

HR 495

Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 29, 2003
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Jan 29, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 3, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 222	Identical bill	Jun 23, 2003: Became Public Law No: 108-34.

Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003 - Ratifies the Settlement Agreement concerning Zuni Indian Tribe water rights claims in the Little Colorado River basin, Arizona.

Includes the provision of assistance for acquiring surface water rights and wetland restoration. Names the Tribe, the State of Arizona and specified state agencies, specified neighboring non-Indian communities, and specified water and power companies as parties to the agreement.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to execute the Settlement Agreement and subsequent, mutually agreed upon amendments.

Establishes and authorizes appropriations to the Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Development Fund to be allocated among specified activities, including the acquisition of water rights and restoration at the Zuni Heaven Reservation. Includes funds paid to the Tribe as required by the Settlement Agreement. Conditions Zuni expenditures from such Fund upon the approval of a tribal management plan and an expenditure plan.

Directs the Secretary to take title to specified lands in trust for the benefit of the Tribe, including lands to become part of the Reservation. Sets forth the status of such lands with regard to Federal and State water rights and ad valorem taxes.

Extinguishes all claims for water rights in Zuni lands.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 3, 2003:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 1, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.