6th Annual CESOSS Fun Run and Acequia Celebration
WHO WE ARE

CESOSS is an organization in the South Valley that was incorporated in 2011. Our work centers on building local capacity through programs and initiatives focused on the intersections of land, water, education, and the preservation of the local traditions within our community. We utilize education as a tool for transformation and advocating for our communities. The vision of CESOSS is to become a leading and exemplary community-based and community-driven research and learning center. We see our organization as being pivotal in the quest for long-term sustainability - socially, politically, and economically.

WHAT WE DO

• Leadership training and development that is long-term and is grounded within an Indigenous and justice-oriented framework
• In close collaboration with the South Valley Regional Acequia Association (SVRAA), CESOSS is organizing and training community members in the protection and preservation of water resources and water rights in our community
• Community-based and community-led research used in advocacy efforts and for policy development, legislation, and community action
• Connecting schools and families with traditions related to water and land through advocacy, outreach, and education
• Provide services in the realm of research, leadership training, and diversity training for other organizations, associations, and institutions

OUR PEOPLE

Dr. Virginia Necochea, Executive Director
Stefany Olivas/CESOSS Staff
Laramie Sorensen/CESOSS Staff
Santiago Maestas, Board Member
Andrea Lopez, Board Member
Alicia Chavez, Board Member
Marcia Fernandez, Board Member
Rip Anderson PhD, Board Member
Jorge Garcia, Founder and Advisor to the Board

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Schedule

8:30 am – 9:00 am On-Site Registration
9:15 am Fun Run/Walk Begins
10:15 am - 11:30 am Celebrating and Honoring Our Acequias
                    Welcoming Ceremony
                    Danza Azteca
                    Acequia Protector Awards
                    Raffle
                    Closing Remarks
CESOSS Accomplishments and Highlights 2019

We are on our 7th successful cohort of emerging young leaders participating in our CESOSS Cultivando Nuestro Futuro Leadership Institute. CESOSS continues to develop a Leadership Development framework - Macehual Framework - based on Indigenous knowledge and philosophy.

Another successful season for our CESOSS Acequia Talk & Walks! The goal of these events is to reconnect the larger community to acequia and agricultural traditions in the Valle de Atrisco community. This year we had a total of 6 talk and walks, including a tribute to the Barelas Acequia.

In collaboration with the South Valley Regional Association of Acequias (SVRAA), we continue to engage in revitalizing acequia culture and traditions and strengthening local acequia associations and are working on launching the first ever Acequia Education and Outreach Office in the South Valley.

We are currently working on publishing the De La Tierra Coloring Book that is part of our Ciclos de la Tierra: Cultivando Querencia Framework. It features the artwork of local artists! We plan on having the coloring book ready before the end of 2019, stay tuned!

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CESOSS organizes a clean up day for the Armijo Acequia every year. This is our way of giving back to the community acequias by caring for them. This will ensure the long-term protection of historic South Valley acequias.

In collaboration with SVRAA and the Atrisco Acequia, the application process is underway to designate the Atrisco Acequia as a Historic Preservation site.

We continue to expand our programs and initiatives through significant in-kind and volunteer-driven support.

This year because of continued fundraising efforts, CESOSS was able to hire its first official full-time employee – Dr. Virginia Necochea!

CESOSS continues to build partnerships and collaborations with ally organizations.
The main purpose of the CESOSS Leadership Institute is to take a proactive role in the development of new generations of emerging leaders in our communities. Because CESOSS is firmly grounded in our local South Valley community, we strongly believe in the interconnectedness of land, water, culture, and traditions. We discuss the deep connections that this community (as others) has to land and water and how important the preservation of culture/traditions is to local communities. We also have incorporated legislation and policy development in the curriculum because we believe that it is pivotal for emerging leaders to understand the importance and impact policy has on our local communities. We can no longer afford for our communities and emerging leaders to see themselves as detached from legislation and policy development. The institute consists of a variety of work sessions and trainings (over the course of two semesters) that incorporate these themes. Participants develop an action plan that identifies a pertinent issue impacting the community (e.g. water rights; land; health disparities; food justice; environmental justice; educational inequities; etc.). The action plan will include in depth research that spans over both semesters. At the end of each semester, participants will share their action plan during a community celebration.
Many thanks to this year's sponsors! Our work continues because of your generous support!

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Fun Run & Walk

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Congreso de Las Acequias!
Celebrating 30 Years of the Acequia Movement in New Mexico

- Bendición de las Aguas
- Retrospective of the Acequia Movement
- Youth Perspective on the Future of Acequias
- Community, Food, Music

Saturday, November 2nd 2019
9:00am-3:00pm (Registration starts at 8:00am)
Sagebrush Inn
1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571

The Congreso de las Acequias is a dynamic and vibrant gathering that celebrates the acequias as part of our way of life and our livelihood. Our theme this year is Celebrating 30 Years of the Acequia Movement in New Mexico, we will reflect on the accomplishments of the last 30 years and how we will address the challenges that face us.

REGISTRATION:
Early Bird - $30 before October 21st
(online registration closes October 30th)
At the door - $35
Youth under 18 - $10; Student - $20

Registration covers breakfast snacks, lunch, entertainment, educational materials, an engaging agenda, networking, and youth activities.

To reserve overnight lodging at the Sagebrush Inn, call (575) 758-2254.

Please call (505) 995-9644 or visit www.lasacequias.org to register today!

★ Pre-Congreso Special Event: Acequia Revitalization in the Town of Taos
Friday, November 1 - 3:30-5:30pm
Hosted by Peter Vigil of the Taos SWCD, tour acequias in the Town of Taos, enjoy poetry, refreshments and learn local success stories of acequias thriving in a changing landscape.

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- Aromatherapy ~ Plant/Flower Oils
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"Have compassion for yourself and others. Everyone is doing the best they can based on their life experiences. Everyone is learning and growing, and so are you."
~ Doc Childre ~
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