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# HR 3977

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans **Introduced:** Jun 9, 2023

Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held (Jul 23, 2024)

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## **Sponsor**

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Party: Democratic • State: NM • Chamber: House

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jun 9, 2023
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	$R \cdot UT$		Apr 10, 2024

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 23, 2024

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Native Americans

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1898	Identical bill	Dec 4, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 661.

### Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023

This bill extends deadlines and otherwise revises the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. This project was first authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, which settled the Navajo Nation's water rights in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico.

Specifically, the bill extends through December 31, 2029, the deadline for constructing project facilities.

The bill allows for additional project service areas, including by allowing the Navajo Nation to expand the project service area in order to deliver water supply from the project to Lupton, Arizona.

The bill directs the Department of the Interior to take certain land into trust for the benefit of the Navajo Nation.

The bill also establishes (1) the Navajo Nation Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust Fund; and (2) the Jicarilla Apache Nation Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement Trust Fund.

### **Actions Timeline**

- Jul 23, 2024: Subcommittee Hearings Held
- Jul 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- Jun 9, 2023: Introduced in House
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