –to develop a “common understanding” among researchers and partners about the research priorities of the Navajo Nation.

To that end, **The Haury Water Hub** will make the water resilience work being done for the Navajo Nation more visible to all with shared objectives.

We hope such greater visibility among water researchers may in turn advance greater coordination with, and collaboration among the many people and entities currently doing research, contributing funding, or engaging in other outreach work to advance the water sustainability goals of the Navajo Nation, or who wish to do so in the future. These synergies may in turn enable researchers and partners to create a greater positive impact, and better assure that Navajo Nation leaders and water experts shape the objectives, determine priorities, and guide the research and outreach in ways that respect tribal governance and traditional knowledge.

The work being done on the Navajo Nation is critical –water is life -- and also a model for respectful tribal water resilience work, on Navajo Nation and elsewhere.

If you are a water resilience researcher, funder, nonprofit, or other entity dedicated to solving the water access issues that face the Navajo Nation in a manner that respects the principles of respectful tribal engagement, and if you would like to know more about others' work as well as share stories about your own endeavors, please join this national and global community.

What to Share:

1. Stories about ongoing, past effective, or published water resilience research on Navajo Nation
2. Stories that highlight the water experts, including tribal leaders, elders, researchers, government officials, nonprofits and scholars, who are working on water sustainability issues on Navajo Nation
3. Stories about best practices, challenges, and opportunities as these relate to meeting the water resilience goals of the Navajo Nation
4. Stories that may enable major funders and government entities to readily see and address specific, scalable water access needs and opportunities, and to respond in ways that respect tribal sovereignty, traditional knowledge, and culture.

What *Not* to Share:

1. Non-public information
2. Data obtained on Navajo Nation over which the Nation reserves data sovereignty and control, pursuant to its laws and customs

How to Share:

1. Email a short description of the above (no more than 1000 words) to: hirampena@arizona.edu, and state in the regarding line: Story Submission for The Hub
2. You may include a link to a website or other, more in-depth information relevant to your story
3. We encourage photos, videos or links thereto (used with permission) that will bring the people and projects to life

How We Will Share Your Stories:

The Haury Water Hub will feature selected stories in our bi-weekly newsletter *Tuesdays With Haury*, which currently reaches more than 1300 subscribers bound by the commitment to advance tribal resilience, to support and promote the work of Native American and Indigenous water researchers, and to support a robust pipeline of Native American and Indigenous students, and practitioners within the University of Arizona, at other universities, within public and private organizations, and beyond.

The Haury Program also will create and maintain a repository of the story submissions, in consultation with Navajo Nation leaders and water experts.

For more information about The Haury Program, see our website:
<https://www.haury.arizona.edu/>