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March 14, 2025

Governor Naranjo was invited to provide testimony before House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. Governor Naranjo expressed concern for the impacts of funding and layoffs across the Federal Government and the potential impacts of those losses to Tribes. Governor further emphasized the unique Nation-to-Nation relationship that the Pueblos and recognized tribes have with the Federal Government which is based on historical trust and treaty obligations.

Governor's written testimony covered a large number of funding priorities and his oral presentation focused on the following needs:

- ◆ Law enforcement and teach pay parity
- ◆ Irrigation issues
- ◆ Cost-match waivers for grants related to disaster relief/mitigation and
- ◆ IHS funding and need for updating the SCP Clinic

Pictured below with Governor is Ranking Member Chellie Pingree and Chairman Mike Simpson





During his Washington trip, February 24-27, Governor took the opportunity to meet with various Federal Agency representatives. The Forest Service was briefed on the loss of the Pueblo's headwaters and the devastation caused by the major fires and flooding.



Governor also met with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs staff. Concerns mentioned included Tribal Programs and funding being labeled as DEI, cuts to SIPI, status of Pueblo Water Rights Settlements, among other concerns. Picture below was taken from the top of the Department of Interior Building.



Special appreciation for the coordinating efforts provided by Lobbyist Greg Smith of Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP and Vince Redhouse.



Governor Naranjo also met with each of the New Mexico representatives of Congress and the Senate. Discussion topics with Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez included the DEI label applied to Tribal programs, BIA funding issues and protection of Chacoma Mountain. Congressman Gabe Vasquez was briefed on on-going issues with the Espanola Water Treatment Facility and teacher and law enforcement pay parity. Governor highlighted cuts to Indian Country and the impacts of firing federal employees that serve Tribes to Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury. While with Senator Ben Ray Lujan, Governor spoke of many of the issues previously mentioned as well as Water Rights Settlement. Governor also met with Senator Martin Heinrich staff and discussed implementing the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act, (STOP) and importance of Chaco Canyon.



Santa Clara Police Department welcomes new staff

Above photo, Officer Daniel Gonzales was hired on March 6th. He is from Albuquerque and most recently worked with the Laguna Tribal Police. He has 12 years of law enforcement experience. He was sworn in on March 7 by Tribal Sheriff Donal Suazo.

Pictured below are two newly certified dispatchers, Devin Sisneros and Antonette Abeyta. Both graduated from the Telecommunications Academy at the Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe on February 28th. Both were hired as uncertified in 2024 and are both now certified.



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SANTA CLARA PUEBLO VICTIM SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Hello I hope everyone is having a good and productive year being that we are already in March! My name is Sarah Tafoya and I am the new Victim Service Coordinator for Santa Clara Pueblo Victim Services Department. I am an enrolled Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Member and have held different positions with the Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration over the years. My background includes working with infants to the elderly having experience in Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Early Childhood Development, Family Service Coordination and working with many agencies throughout the State to provide case management and wrap-around services to clients such as counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, parenting classes and assisting with general assistance as well as food assistance and other funding that would contribute to the necessities of a household.



Although I have worked with Social Services and alongside Courts, Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health and will continue to, this is the first time I will be working in this capacity- Victim Services. Santa Clara Pueblo's Victim Services Department is working with the Office of Victims (OVC), Office of Victims Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC-TFMC) and Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA) to secure and manage grant funding.

The victimization rates among Native Americans is staggering to say the least. The U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs acknowledges the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Crisis. When looking at missing and murdered cases, data shows that Native American and Alaska Native women make up a significant portion of missing and murdered individuals. Native American and Alaskan Native rates of murder, rape, and violent crime are all higher than the national averages.

This department is looking at these problems as a whole with its focus on the Santa Clara Pueblo people. Victim Services will focus on all victims of crime not just limited to incidents of domestic violence. As this is a new program I am planning on conducting a formal Community Needs Assessment in the near future to gather some much needed data. Until then I invite any input from Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal members regarding services. If you feel you have something to share or if there is a service you feel would be helpful in regards to Victim Services please contact me and let me know what it is you would like to see offered.

I am happy to be serving my community again and I will be sending updates as parts of the program roll out. Thank You and I look forward to working with those in need. Have a Beautiful and Blessed Spring!



Santa Clara is Having Jury Trials Now- What does that mean?


Have you ever wondered what happens in a criminal trial? I've heard about jury trials, but what does that mean? Generally, when someone is charged with a crime, they are either arrested and taken into custody by law enforcement, or they are given a summons to appear in Court. The charges are then forwarded to the Tribal Court, and the Court holds an arraignment on the charges for the defendant. This means the Tribal Court Judge will tell the defendant what the charges are that have been filed against them and what the maximum penalty is for each charge. The Court then advises the defendant of their rights under the Indian Civil Rights Act, as those rights have been expressed in the Santa Clara Pueblo Law & Order Code.

Once their rights have been explained to them, they're asked to enter a plea of guilty, not guilty, or no contest. If they enter a plea of not guilty, a case is set for trial. If a judge is to hear the case, it's called a "bench trial", and there is no jury involved. This means that the judge is the person who will hear evidence, decide what the facts are, apply the law to the facts, and render a verdict: guilty or not guilty.

But where does the jury fit into this?

If someone is facing a sentence for which they could be sent to jail, even for a short period of time, they are entitled to have their case heard by a jury of their peers. If a defendant requests a jury trial, the Court will assemble a random panel of jurors from the community to hear the facts of the case. A trial is really a "controlled environment" where the prosecutor, who represents the Pueblo, and the defense attorney, who represents the defendant, present their facts to jury which acts as the "factfinder". The jury becomes the group that must decide what the facts of the case are. Was the defendant the person behind the wheel? Was that witness telling the truth when she testified? Did the defendant strike the victim? Did this happen on the Pueblo? These are questions of fact the jurors must decide. It's a controlled environment because the judge has to rule on what the jury can actually be allowed to hear. The judge has to be familiar with the rules of evidence and be prepared to rule as to whether something is "admissible" and therefore something the jury can hear, or "inadmissible", meaning it's something that the jury cannot hear.

Bear in mind that a criminal defendant never has to put on a case! The defendant and their attorney can sit and say nothing throughout the trial. The prosecution always has the burden of proving all elements of the charges against a defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.



But why don't we make the defendants prove that they're not guilty? Why is it the other way around? This is because of a defendant's constitutional right to remain silent- it's a right against self-incrimination. Anyone who has ever watched police shows on television is familiar with the phrase, "You have the right to remain silent! Anything you say can and will be used against you!" The right against self-incrimination is a right guaranteed under the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Therefore, a defendant never has to prove anything in court. That's the prosecutor's job.

Once the prosecution has presented its case, and the defendant has had the chance to do the same if they choose, the judge instructs the jury on the law. The judge will explain to the jurors what the elements of a crime are that must be proven by the prosecutor. Once the law is explained to the jurors, they're given a copy of the instructions and sent to the jury room to deliberate.

Because it's a controlled environment, only the facts that are admitted into evidence by the judge within the four walls of the courthouse are allowed to be considered by the jury. Juries can return verdicts very quickly, if there is agreement, or it can take hours or even days to return a verdict in more complicated cases. Once the jury reaches a verdict, they report that verdict to the judge and the Court enters the verdict of the jury into the record. The jurors are dismissed. It's then up to the judge to sentence the defendant in accordance with the law.

If you are summoned to appear for jury duty, it is essential that you appear when ordered. Without jurors, we cannot hold jury trials. Most of our trials are predicted to be single day trials so the inconvenience is minimal. Also, jurors are compensated for each hour they are required to serve, at a rate approved by the Tribal Council. Most jurors find the process interesting and are glad to have been a part of an important process.

Although most criminal matters are resolved short of a jury trial, it is now an option here at Santa Clara for anyone charged with a crime that carries the possibility of incarceration. Santa Clara Pueblo successfully held its first jury trial in February and there are more being scheduled all the time. Jury trials are an important part of the Pueblo being a sovereign entity- I'm honored that members of Santa Clara Pueblo can now demand to be tried by a jury of their peers in their own tribal court.



SANTA CLARA ARTISTS

**Seeking your talent to design a
plaque honoring Santa Clara
Veterans.**

Provide art on 11 x 17 paper

No more than 3 entries. Painting, photo or
drawing

**Subject is Native American
Veterans**

Designs due by March 28th

To Virginia Halfmoon, office number 505-692-6312 , email vhalfmoon@santaclarapueblo.org

**Selected Artist will be notified
April 14th**



TAX TIME!

Date: February 5th to March 28

Where: SCP Housing Authority—Learning Center

**Please call our office at 505-753-6170 to
set up an appointment**

BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY!

- ⇒ **Only Santa Clara Pueblo Community Residents**
- ⇒ All documents will be scanned and sent directly to Tax Preparers.
- ⇒ **All PREPARERS ARE IRS CERTIFIED**

FREE PREPARATION IF REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

Family's Annual Income is **\$57,000** or less or if you are age **65** or older.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS!

- Identification:
 - Must have photo ID (Driver License, State Issued ID, Passport, Military ID, Tribal ID)
 - Social Security Number
 - Or Individual Tax Identification number (ITIN) for yourself, your spouse, your dependents, or anyone else on your return
- Income Forms: All W-2 forms, 1099 forms (Miscellaneous income, Interest, Dividends, etc.)
- Proof of Healthcare: Form 1095-A or exception number from the healthcare marketplace
- Expense forms:
 - All 1098 Forms (Mortgage and Tuition statements)
 - Child or dependent care expenses
 - Property Tax payments
- Prior year tax returns (if you have it)
- Bank Routing and account number (if you qualify for a refund and want a direct deposit)



NOTICE
OF
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ASSIGNMENT
OF REAL PROPERTY

3-10- 2025

Notice is hereby given, that within 30 days from the date indicated an assignment of the following described land shall be finalized and acted upon by the Santa Clara Tribal Council. Any person having any interest or wishes to dispute the foregoing assignment may file his/her dispute with the Tribal Realty Office – in writing and within the 30 day period, from the date indicated above.

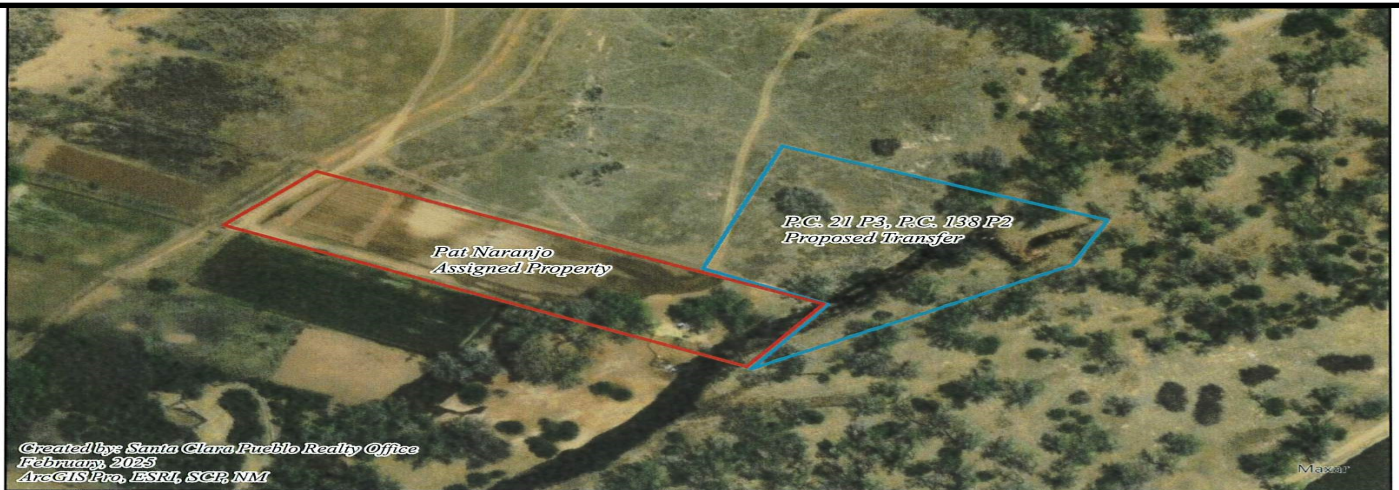
PARCLES TO BE ASSIGNED:

LOT/PC #: P.C. 21 P3, P.C. 138 P 2

LOCATION: Southern Fields

Assigned To: Unused Bottom East Area

Being Assigned To: Pat Naranjo



Land Transfer of Unused Property to Pat Naranjo

Location: Southern Fields

P.C. 21 P3, P.C. 138 P2

**Unused
Bottom East Portion**





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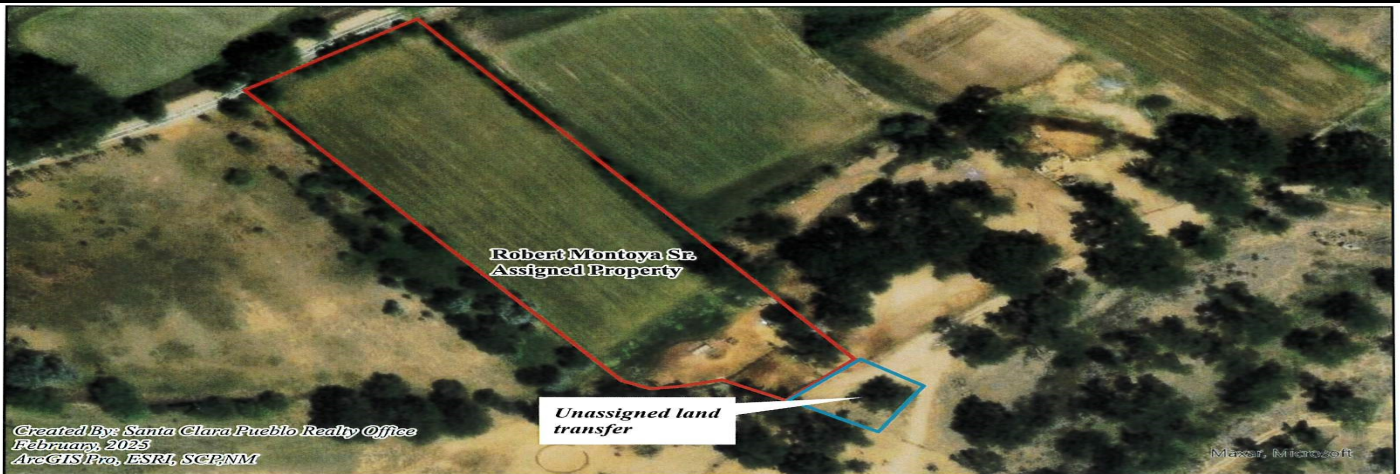
PARCLES TO BE ASSIGNED:

LOT/PC #: No Lot Number

LOCATION: Southern Fields

Assigned To: Unassigned Area

Being Assigned To: Robert Montoya Sr.



Land Transfer of Unassigned land to Robert Montoya Sr.

Location: Southern Fields
Unassigned land
Section 15, T.20N. R.08E



Hantavirus death confirmed in Santa Fe County woman

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) confirmed today that a 65-year-old woman from Santa Fe County has died of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS), marking the first reported case in New Mexico this year.

Hantavirus is a severe respiratory illness caused by the Sin Nombre virus, which is transmitted through contact with infected rodents, or their urine, droppings, or saliva. The virus can become airborne when disturbed, posing risk of inhalation. There is no evidence of human-to-human transmission in New Mexico.

“This tragic death reminds us that hantavirus remains a serious public health concern in our state,” said **Erin Phipps**, state public health veterinarian for NMDOH. “While cases are relatively rare, the mortality rate is significant. We urge New Mexicans to take preventative measures seriously, particularly when cleaning areas where rodents may have been present.”

About Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

- Hantavirus was first recognized in 1993 and has since been identified throughout the United States.
- There were seven confirmed cases of Hantavirus in New Mexico in 2024, seven in 2023 and three in 2022.
- Early symptoms of a Hantavirus infection may look and feel like the flu or a “stomach bug” and include fever and muscle aches, possibly with chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough, which can progress to respiratory distress and severe illness.
- Symptoms typically develop within one to six weeks after rodent exposure.
- Though there is no specific treatment for Hantavirus, chances for recovery are better if medical attention is sought early and the health care provider is told about the exposure to rodents or their droppings.

The deer mouse is the main carrier for Sin Nombre virus, which is the hantavirus strain found in New Mexico. People are usually exposed to the virus around their homes, cabins or sheds, especially when they clean out or explore enclosed, poorly ventilated areas that have mouse droppings.

NMDOH recommends these precautions to reduce hantavirus risk:

- Air out closed-up structures like cabins and sheds, as well as abandoned or stored vehicles, before entering them.
- Use traps to control mouse populations.
- Seal homes, buildings and shelters to prevent rodents from entering.
- Disinfect nests and droppings with 10% bleach solution before cleaning up.
- Never sweep or vacuum rodent droppings.
- Store hay, wood and compost away from dwellings.
- Eliminate trash and junk piles that can harbor rodents.
- Keep pet food and water in rodent-proof containers.

For more information about hantavirus:

- Visit: <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/erd/ideb/zdp/hps/>
- Call the NMDOH Helpline at 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773).

SANTA CLARA

POST OFFICE BOX 580
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(505) 753-5375 Fax



INDIAN PUEBLO

ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO
87532
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

Date: February 5, 2025

To: Pueblo Community

02/05/25 | 5:27 PM MST

From: James A. Naranjo, Governor *GJN*

Re: NOTICE OF PROJECT AND TRUCK TRAFFIC AT TRANSFER STATION AREA

There will be an increase in traffic on the road to and from the Transfer Station by heavy equipment and transfer trucks contracted to conduct a cleanup project. Pueblo community, please be alert and aware of the traffic and drive slowly when in the area to dispose of trash.

Do not enter the area behind the transfer station. This is to increase safety of both the community and workers.

The Transfer Station will remain open Wednesday to Sunday
9 AM – 5 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority

201 Road Runner Road, Espanola NM 87532-1313
Phone: (505)-753-6170 eFax: (505) 257-3715
info@scphousing.org – www.scphousing.org

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position title: Administrative Assistant
Salary Range: DOE
Reports To: Supervisor of Operations
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Classification: Full Time
Deadline: Until Filled

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON SCPHA WEBSITE OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL

Summary & Scope of Position:

The Administrative Assistant will provide administrative and clerical support to the Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority (SCPHA). The Administrative Assistant must be Customer Service oriented and have the ability to plan and organize a heavy clerical workload within acceptable timeframes. The Admin Assistant must be capable of using good judgment, tact and diplomacy.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
SANTA CLARA PUEBLO TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION
578 Kee Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532
Phone: (505) 692-6280 Fax: (505) 747-2748

CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT

OPPORTUNITIES

Special Projects

- (1) Lead Irrigation Worker
\$18.00 per hour
- (5) Irrigation Laborers
\$17.00 per hour

Positions not to exceed 6 weeks (240 hours)

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THOROUGHLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE AT (505) 692-6309.



Slots

- Service Specialist**
- Slot Tech**
- Shift Supervisor**
- Slot Tech Supervisor**
- Slot Tech Mgr.**
- Slot Systems Administrator**
- Slot Supervisor**

Player Services

- Main Banker**
- Non-Gaming Main Banker*
- Player Services Representative**
- Player Services Supervisor**

Food & Beverage

- Host/Hostess*
- Server*
- Bartender/Server*
- Grab & Go Attendant*
- Busser*
- Line Cook

Marketing

- Marketing Coordinator**

Count Team

- Team Member**

Hotel

- Guest Service Agent*
- Housekeeping Associate

Bowling

- Pinsetter Mechanic

Golf

- Line Cook (Seasonal –Full Time)
- Cart Barn
- Attendant (Seasonal Full Time)
- Golf Shop Assistant (Seasonal Full Time)
- Grounds Keeper (Seasonal Full Time)

Executive

- CFO**

Compliance

- Internal Auditor**

IT –On Site

- Network Administrator**
- Generalist**
- Tier I Tech Support**

Finance

- Revenue auditor**

Surveillance

- Surveillance Agent I**
- Surveillance Agent II/Tech**

HR

- HR Specialist**

Security

- Security Officer Level I**
- Security Officer Level II**
- Security Officer Level III**

Maintenance

- Facilities Maintenance Engineer*
- HVAC Tech

Construction

- Superintendent*
- Field Technician*
- Project Manager*
- Estimator*
- Project Engineer*

EVS (Housekeeping)

- Casino Graveyard Associate*
- Casino Associate*

Retail

- Retail_Associate (Part Time)*
- Puye Cliffs Tour Guide



Fat Burger

No Current Openings

16+*

18+*

21+*

Gaming License Required*

To apply, please visit our career listings at www.santaclaran.com/careers or visit the Human Resources Office. For more information, you may contact.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Updated: 03/10/2025

Accounting

(1) Accounts Payable Clerk

Adult Day Care

(1) Caregiver

Behavioral Health

(1) Behavioral Health Clinician

CHR

(1) Community Health Planner
(1) Administrative Assistant

Custodial

(1) Custodian

Department of Youth & Learning

(3) College Interns-Temporary
(8) High School Interns-Temporary
(1) Library Intern-Temporary

Environmental

(1) DOE LAPP Coordinator

Forestry

(1) Administrative Assistant
(1) Forest Development Tech Intern
(1) Forestry Technicians
(1) Heavy Equipment Supervisor
(1) RTRL Crew Lead

Head Start

(1) Family Services/ERSEA Coordinator
(1) Head Start Teacher
(1) Head Cook

Law Enforcement

(1) Dispatch Supervisor
(2) Radio Communication Specialist I
(2) Conservation Officers-Certified-"Preference will be given to qualified male candidates who are members of a recognized tribe".

Rights Protection

(1) Budget Analyst

Sanitation

(1) Waste Collector
(1) Plumber
(1) Laborer-Part-time
(1) Maintenance Specialist

Self-Governance

(1) Farm Tractor Operator

Social Services

(2) Tribal Social Caseworker

Tribal Courts

(1) Court Monitor
(1) Traffic Court Clerk/Tribal Court Clerk

Utilities

(1) Executive Secretary

Position Requirements:

- Must be able to successfully pass a Background Check
- Must not have any DUI's/DWI's convictions within the last five years from any Tribal, State or Federal Court
- Must have a valid New Mexico Driver's License and be insurable through the Tribe's insurance carrier

PREFERENCE

*Tribal member/Native American preference shall apply to all positions at the Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration
Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Administration is a drug/alcohol free workplace*

All applicants must meet the minimum required qualifications for the position.

All positions are open until filled

For a copy of the position descriptions, or more information please contact the Santa Clara Tribal Administration's Human Resources Department email: jobs@santaclarapueblo.org

or call (505) 692-6280

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED THOROUGHLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE