



## **Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

September 21, 2017

Dear SWTHA Conference Attendees:

Thank you for attending the Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) Triannual Meeting at AMERIND Corporate Office, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- The AMERIND report was presented by Floyd Tortalita. Region 8 Fire Loss Ratio is at 14%. Nancy Harjo Serna, of AMERIND Risk, reported the next AMERIND event is The Institute at Sandia Resort, NM. Sessions are scheduled October 10-11, 2017, and include training and breakfast. SWTHA will have a booth at The Institute. AMERIND/ NAIHC Conference in San Diego May 30 – June 1, 2018. The Safety Poster Contest 2018 information will be upcoming. AMERIND will present trainings for housing authorities, upon request.
- The HUD report was presented by Latisha Rodriguez. Visit the SWONAP website for training, funding, guidance, and the bulletin. Status of monitoring review for 2017 - 12 on-site and 1 remote completed. Last review for 2017 is this week. Free technical assistance and training, contact David Sutherland, Administrator, Phoenix office. Upcoming training session - Environmental Review Training in Reno, NV on October 10-12. Encouraged to attend and share advice. The SWONAP Disaster point of contact is John Fernandes at (623) 326-6914 or via email: John.B.Fernandes@hud.gov. Please contact him if your tribe is hit or threatened by disaster. The 2017 ICDBG awards have been made, 22 applicants were awarded. If you have not received your 2017 grant agreement, please contact your GM Specialist or David. The 2018 Indian Housing Plans are due October 18, 2017.
- The SWTHA report was presented by Jamie Navenma, SWTHA President. Elections for the AZ Representative and NAIHC Representative will be held at the next meeting.

SWTHA will hold its next meeting at We-Ko-Pa Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona on January 30 and 31, 2018. Training on January 30 will be presented by Tim Humphrey, Stetson Law. Please check the SWTHA website for more information, and to reserve your space.

- The SWTHA Strategic Planning Session was presented by Stephine Poston of Poston and Associates, LLC. The current Vision and Mission Statements were reviewed, Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) were determined. From there, the Key Priority areas were established for the next 18 months, and a task list was developed. SWTHA will strive to be an advocate for members by engaging with them, determining their needs, and providing more training, information, and resources.
- SWTHA Conference Calls will be open to all SWTHA members. Calls will be 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning November 14th, at 3:00pm, Mountain time, 2:00pm AZ. Call in #: (866) 545-0859, conference code: 2953254959.

Please visit [swtha.org](http://swtha.org) to stay current on upcoming events.

*If your tribe/organization is already a SWTHA member, thank you. If you are not, please consider joining.*

Again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support and participation in SWTHA's mission of to be the Southwest Tribal voice of housing by providing relevant, timely information, resources, and a valuable network for the SWTHA membership.

Sincerely,  
Jamie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie B. Navenma', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jamie B. Navenma  
SWTHA President