

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:<br>New Mexico |      |
| COUNTY:<br>Valencia  |      |
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| ENTRY NUMBER         | DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Pueblo of Laguna

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
San José de La Laguna

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Approximately 45 miles west of Albuquerque

CITY OR TOWN:  
and west of U. S. Highway 66

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| STATE<br>New Mexico | CODE<br>35 | COUNTY:<br>Valencia | CODE<br>061 |
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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Pueblo</u>                |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Pueblo of Laguna (Office of the Governor)

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 194

|                          |                      |            |
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| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Laguna, | STATE:<br>New Mexico | CODE<br>35 |
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Valencia County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 96

|                            |                      |            |
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| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Los Lunas | STATE:<br>New Mexico | CODE<br>35 |
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties

DATE OF SURVEY: 12/30/71     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 W. DeVargas

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7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main village of the Pueblo of Laguna is located on the west side of the San Jose River. The pueblo was built on a soft, yellow-white sandstone slope. The buildings are of stone masonry and adobe construction. Laguna is the largest of the Keresan speaking pueblos.

According to Dr. Florence Hawley Ellis, the original settlement prior to 1699 was in the southeastern section of the pueblo. San Jose de La Laguna Mission constructed about 1701 by Fray Antonio Miranda is situated on the west slope and dominates the pueblo. A community center, located slightly north of the old Council Chambers was built in 1959 and is used for offices and meetings of the tribal council. The present condition of the pueblo is excellent.

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## SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 7/4/1699-main portion; 15th century-SE section

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Living Pueblo</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                         |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                       |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pueblo of Laguna is one of the largest and most progressive of the New Mexico Pueblos. The present Pueblo was established July 4, 1699 when a group of Queres Indians made their submission to Governor Pedro Rodriguez Cubero at or near the present site of Laguna Pueblo. The Pueblo is known in the Queres language as Kawaik. The Spanish designation of "Laguna" referred to a large lake northwest of the Pueblo, which during the late colonial period this lake gradually dried up and disappeared. No authentic Spanish documents have been found specifically relating to a separate group who can be identified as Laguna Indians prior to 1699. Most New Mexico historians and anthropologists, led by Hubert H. Bancroft, have claimed that Laguna was not a pre-Conquest pueblo but dates from the July 4, 1699 submission to Governor Cubero. A number of those who submitted were apparently refugees from the pueblos of Cieneguilla, Santo Domingo, Cochiti and Zia, who had rebelled against Spanish control in 1692 after the reoccupation of New Mexico by General Diego de Vargas Zapata Luján de León and had fled to Acoma, but had come down from the peñol in 1697 or 1698 with a group of dissident Acomas. However, Dr. Florence Hawley Ellis, Professor of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, before the Indian Claims Commission in Washington, D.C., September 16 and 17, 1957, in the case of "The Pueblo of Laguna vs. the United States," No. 227, based upon concentrated research in Laguna sites and pottery types, testified that the basic ancestry of modern Laguna lies in a small group which had a separate identity long before the Spanish occupation and had established a tiny village on the southeast side of the present Pueblo. However, July 4, 1699, is the date for the official establishment of the refugee Pueblo.

The Pueblo of Laguna expanded rapidly after its establishment, and was granted additional land on the west, east and north. About 1766, pueblo title was given for a large tract on the north known as the "Paquate Purchase," and the village of Paquate was established 9 miles north of the original pueblo. For many years this village has had a larger population than the mother pueblo. Laguna was particularly exposed to white encroachments on this and other land throughout its history, but steadfastly opposed all trespass by petition, lawsuit,

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occasionally by direct action, and later by purchase of lands which it had originally held but which had been lost. Throughout the Spanish, Mexican and Territorial periods, the Pueblo supplied its quota of militia volunteers for defense from hostile tribes.

Military personnel and other visitors to the pueblo after U. S. occupation frequently noted the progressive nature of the village, the friendliness of its people and the quality of its crops. Protestant groups, led by the Baptists in the 1850's and later by the Presbyterians in the 1870's made converts of several leaders and as a result a split occurred in the Pueblo in the latter part of the 19th century and some of the most orthodox families, led by the Cacique, established the village of Mesita to the southeast. The Cacique and his family later moved to the Pueblo of Isleta. After World War II, rich deposits of uranium were discovered at the "Jackpile Mine" in the Paquate Purchase.

In addition to the mother pueblo, there are six other major Laguna villages: Paquate, Encinal, Mesita, Seama, Paraje and Casa Blanca.

No. 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER  | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|   | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW  | N35° 2' 18"             | W107° 23' 19"           |   |                         |  |
| NE  | N35° 2' 18"             | W107° 22' 50"           |   |                         |  |
| SE  | N35° 1' 58"             | W107° 22' 50"           |   |                         |  |
| SW  | N35° 1' 58"             | W107° 23' 19"           |   |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 108 approximately

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 James H. Purdy, Archivist I

ORGANIZATION: State Records Center and Archives DATE: 1-19-73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 404 Montezuma

CITY OR TOWN: Santa Fe STATE: New Mexico CODE: 35

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name David W. King

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date January 30, 1978

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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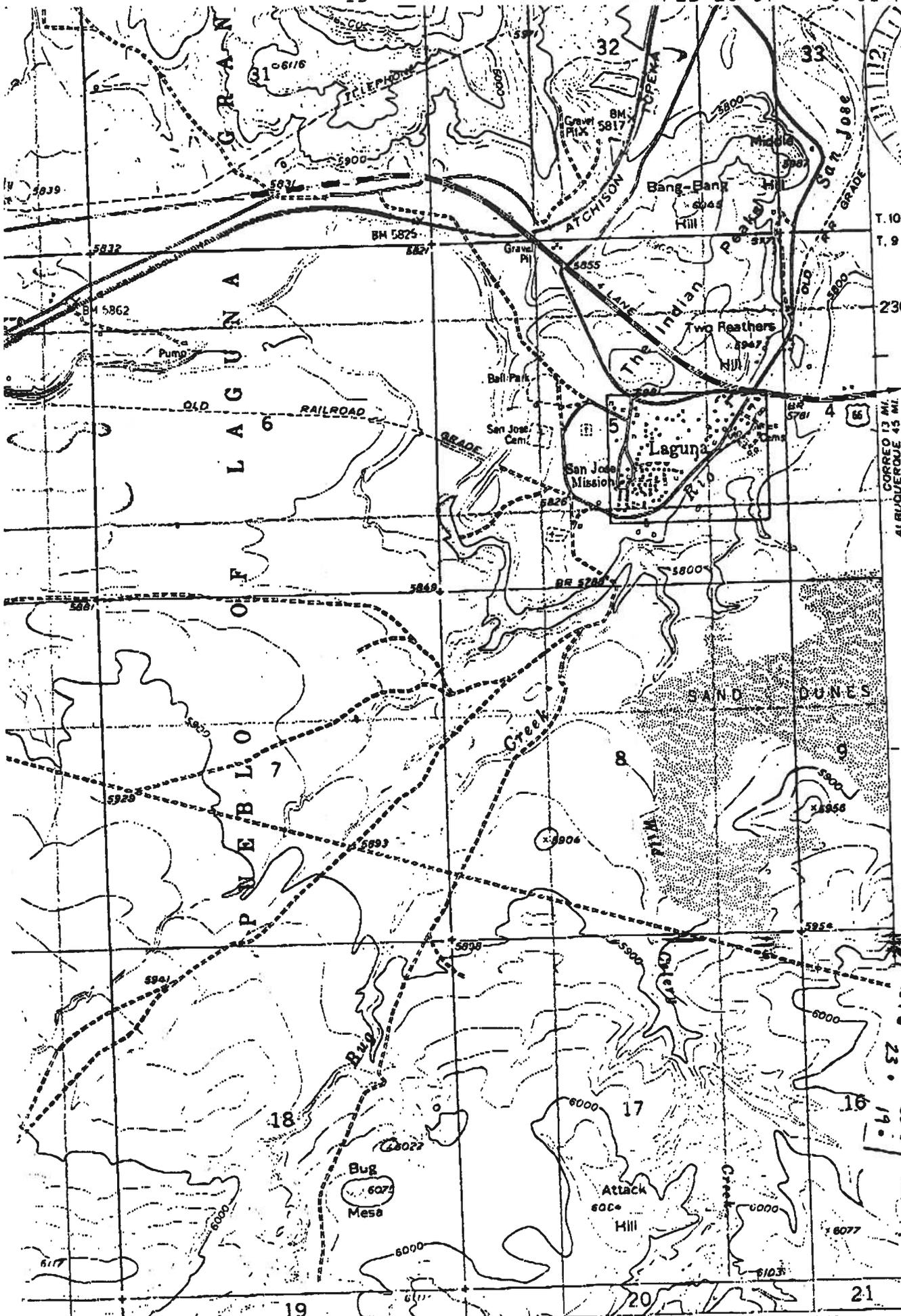
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... A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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| SE     | 35° 00' 00" | 107° 22' 30" |
| SW     | 35° 00' 00" | 107° 22' 30" |

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