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## Miyaxwe, and Welcome to the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Website

The Santa Rosa Indian Reservation is located in Riverside County, between Palm Springs and Anza, and occupies 11,021 acres of land.

The Reservation is composed of four non-contiguous parcels; the largest being located in the area of *Sew'ia*, or New Santa Rosa (Vandeventer Flat) where residents of the Reservation reside. The three remaining parcels, which include Toro Peak where the Tribe operates a telecommunications relay station, are located east of the main parcel. Elevation ranges from 4,200' elevation at *Sew'ia* (Cahuilla name for "New" Santa Rosa) to 8,700' elevation at Toro Peak.

Currently, there are 139 recognized Tribal Members (18 and over). Approximately 70 individuals live on the Reservation.

The General Council (which consists of adult members 18 years of age and older) elects a Tribal Council for two-year terms. The Tribal Council consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and three Council members.

The people of *Sew'ia* are one of eight Cahuilla Bands which include Cahuilla, Ramona, Los Coyotes, Torres-Martinez, Augustine, Cabazon, Agua Caliente, and Morongo.









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COVID-19 (Corona Virus) State of emergency Guidelines

Effective April 16,2020 the following will be in effect for the Santa Rosa Reservation Residents and Tribal Member

- Tribal Council Resolution 04162020 For The COVID-19 Pandemic declared a state of emergency for the Reservation. Urging all Residents to limit off-reservation travel (as defined in section 5), maintain social distancing (as defined in section 4), and practice all other recommendations as provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and R.S.B.C.I.H., Inc.
- Limiting all Visitors to the reservation with the exception of Essential Personnel (As defined in section 3), immediate family members and/or those providing essential services.
- Essential personnel are that of: Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, Health Care providers, childcare providers, food services, contractors and emergency services.
- "Social distancing" is maintaining a six-foot distance from all persons except for household members.
- Limiting all travel off the reservation to only travel for essential services such as: necessary shopping for food, fuel stations, Schools Nutrition programs, day care/childcare, medical appointments, and work. It is strongly recommended to designating one family member to leave the reservation for all essential shopping.
- All Residents, tribal Member, Visitors, and Essential Personnel shall wear face coverings (such as: mask, scarves, bandanas, neck gaiters or other fabric face coverings) on or off the reservation.
- The Tribal Hall, park, basketball court, and any other social gathering areas or activities on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation will remain closed and canceled until further notice. Social gathering of any sort is prohibited.
- A strong recommendation is made for all persons who are 65 years old or older, have a chronic underlying condition and/or those who have a compromised immune system to self-quarantine themselves at home.

- All persons traveling to the reservation from another state will be asked to selfquarantine at home for 14 days.
- 10. A strong recommendation is made for any persons exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms of the Corona Virus to self-isolate themselves in their place of residence (unless seeking medical treatment). We ask that any person who test positive for the Corona Virus please notify Tribal Administration.



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- 11. The loop can be utilized for exercise. All minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult over the age 18. All drivers are reminded of the reservation's speed limits and traffic signs so that the loop can be safe for exercise.
- 12. Please wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds in accordance with CDC guidelines. If soap & water is not available, use hand sanitizer—Do this multiple time daily & avoid touching your face.
- 13. Please note the Tribal Administration office is temporarily closed and will resume business on April 22, 2020 with a modified schedule
- 14. All forms Can be accessed on the tribes website (<a href="https://santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov/tribal-government/administration">https://santarosacahuilla-nsn.gov/tribal-government/administration</a>) or you can email or call Tribal Administration to set up a time to pick up any forms you may need and or drop off.
- 15. Tribal Council and Tribal Administration shall enforce all closure requirements at all parks, tribal Hall, basketball court and other social gathering areas.

These guidelines are effective immediately and will remain in effect until pending further order of the California Public Health Officer and or conditions are deemed safe assessed by Tribal Council.

These guidelines are being issued as a result of the pandemic of COVID-19 (Corona Virus). We are implementing these guidelines to reduce the exposure of COVID-19 therefore slowing the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 within the reservation.

Copies of these Guidelines have been posted on all Tribal Social Media, Website, Kiosk, and distributed via email. A copy can also be requested from Tribal Administration.



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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 04162020 FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally recognized Tribe, governed by the Governing Document adopted December 22, 2014 exercising jurisdiction over the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Document provides for a Tribal Council which retains Emergency Powers pertaining to any occurrence that may result in an immediate threat to life, property, and/or irrevocable damage to tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 a proclamation declaring a National Emergency for the United States was issued by the President regarding the outbreak of the novel corona virus Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020 the Governor of the State of California issued a stay-at-home order for residents state-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for the Tribe to prepare for and respond to any potential Covid-19 cases within the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation, to protect the health of Tribal Members and residents and slow the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council deems the functions of the Tribal Administration Offices and related programs as essential; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council, in its capacity to fulfill the Emergency Powers granted to the Tribal Council within the Governing Document, find it necessary to declare a State of Emergency in order to minimize the threat of a potential outbreak onto the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council urges all Residents to limit off-reservation

travel, maintain social distancing, and practice all other recommendations as provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and R.S.B.C.I.H., Inc.; and



**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the closure of the Tribal Hall, park, basketball court, and any other social gathering areas or activities on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation until further notice.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned herby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by Tribal Council on April 16, 2020 by a vote of  $\underline{5}$  "For"  $\underline{0}$  "Against"  $\underline{0}$  "Abstain"  $\underline{0}$  "Recuse" and that the resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.

Chairwoman

Vice Chairman

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