

As many of you are aware, the Pueblo of Santa Clara (along with the United States) and the City of Española have been engaged in litigation for a number of years concerning the existence and operation of City water and sewer lines and roadways within the boundaries of the Pueblo. The United States and the Pueblo of Santa Clara sued the City of Española for trespass of the City's water and sewer lines and roadways located within the boundaries of the Pueblo on the grounds that there was no valid right-of-way agreement in place for such lines and roadways. Thankfully, the Pueblo and the City have been able to reach an agreement to resolve this dispute and have agreed to work together on a long-term agreement for a future right-of-way.

On behalf of the City of Española (and with the unanimous support and endorsement of the City Council), I hereby apologize to the Pueblo of Santa Clara and its members for the 20-year delay in reaching a resolution of this dispute. The City looks forward to working collaboratively with the Pueblo and I sincerely thank the Pueblo leadership and our Pueblo friends and neighbors for their considerable efforts in resolving this matter. Thank you!

John Ramon Vigil

Mayor, City of Española