Santa Clara Forestry Honored for Special Achievement in GIS

Geographic Information System Provider Esri Awards Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry Department at Annual User Conference

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—July, 2018—Esri, the global leader in spatial analytics, presented Santa Clara Pueblo with Esri's Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award on July 11 at the annual Esri User Conference. Selected from over 300,000 eligible candidates, Santa Clara Pueblo received the award for its innovative application of mapping, data analytics, and thought leadership in the fields of Forestry and Hazard Mitigation.

Governor J. Michael Chavarria, Garrett Altmann, and Talavi Cook attended the the SAG Award Ceremony (photo left) and are pictured with ESRI founder Jack Dangermond (photo right).

The SAG Awards are meant to show appreciation for organizations that are using GIS to solve some of the world's toughest challenges. Through The Science of Where—the technology of GIS combined with the science of geography—the users honored with these awards are demonstrating the most groundbreaking and transformative possibilities of GIS software.

"Esri User Conference is a great forum for our users to come together and share the amazing ways they are implementing GIS technology," said Jack Dangermond, Esri founder and president. "The organizations recognized here are creating maps and using spatial analytics to make a difference in the world. We are honored to present these awards."

Santa Clara Forestry has used GIS to manage and map operations related to forest restoration including planting, erosion control, traditional trails, hazard fuel reduction, fire, and hazard mitigation. GIS is a key component for planning, implementation, and monitoring of nearly all

forestry activities. The maps and data created using GIS enables the Forestry Department to maximize their effectiveness in forest management.

"It's a tremendous honor for Santa Clara Pueblo to receive the ESRI SAG Award," said Garrett Altmann, GIS Coordinator for the Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry Department. "It's an honest reflection of the Tribe's commitment to managing our landscape to the greatest potential."

Santa Clara Peublo was one of over 180 organizations in areas such as commercial industry, defense, transportation, nonprofit work, telecommunications, and government to receive a SAG Award. Esri staff annually nominate hundreds of candidates from around the world for consideration, and Dangermond selects the finalists.

For more information on how Forestry is changing the world through The Science of Where, visit Santa Clara Forestry's new **Story Map** showcasing how the tribe is working to restore its forests for future generations: *https://arcg.is/0HGPHf*

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