



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: STATEMENT OF INTENT AND POSITION REGARDING THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, et al. v. SAN JUAN COUNTY, et al., CASE NO. 2:16-cv-00154 JNP, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING IN GOOD FAITH TO DISCUSS THE MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Make a motion approving the Resolution.
Make a motion denying the Resolution

SUMMARY

To initiate process outlined in the Stipulated Settlement Agreement and Order for the above-mentioned lawsuit, to modify and extend the terms of the Settlement Agreement to insure fair and accessible elections in San Juan County in coming years.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

In order to resolve a lawsuit against San Juan County for violation of voting procedures, the County entered into a Stipulated Settlement Agreement with the plaintiffs, with the federal district court maintaining jurisdiction to enforce. The Agreement calls for the parties to meet within 60 days of the 2020 election to negotiate terms the extension of the Agreement. The county previously contracted with the Switter Axland law firm to defend the county's position.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at present.