

STATE TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT REPORT 2026





VISION

Our vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy and prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued and respected.

MISSION

The NM Indian Affairs Department is committed to be a resource by:

- Advocating for tribal interests at state and federal levels through policy and legislative work;
- Supporting tribes with access to resources, technical assistance and funding opportunities;
- Connecting tribes with the executive branch, other tribes and with the tools and resources they need to be self-governing and self-sufficient.

IAD OVERVIEW

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is a Cabinet Level agency within the Executive Branch of the State of New Mexico. IAD investigates and addresses the health, economy, education and legislative impacts affecting Indian conditions and relations in New Mexico.

IAD collaborates with other state agencies, promotes public participation and serves as the clearinghouse for all state programs impacting Indian communities.

The department may hold hearings, conduct meetings, investigate issues and partner with tribal, local, state and federal entities to promote the welfare of New Mexico’s Indian people. The elected leaders for Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (NPTs) in 2026 are pictured on Figure 1 and their contact information is listed on Table 1.

It also contracts with tribal governments, public agencies or private entities to provide services and facilities for Indian communities.

IAD also focuses on matters such as Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons, Environmental Justice, Policy & Legislation and more.

IAD administers key funding programs, including:

- Tribal Infrastructure Fund: Competitive funding for robust community proposals from federally recognized NPTs.
- Capital Outlay funding: Authorized by the Legislature and the Governor, typically for building, improving or equipping public-use physical property.

Programmatic funding opportunities vary each fiscal year based on legislative appropriations and community needs; however, IAD consistently prioritizes programming that supports Native American citizens and communities with practical tools and pathways to sustainable economic growth.

FIGURE 1. 2026 NPT LEADERS

NEW MEXICO'S NATIVE LEADERSHIP 2026



TABLE 1. 2026 NPT LEADERS CONTACT INFORMATION			
Nation, Pueblo, Tribe	Tribal Leader	Office Phone	Mailing Address
Pueblo of Acoma	Governor Charles P. Riley	(505) 552-6604	P.O. Box 309 Acoma, NM 87034
Pueblo of Cochiti	Governor Phillip Quintana	(505) 584-9652	P.O. Box 255 Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072
Fort Sill Apache Tribe	Chairwoman Jennifer M. Heminokeky	(580) 588-2298	43187 US Highway 281 Apache, OK 73006
Pueblo of Isleta	Governor Eugene Jiron	(505) 869-3111	P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022
Pueblo of Jemez	Governor John Galvan	(575) 834-7539	P.O. Box 100 Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024
Jicarilla Apache Nation	President Adrian Notsinneh	(575) 759-3242	P.O. Box 507 Dulce, NM 87528
Pueblo of Laguna	Governor Harry Antonio, Jr.	(505) 552-6654	P.O. Box 194 Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026
Mescalero Apache Tribe	President Thora Walsh Padilla	(575) 464-4494	P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340
Pueblo of Nambe	Governor Nathaniel S. Porter	(505) 455-2036	15A Bay Poe Santa Fe, NM 87506
Navajo Nation	President Buu Nygren	(928) 871-6000	P.O. Box 7440 Window Rock, AZ 86515
Navajo Nation	Speaker Crystalyne Curley	(928) 871-7160	P.O. Box 3390 Window Rock, AZ 86515
Ohkay Owingeh	Governor Ben J. Lujan	(505) 852-4400	P.O. Box 1099 Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566
Pueblo of Picuris	Governor Craig Quanchello	(575) 587-2519	P.O. Box 127 Penasco, NM 87553
Pueblo of Pojoaque	Governor Jenelle Roybal	(505) 455-4500	78 Cities of Gold Road Santa Fe, NM 87506

TABLE 1. 2026 NPT LEADERS CONTACT INFORMATION CONTINUED

Nation, Pueblo, Tribe	Tribal Leader	Office Phone	Mailing Address
Pueblo of San Felipe	Governor Mark Calabaza	(505) 867-3381	P.O. Box 4339, San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001
Pueblo de San Ildefonso	Governor Christopher Moquino	(505) 455-2273	02 Tunyo Po Santa Fe, NM 87506
Pueblo of Sandia	Governor Stuart Paisano	(505) 867-3317 Opt. 1	481 Sandia Loop Bernalillo, NM 87004
Pueblo of Santa Ana	Governor Myron Armijo	(505) 771-6700	2 Dove Road, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004
Pueblo of Santa Clara	Governor James Naranjo	(505) 753-7330	P.O. Box 580 Espanola, NM 87532
Pueblo of Santo Domingo	Governor Raymond Aguilar, Jr.	(505) 465-2214	P.O. Box, 99 Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052
Pueblo of Taos	Governor Michael E. Martinez, Sr.	(575) 758-1028	P.O. Box 1846 Taos, NM 87571
Pueblo of Tesuque	Governor Mark Mitchell	(505) 983-2667	Route 42, Box 360-T Santa Fe, NM 87506
Pueblo of Zia	Governor Boyd Toribio	(505) 867-3304	135 Capitol Square Dr. Zia Pueblo, NM 87503
Pueblo of Zuni	Governor Arden Kucate	(505) 782-7000	P.O. Box 339 Zuni, NM 87327
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Chairman Selwyn Whiteskunk	(970) 565-3751	125 Mike Wash Rd. Towaoc, CO 81334



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Tribal Leaders Summit (STLS) occurred on May 7, 2026, at The Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa. This year’s Summit focused on an open dialogue in which each NPT that wanted to provide a comment, had the opportunity to speak regarding issues or concerns, as well as discuss their goals for the next administration.

Following STLS, the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) communicated with NPTs to address concerns that they expressed during the Summit. This year, 24 NPTs were represented either by their elected leaders or proxies (Table 2).

TABLE 2. NPT TRIBAL LEADERS AND PROXIES IN ATTENDANCE AT 2026 STLS

NPTs	Tribal Representative
Pueblo of Acoma	Governor Charles P. Riley
Pueblo of Cochiti	Governor Phillip Quintana
Fort Sill Apache Tribe	Vice President Jimmy Garcia
Pueblo of Isleta	Lieutenant Governor Charles Jojola
Pueblo of Jemez	Second Lieutenant Governor Thurman Loretto
Jicarilla Apache Tribe	Vice President Jimmy Garcia
Pueblo of Laguna	Governor Harry Antonio, Jr.
Pueblo of Nambe	Councilwomen Cami Porter
Mescalero Apache Tribe	Vice President Duane Duffy

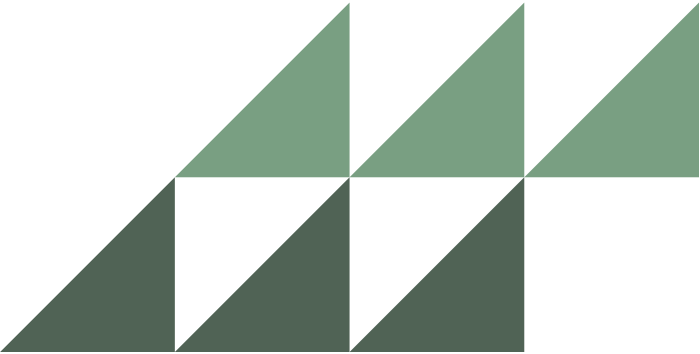
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NPTs	Tribal Representative
Navajo Nation	Vice President Richelle Montoya
Navajo Nation	Speaker Crystalyne Curley
Ohkay Owingeh	Governor Ben J. Lujan
Pueblo of Picuris	Governor Craig Quanchello
Pueblo of Pojoaque	Governor Jenelle Roybal
Pueblo of San Felipe	Governor Mark Calabaza
Pueblo de San Ildefonso	Governor Christopher A. Moquino
Pueblo of Sandia	Governor Stuart Paisano
Pueblo of Santa Ana	Governor Myron Armijo
Pueblo of Santa Clara	Governor James Naranjo
Pueblo of Santo Domingo	Governor Raymond Aguilar
Pueblo of Taos	Governor Mike Martinez
Pueblo of Tesuque	Governor Mark Mitchell
Pueblo of Zia	Lieutenant Governor Ulysees Reed
Pueblo of Zuni	Councilman Edward Wemytewa
Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe	Councilman Alston Turtle



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State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

Dear Honorable Governors, Presidents, and respected Tribal Leadership,

Welcome to the 2026 State Tribal Leaders Summit.

After seven and a half years serving as Governor, this will be my final Tribal Summit. I cannot think of a more fitting way to mark this milestone than gathering in this room with this distinguished group of Governors, Presidents, and dignitaries. You have been among my most trusted partners in governance, and I am deeply appreciative of your commitment not only to New Mexico, but to your respective Tribal Nations.

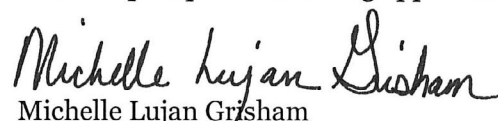
For sixteen years, this summit has created a space where sovereignty is respected, difficult conversations are welcomed, and the relationship between New Mexico and its Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes is recognized as the meaningful government-to-government partnership that it is. I am proud of the role my administration has played in strengthening that tradition and upholding the standard it represents.

Over the past seven and a half years, I have had the privilege of witnessing progress take shape—in healthcare access, child welfare, public safety, elder services, education, and economic opportunity. None of this progress happened because of the state alone. It happened because our sovereign nations brought knowledge, persistence, and an unwavering commitment to your people—and because you held us accountable when we fell short.

That accountability made us better.

The foundation we have built together is not fragile. The relationships, the frameworks, and the trust earned through years of hard work belong to New Mexico—not to any single administration. Whoever leads this state next will inherit a government-to-government partnership that is stronger and more accountable than it was seven and a half years ago because of the work we have done together.

With deep respect and lasting appreciation,


Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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May 7, 2026

Dear Honorable Tribal and State Leaders,

Boozhoo/Aniin/Tawshi (Hello)! On behalf of the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) and our State, welcome to the 2026 State Tribal Leaders Summit.

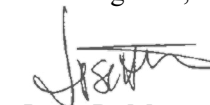
IAD hosts this summit pursuant to the State Tribal Collaboration Act which requires a meeting between our State Governor and Tribal Leaders “to address issues of mutual concern”. NMSA 1978, § 11-18-4(A). Today’s summit demonstrates our shared commitment to the law, tribal leadership, and tribal communities and to ongoing dialogue and collaboration between the State and Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes in New Mexico.

It has been a privilege to work not only with this state administration, but with all of the Tribal Leaders. Together we have continued to work towards a brighter future for tribal communities, tribal members and all New Mexicans. Sometimes that work was swift and easy, and sometimes that work required tough conversations. Nonetheless, all of that work happened through a recognition of what state and tribal relations are in New Mexico – respected government-to-government discussions.

As we move forward into a new state administration, I encourage tribal leaders and tribal members to continue to build upon what we have built over the last several years.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Cabinet Secretary of the Indian Affairs Department. I have learned so much from working with all of you and it has been an honor to make real progress and impact under Governor Lujan Grisham’s administration.

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Josett D. Monette, Esq.
Cabinet Secretary



INTRODUCTION

STLS is an annual meeting convened by IAD in accordance with the State Tribal Collaboration Act (NMSA 1978 § 11-18-4(A)). The statute requires a yearly government-to-government convening between the Governor of New Mexico and the Leaders of all NPTs whose land is wholly or partially located in New Mexico. The purpose of the Summit is to provide a forum for discussion on issues of mutual concern and to support ongoing communication and coordination between the State of New Mexico and Tribal Governments.

The 2026 gathering marked STLS’ 18th year. Tribal leaders, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, and cabinet secretaries attended the summit.

Throughout the Summit, participants reflected on the achievements made by sovereign nations and the State during the Governor’s two-consecutive, four-year terms, which began in January 2019. While celebrating accomplishments, leaders identified

opportunities to build on this shared progress and continue advancing the goals of the state and sovereign nations into the future. Furthermore, Tribal leaders articulated their expectations for incoming leadership and the intent of drafting a transition document highlighting successes and goals for the new Governor and their administration.

Following each annual summit, IAD publishes this report summarizing discussions between Tribal and State leadership and outlining the immediate deliverables requested by NPTs.

OPENING REMARKS, GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

“We are advocates for the people we serve,” said Governor Lujan Grisham. “It binds us, it is personal—the relationships we build to do something about the people we love.”



Governor Lujan Grisham concentrated her remarks on the significance of the longstanding partnerships between the state of New Mexico and tribal nations. She highlighted the proclamations issued to NPTs as a tangible affirmation of the state’s commitment to honoring Tribal sovereignty, protecting community well-being, and strengthening the relationships that make meaningful progress possible. The Governor emphasized that these successes endure only when “we continue to fight for it—together.”

She also underscored the importance of preparing for the future, inviting Tribal leaders to a private farewell dinner to celebrate shared accomplishments and continue conversations about the work that still lies ahead. Looking toward the next administration, Governor Lujan Grisham encouraged leaders to welcome the incoming Governor into partnership and offered her support in creating a transition document that outlines priority actions and opportunities “to make a difference in the lives we continue to serve.”

MOVING FORWARD IN PARTNERSHIP: CELEBRATING SOVEREIGNTY AND A SHARED FUTURE FOR NEW MEXICO AND NPTs

The summit brought together State of New Mexico leadership and leaders from NPTs to review accomplishments from 2019 – 2026, discuss current priorities, raise concerns, and identify issues to include in a transition document for the incoming gubernatorial administration.

Secretary Josett Monette opened the discussion by acknowledging the importance of STLS and highlighting its unique role within the Nation.

“Not every state has the type of state and tribal relationships we have in the state of New Mexico,” said Secretary Monette. She acknowledged and celebrated that “New Mexico is leading across the Nation in so many of these areas.”

While recognizing the importance of sovereignty, she stressed the importance of State Governments



respecting the autonomy of NPTs and their equality to states. Secretary Monette elaborated, stating that this does not preclude the development of “strong and effective government-to-government relationships, and that is what I see happening here in New Mexico.” New Mexico does not only see Tribes as partners, but Secretary Monette explained they are, “imperative to decision making in various matters throughout New Mexico.”

The Summit focused on unity and demonstrated the results of strong relationships between the State and NPTs. Secretary Monette opened by highlighting IAD’s growth, contributions, and expanded capacity within both Program Services and Administrative Services. Through strategic hiring and sustained operational development, IAD allocated more than \$526 million to Indian Country in New Mexico between 2019 and 2026, with Governor Lujan Grisham supporting nearly half of that funding through state appropriations.

Secretary Monette recognized Tribal leaders for their steadfast advocacy on behalf of their communities, stating, “your leadership and vision is what ensures that your communities have access to New Mexico state

funding. You deserve to be celebrated today and that is what today is all about—highlighting and celebrating your successes.” She concluded by encouraging Tribal leaders to hold the incoming administration accountable and to continue advancing the progress achieved through collaboration and partnership.

Overall, Tribal leaders’ feedback centered on six topic areas:

- 1. Public Safety and Cross-Commissioning,
- 2. Healthcare and Behavioral Health,
- 3. Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management,
- 4. Infrastructure and Economic Development,
- 5. Intergovernmental Relations and Consultation Reform, and
- 6. Transition to a new State Governor.

The remainder of this report includes Tribal-led requests, recommendations, and action items, followed by action items directed to the current administration, and concludes with a transition document intended to guide the incoming Governor and administration.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CROSS-COMMISSIONING

Tribal leaders emphasized the need to strengthen coordination and collaboration between Tribal and State law enforcement agencies to improve public safety outcomes within Tribal communities. Key concerns and recommendations included:

- Revisiting, standardizing, and strengthening cross-commissioning agreements and training between State and Tribal law enforcement agencies to improve coordination, communication, and shared response capabilities.
- Addressing jurisdictional challenges, law enforcement response times, and the limited availability of shared enforcement tools that impact public safety in Tribal communities.
- Resolving liability concerns related to the New Mexico Civil Rights Act and tort claims to support

stronger and more sustainable cross-commissioning agreements between State and Tribal law enforcement agencies.

- Opportunities to discuss cross-commissioning agreement documents and collaborative public safety strategies.
- Addressing public safety concerns involving Tribal youth.

Tribal leaders raising these concerns included Governor James Naranjo, Governor Charles P. Riley, Governor Mike Martinez, Second Lieutenant Governor Thurman Loretto, Governor Harry Antonio Jr., and Governor Christopher A. Moquino (see Table 2).

HEALTHCARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

“SB 3 is a good bill but it needs our consultation to make it even better... we’re looking at opening up a behavioral health center up at Taos Pueblo, the Butterfly Center, and we definitely want to work with the state to open it up.”
-Governor Mike Martinez (Pueblo of Taos)



Tribal leaders collectively called for additional consultation, equitable funding, improved behavioral health services, and better legal and healthcare support across communities, in addition to emphasizing urgent coordination on healthcare infrastructure and expanded outreach. Key concerns and recommendations included:

- Reforming Senate Bill 3 through Tribal consultation to ensure transparent planning and include Tribal parity in funding formulas.
- Improving continuity of care, wraparound services, access to treatment for substance abuse disorders, access to behavioral health beds and post-care services, such as sober living.
- Tribal community training from Health Care Authority on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and Equity in Quality Access Act.
- Developing a coordinated approach between the Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Laguna to serve both community’s health needs.

Tribal leaders raising these concerns included Governor Mike Martinez, Governor Mark Mitchell, Governor Craig Quanchello, Vice President Richelle Montoya, Speaker Crystalyne Curley, Governor Ben J. Lujan, Governor Charles P. Riley, Governor James Naranjo, and Governor Harry Antiono, Jr. (see Table 2).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

“On the behalf of Sandia Pueblo, you have made a lot of progress for us. I do recall you coming in during your first year, you directed your State Engineer to come up with your 50-year water plan... within that 50-year water plan, it included the six Rio Grande Pueblos, in particular the Pueblo of Sandia. While there is still work to be done, we did have wins for water quality standards and endangered species. Pueblo of Sandia thanks you.”

*-Governor Stuart Paisano
(Pueblo of Sandia)*



Tribal leaders called for stronger oversight, remediation funding, and coordinated support from State and Federal partners, including technical assistance and regulatory enforcement. They also emphasized needs such as environmental cleanup, preservation funding, solid waste management, and key meetings with State leadership. Key concerns and recommendations included:

- Requiring environmental accountability and monitoring for contamination linked to projects by Los Alamos (LANL) and Sandia National Labs, including uranium impacts, LANL runoff, and permitting processes. Develop coordinated northern and southern resolutions urging the federal government to tie federal lab funding to mandatory Tribal allocations for health, safety, and environmental remediation.
- Concerns about the uranium plume moving toward the Pueblo of Acoma and the importance of enforcing environmental regulations through partnerships with the State and the New Mexico Environment Department.
- Requesting technical assistance for accessing funding and for reviewing mining proposals and environmental documents.
- Requesting assistance for water rights settlements and environmental reviews, including the quantification of surface and subsurface water rights for the Pueblo of Sandia and other the middle Rio Grande Pueblos.
- Requesting support from the State and the New Mexico Environment Department for the remediation of an oil spill at the old bus barn associated with the Grants-Cibola School District on the Pueblo of Laguna.
- Support for addressing the federal funding deficit for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.
- Requesting assistance to resolve issues of solid waste management in Ohkay Owingeh.

Tribal leaders raising these concerns included Governor James Naranjo, Governor Christopher A. Moquino, Governor Charles P. Riley, Governor Raymond Aguilar, Governor Craig Quanchello, Governor Stuart Paisano, Vice President Duane Duffy, Governor Mark Mitchell, and Governor Ben J. Lujan (see Table 2).

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

“Santo Domingo currently has a 90 million wastewater treatment project. We are working on engineering and design element on this process. Thank you, Governor. Those are the partnerships that I want to continue relying upon.”

*-Governor Raymond Aguilar
(Pueblo of Santo Domingo)*



Tribal leaders called for a standardized and timely Intergovernmental Agreement process, periodic meetings with IAD, and improved access to economic development and infrastructure funding, as well as increased support for Tribal emergency services and stronger coordination with state agencies and leadership. Key concerns and recommendations included:

- Developing a standardized, transparent, and timely Intergovernmental Agreement process across all agencies.
- Continuing funding for economic development to assist the development of tribally owned businesses and housing projects.
- Requesting additional funding for Tribal emergency services.

Tribal leaders raising these concerns included Governor Harry Antonio, Jr., Speaker Crystalyne Curley, Vice Chairman Jimmy Garcia, Governor Raymond Aguilar, Governor Mark Mitchell, Governor James Naranjo, and Lt. Governor Ulysees Reed (see Table 2).



INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND CONSULTATION REFORM

“I want to acknowledge and give thanks. As many of you know, back in 2024, Mescalero suffered the South Fork and Salt Fires... and while it’s Trust land, we didn’t see that immediate response from the Federal government to get resources into our communities... but, I will tell you who showed up, Governor Lujan Grisham, General Aguilar, Department of Homeland Security and Management, Secretary Monette, Secretary Serna showed up... we are forever grateful for this response... and this relationship.”
-Vice President Duane Duffy
(Mescalero Apache Tribe)

Tribal leaders requested additional involvement in the appointment of a Tribal liaison in critical state departments, amendments to the State Tribal Collaboration Act, and the increased involvement of Tribal governments with land in the State of New Mexico. Key concerns and recommendations included:



- Tribal involvement in the appointment of a Tribal Liaison for the Office of the Medical Investigator.
- Establishment of a committee composed of All Council of Pueblo Governors and other tribal representatives to identify Tribal issues and priorities that will be detailed in a transition document for the incoming Governor and their administration.
- Scheduling a meeting between NPT leaders, Governor Lujan Grisham, and the incoming Governor and their administration.

TRANSITION DOCUMENT FOR NEW GOVERNOR

Tribal leaders broadly expressed support for the development of a transition strategy to inform the incoming Governor and their administration about NPT priorities. Key concerns and recommendations included:

Tribal leaders raising these concerns included Governor Charles P. Riley, Governor Raymond Aguilar, Governor Craig Quanchello, Governor Stuart Paisano, Vice President Duane Duffy, Governor James Naranjo, Governor Mark Calabaza, and Speaker Crystalyne Curley (see Table 2).

STATE COMMITMENTS

STATE COMMITMENTS BEFORE THE END OF THE ADMINISTRATION

State leadership committed to advancing several collaborative actions and transition efforts before the conclusion of the current administration. These commitments focus on strengthening government-to-government relationships, improving coordination with Tribal leadership, and ensuring continuity and accountability across major policy areas impacting NPTs.

ADMINISTRATION TRANSITION AND GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTINUITY

State leadership committed to maintaining a working document throughout the Summit to identify priority tasks for completion under the current administration and to outline transition priorities for the incoming administration.

State leadership also committed to meeting with Tribal leaders to develop a formal transition document and coordinate discussions between the outgoing and incoming administrations to support continuity in government-to-government relations. In addition, Governor Lujan Grisham committed to hosting a farewell dinner with Tribal leaders and ensuring the incoming Governor and administration participate in ongoing collaborative discussions.

PUBLIC SAFETY, JUSTICE, AND CROSS-COMMISSIONING

State leadership committed to meeting with the Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Laguna, and other interested NPTs to address cross-commissioning concerns and develop a standardized template for future law enforcement agreements.

HEALTHCARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATION

State leadership committed to meeting with Tribal leaders to develop coordinated protocols addressing referrals, access, assessment, and continuity of care

related to substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services. Leadership also committed to working with Vice President Montoya of the Navajo Nation to assist in a case involving Navajo infant citizens and to strengthen intergovernmental coordination on related matters.

State leadership also committed to convening Tribal leaders from the All-Pueblo Council of Governors, Apache Tribes, and the Navajo Nation, alongside the former Chief of Justice, new Chief of Justice, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, to collaboratively develop statutory recommendations related to Senate Bill 3 during the next legislative session.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER, AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY

State leadership committed to collaborating with affected NPTs to develop State resolutions directed to the federal government regarding operations associated with Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). Proposed resolutions included requests for increased federal investment supporting Tribal public safety, treatment services, environmental risk reduction, and community protections; improved federal agency funding to strengthen oversight and permitting capacity; expanded access to environmental and operational data, including impacts to topsoil; and remediation efforts related to LANL and SNL operations. The Pueblo of Tesuque, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Santo Domingo, and Pueblo of Picuris specifically spoke about their concerns.

State leadership committed to supporting Tribal advocacy efforts aimed at improving communication and coordination with LANL and SNL leadership. Additional commitments included amplifying Tribal concerns regarding Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) reparations prior to program expiration and meeting with Speaker Curley (Navajo Nation) on the matter. Leadership further committed to providing technical assistance and direct engagement related to Governor Paisano’s requests concerning water rights for the Pueblo of Sandia and 50-year water planning efforts impacting Pueblos within the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

APPENDIX: TABLE OF STATE AGENCY TASKS

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Agency	Task	Category
ALTSD	Write USDA letter regarding food security planning.	Food Security & Nutrition Programs
	Provide education and resources on energy transition, including RECA.	Environmental & Water
CYFD	Clarify Tribal component in CARA; Provide trainings; Support statutory changes.	Child Welfare
	Support FPA and ICWA systems; ensure Tribal involvement in child welfare procedures.	Child Welfare
DCA	Support funding for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.	Cultural & Historic Preservation
DOH	Reopen Taos facility; develop protocols for referrals, access, assessment, continuity of care.	Behavioral Health
	Ensure OMI has Tribal liaison to communicate directly with tribes.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Write USDA letter regarding food security planning.	Food Security & Nutrition Programs
	Seek alternatives for disposal of solid waste.	Environmental & Water
DPS	Develop cross-commissioning template for Tribal police with Acoma and Laguna.	Public Safety & Emergency Response
	Provide education and resources on energy transition, including RECA.	Environmental & Water
DVS	Prioritize knowledge about Tribes and cultural activities in education.	Education
ECECD	Support economic development on Tribal lands.	Economic Development
EMNRD	Send Resolution to Federal Government: Treatment facilities and appropriations for tribes; data from LANL; remediation; support for communication with LANL.	Environmental & Water
	Provide information on grey water, water issues, enforcement, and topsoil concerns.	Environmental & Water
	Increase wildland fire funding for Tribal and state lands.	Environmental & Water
ENV	Seek alternatives for disposal of solid waste.	Environmental & Water

TABLE 3: STATE AGENCY TASKS CONTINUED		
Agency	Task	Category
GO	Form committee with APCG/NPTs to identify STLS agenda topics.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Organize dinner with Tribal leaders, MLG, and incoming administration.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Provide parking spaces at the Capitol for Tribal leaders.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Each agency should have a strategic plan for working with next administration and supporting NPTs.	Intergovernmental Relations
HCA	Reopen Taos facility; develop protocols for referrals, access, assessment, continuity of care.	Behavioral Health
	Clarify Tribal component in CARA; Provide trainings; Support statutory changes.	Child Welfare
	Write USDA letter regarding food security planning.	Food Security & Nutrition Programs
	Support FPA and ICWA systems; ensure Tribal involvement in child welfare procedures.	Child Welfare
HED	Prioritize knowledge about Tribes and cultural activities in education.	Education
	Support wastewater treatment partnerships for Tribal communities.	Environmental & Water
IAD	Form committee with APCG/NPTs to identify STLS agenda topics.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Organize dinner with Tribal leaders, MLG, and incoming administration.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Acknowledge Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and continue inclusion in conversations.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Develop cross-commissioning template for Tribal police with Acoma and Laguna.	Public Safety & Emergency Response
	Schedule SB3 meeting; ensure Tribal involvement; support statutory fix recognizing sovereignty.	Behavioral Health
	Request information on grey water, water issues, enforcement, and topsoil concerns.	Environmental & Water
	Research whether increased funding for Tribal community teachers is still needed.	Education
	Support wastewater treatment partnerships for Tribal communities.	Environmental & Water
	Support FPA and ICWA systems; ensure Tribal involvement in child welfare procedures.	Child Welfare
	Work with each Nation, Pueblo, and Tribe on individual resolutions.	Intergovernmental Relations
	Provide education and resources on energy transition, including RECA.	Environmental & Water
	Support economic development on Tribal lands.	Economic Development
	Ensure tribal leaders have information about interim committees and strengthen communication with legislators	Intergovernmental Relations

TABLE 3: STATE AGENCY TASKS CONTINUED		
Agency	Task	Category
ISC	Provide information on grey water, water issues, enforcement, and topsoil concerns.	Environmental & Water
	Support wastewater treatment partnerships for Tribal communities.	Environmental & Water
NMED	Send Resolution to Federal Government: Treatment facilities and appropriations for tribes; data from LANL; remediation; support for communication with LANL.	Environmental & Water
	Create fund for Tribal technical reviews of uranium mining; address abandoned uranium mines.	Enviornmental & Water
	Provide information on grey water, water issues, enforcement, and topsoil concerns.	Environmental & Water
	Support wastewater treatment partnerships for Tribal communities.	Environmental & Water
	Align Department of Agriculture with federal agencies for soil testing and restoration.	Food Security & Nutrition Programs
OBAE	Reduce telecom costs for Tribal members; support sustainable telecom funding.	Infrastructure
OMI	Ensure OMI has Tribal liaison to communicate directly with Tribes.	Intergovernmental Relations
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	Letter of support for water issues; prioritize unmet responsibilities including quantifying water rights.	Environmental & Water
	Focus on unmet water responsibilities for next administration.	Enviornmental & Water
PED	Prioritize knowledge about Tribes and cultural activities in education.	Education



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