

2023 SEMI-ANNUAL ALLOTTEE MEETING



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AGENDA

8:30 AM	Check In / Continental Breakfast
9:05 AM	Official Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:10 AM	Opening Prayer
9:15 AM	S.X.A.A. Board & Staff Introductions Grace & Dignity Award Recognition: Adam Andrews
9:20 AM	Presenter: Dr. Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan History of Water and Land for San Xavier
10:17 AM	BREAK
10:32 AM	Presenter: Chris Reagen Discussion on ASARCO's Proposal for S.X.A.A.
11:10 AM	Presenter: Michaela Lopez & Tina Rodriguez Wills & Life Plans for Allottees
11:48 AM	LUNCH BREAK
12:20 PM	Presenter: David Beeksma Bureau of Indian Affairs / Probate Discussion
12:53 PM	Presenter: Duran Andrews S.X.C.A. Farm Update
1:28 PM	BREAK
1:38 PM	Presenter: Ben Standifer S.X.A.A. Board of Directors and Financial Reports
2:00 PM	Closing: Anthony Rios Announcement of S.X.A.A. Board of Directors



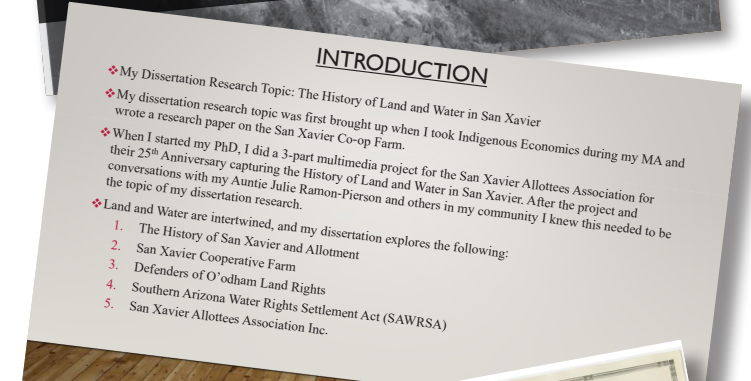
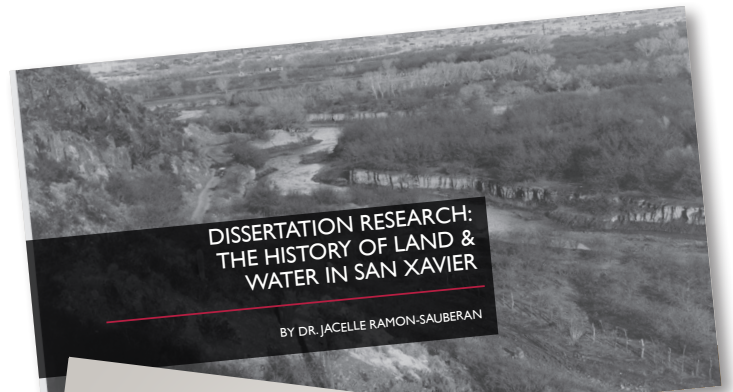
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JACELLE RAMON-SAUBERAN, PHD

Dr. Jacelle Ramon-Sauberan is Tohono O’odham and from the San Xavier District. She serves as faculty in the Tohono O’odham Studies Program at Tohono O’odham Community College. Ramon-Sauberan earned her PhD in American Indian Studies with a minor in Journalism at the University of Arizona in May 2023. Her research focuses on the history of land and water in the San Xavier District and she has written for news publications across the US including Indian Country Today. Ramon-Sauberan is also a communication specialist for the National Science Foundation’s AURA/ closely working with Kitt Peak National Observatory.



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Chris is the chair of our Indian Law Practice Group, guiding clients across industries in navigating the regulatory framework governing transactions with Indian tribes with significant experience involving the development of oil and gas resources on tribal lands. Prior to joining the firm, Chris represented some of the largest energy-producing Indian tribes in a broad range of issues related to the development of tribal natural resources.

CHRIS REAGEN ATTORNEY

Chris Reagen is a member of the Energy, Power and Natural Resources Practice Group and assists clients in transactions involving the acquisition, development, and disposition of energy assets and mining properties, including rare earth minerals. With a broad natural resources transactional practice, Chris has counseled clients in joint ventures to develop oil and gas properties, farmout agreements, purchase and sale agreements, joint development agreements, and crude oil purchase agreements. Chris has also represented upstream and midstream companies in gathering and transportation agreements and lenders and borrowers in energy finance matters.



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MICHAELA LOPEZ **OUTREACH LIAISON** **SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION**

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I have been working with SXAA for 2 years as a Community Liaison. Being in this position, I learned about the history of our jewed, especially in W:ak and nearby communities.

My previous work was in customer service and working with youth. These experiences have helped me in my current position.

My first language is O'odham and feel it is an important skill, I enjoy speaking and getting to know our Allottees. I believe our O'odham himdag should be stressed in all aspects of our lives.



OUTREACH LIAISON SERVICES:

- Life Plan (Last Will) Assistance
- Land & Housing Development Process
- Economic Development
- Land Buyback Program
- Cobell Process Assistance



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TINA RODRIQUEZ, OUTREACH LIAISON SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION

My name is Tina Rodriguez. I am an enrolled member of the Chuku Kuk District of the Tohono O’odham Nation. My community is San Miguel. I have been an employee of San Xavier Allottee Association (SXAA) for a year and three months as a Community Liaison.

Prior for working with SXAA I was employed with San Xavier District in 2009 to 2022 in the San Xavier Housing Department.

I enjoy my job and am always eager to learn what SXAA can provide to all allottees. As your Community Liaison I will provide you with great communication and professionalism. I can provide you with answers to your questions and concerns. If I should not have an answer, I will use my resources to provide you with the correct one.

OTHER SXAA SERVICES:

- Notary Service
- Probate Services
- Residential Land Services
- Business Land Services



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DAVID BEEKSMA, SUPERINTENDENT - B.I.A. TOHONO O'ODHAM AGENCY

Mr. Beeksma is an enrolled member of the Gaa-Miskwaabikaang community (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). His father's family has lived in the village of Red Cliff for over 600 years.

A career civil servant with more than 37 years of military and government experience, he has divided his time between Indian Country and U.S. National Security.

Dave has served as Director of External Affairs and senior advisor to the U.S. Special Trustee for American Indians, a professor of History, Political Science, and Law at Tohono O'odham Community College and other tribal colleges and universities, an officer of his tribe, Acting Superintendent of

the Fort Yuma Agency, and is currently the Superintendent of the Tohono O'odham Agency in southern Arizona.

He has also served in several leadership positions within the Department of Defense and Army Intelligence and Special Forces, including eight years on the ground in Afghanistan. Prior to his current role as Tohono O'odham Superintendent, he was a senior intelligence and policy advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Dave's holds Masters degrees in U.S. History and Political Science (International Relations), a Bachelors in History, and is a graduate of the Army Staff College, the Defense Language Institute, and several other courses and programs, as well as holding certifications in project management, strategic communication, and Six Sigma process improvement.

The Tohono O'odham Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs held a ceremony on February 28, 2023, to celebrate the renaming of BIA's administrative agency office as the Tohono O'odham Agency. The event included the unveiling of a new sign at the agency headquarters.

The previous name began as a derogatory term applied by Spanish conquistadors to O'odham people. Translated as "bean eater," it came from old Castilian Spanish slang and was adopted by the U.S. when it expanded into Arizona.

"This name change reflects the sovereignty of the Tohono O'odham people and aligns with the Department of the Interior's commitment to the removal of derogatory place names," said David Beeksma, superintendent of the BIA Tohono O'odham Agency. "Racist and derogatory geographic names rob people of their dignity, and make it difficult to have a positive nation-to-nation relationship with Tribes."



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Duran has been with the SXCA Farm for five years, working in the Hay Production Department as an Equipment Operator and Operations Supervisor before being promoted to SXCA Farm Manager in June 2022.

Duran plans to bring the farm back to the original perspective and reestablish the community connections the farm has had in the past. He is implementing more education and training for all areas of the farm to help improve overall production and plans to increase the acres for growing traditional and non-traditional food crops.

DURAN ANDREW **FARM MANAGER** **SAN XAVIER CO-OPERATIVE FARM**

Duran Andrews is 33 years old, born on the Tohono O’odham Nation and raised in the Ali Cuksoñ/Little Tucson community. His interest in agriculture started at an early age and sprouted in high school. He began his working career at the age of 15 and is a graduate of Baboquivari High School class of 2009.

In 2018, Duran earned his Associate of Science Degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources with a focus on Tohono O’odham Agriculture from Tohono O’odham Community College (TOCC). Duran worked with the TOCC Ag Extension Program during his entire time at the college trained by Mr. Clifford Pablo. He’s also worked with The University of Arizona to help develop a weather and climate curriculum for TOCC.



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EVALUATION

The SXAA Staff hope that you found this event informative and provided you with relevant information that you can use. Now help us plan your next event by responding to the questions below so we know how we can better serve you.

This is important so please fill it out in its entirety.

1. What made you decide to attend the Semi-Annual meeting?
2. Did the business meeting meet all your expectations?
3. Would you attend the next business meeting held by SXAA?
4. Do you think the meeting was structured well?
5. What was the most valuable part of the event for you?
6. What topics would you like to see covered for the next meeting?
7. Would you encourage other Allottees to attend the next meeting?
8. How would you rate the location of the meeting?
Good Satisfactory Poor
9. Do you have any additional suggestions for the next meeting?
10. Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns about today's meeting?

