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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

October 4, 2023

Dear SWTHA Members:

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) held the Triannual Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, via hybrid setting, on Zoom and in-person at Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Thank you to those that attended the meeting, to Travois for sponsoring the lunch, and to those that provided reports.

Below are some of the highlights of the meeting:

### **Roll Call**

- A quorum was established, 17 Tribal Housing Entities from Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas were represented at the meeting.

### **Announcements**

- Announcement of [SWTHA Scholarship Awards](#)
- Introduction of [Associate Members](#)

### **Reports**

- NAIHC: Thomas D. Lozano, NAIHC Chairman
- AMERIND: Derek Valdo, CEO AMERIND
- HUD: David Southerland, SPONAP Administrator
- SWTHA Report: Rhoda Eustace, SWTHA Secretary/Treasurer (attached)

### **2024 Schedule of Meetings**

- Triannual Meeting – January 23-24, 2024: Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, El Paso, Texas
  - January 23, 2024 - Board and Business Meeting
  - January 24, 2024 - Training TBD
  - Suggestions for training can be sent to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).
- Monthly Zoom Meeting – 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 1pm-2pm MT

## Comments / News

- Floyd Tortalita announced that he will be stepping down as SWTHA President and as Region VIII AMERIND Representative today. He has accepted a position as Deputy Administrator of SWONAP.
  - Floyd turned the floor over to Greta to take over as Acting SWTHA President until the elections in January 2024.
  - The vacant position of AMERIND Representative left by Floyd Tortalita will stay vacant until the elections at the January 2024 meeting. Veronica Ruiz, AMERIND Alternate will represent SWTHA at this time.
- Afternoon Strategic Planning Session (Facilitated by Stephine Poston, Poston & Associates)
  - The 2020 Strategic Plan was reviewed, and updates were made as needed.
  - Final draft of plan to be approved at the January 2024 meeting.

Please visit [swtha.org](http://swtha.org) for news and events in Tribal Housing. Submit your information to share on our website and newsletters to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support and participation.

Sincerely,



Greta Armijo  
SWTHA Acting President