

# JACONA LAND GRANT ASSOCIATION

John E. Valencia, President July 14, 2021

# JACONA LAND GRANT ASSOCIATION BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN OF JACONA LAND GRANT

- 1700's: Granted by the King of Spain to Ygnacio de Roybal and confirmed by Governor Juan Bautista de Anza.
- **1800's:** Surveyor General recommendation for confirmation of 46,000 acres but no congressional action. After petitioning, Court of Private Land Claims **confirmed Grant** unto the heirs and assigns of Ignacio de Roybal y Torrado of about 7,000 acres because area Pueblo land had already been confirmed.

#### 1909:

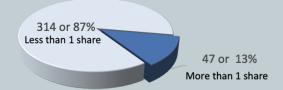
- March July: The heirs petitioned to partition the Grant as filed in Territorial District Court. The Court denied partitioning and ordered the sale of the Grant instead. The Grant was sold to Juan Cosmé Herrera and one hundred eleven (111) other residents of the Grant for \$1500. They declared corporation and set up a Board of Trustees.
- November 15. Grant was patented pursuant to the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hildago by then President Taft to heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives of Ygnacio Roybal, Francisca Gomez and their children.
- 1929: Due to dispute over unpaid property taxes, a **Special Master's Deed** was executed to Perfecto Gallegos and 99 other owners of the Grant, jointly and to their heirs, successors and assigns forever, all of the Grant.
- 1987: A partial Final Judgment and Decree of Special Master, appointed by District Court, cleared the title of the Town of Jacona Land Grant and stated the percentage of shares each owner owned. It stated the Grant is a private land grant not governed by Chapter 49 of the Laws of New Mexico.
- 1990 Present: Leases and sales of lots. Enclosed property with fencing except river parcel.
   Created boundary road on south parcel.

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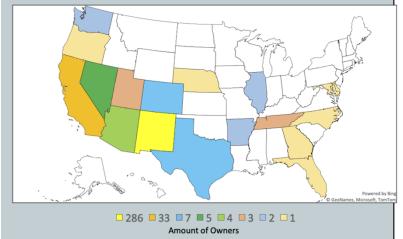
### LOCATION AND STATISTICS

- ~6500 Acres
- ~360 Owners as tenants in common
- Annual Member Meeting typically the last Sunday in April.
- Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings

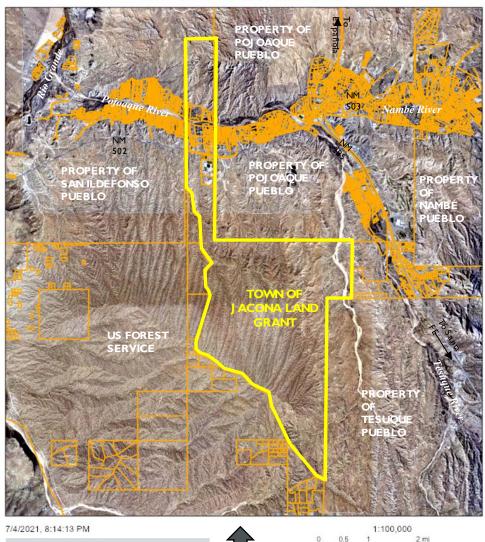
**Whole Share Distribution** 



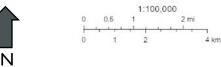
#### **JLGA Member Location**



#### TOWN OF JACONA GRANT







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# J ACONA LAND GRANT AS S OCIATION GOALS, USES, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Goal is to become sustainable for the members.
- Current use of land is grazing.
- Lots have been sold previously to members and others.
- Pojoaque Valley School District (PVSD):
  - 1995: Sold ~100 acres to the PVSD for the current campus at a below market price.
  - PVSD has license to use certain Grant trails for Cross-country and other athletic and educational needs.
- A lot was leased to Santa Fe County in 2016 with the intention of building a new transfer station, fire station and with potential options for a community center and open space usage. However, the contract was terminated by Santa Fe County in 2018 due to funding constraints.
- Currently negotiating installation of a utility sized solar field.

# J ACONA LAND GRANT AS S OCIATION IS SUES AND CONCERNS

### Trespassers and illegal dumping.

- We would like to allow limited community use for walking trails but are hampered by liability concerns and insurance cost.
- Big clean-up of illegal dumping in the hills in 2010. Still having issues with illegal dumping.

### Lack of water.

- Because of omission, no water was adjudicated to the Grant through the Aamodt Water Rights Settlement Agreement, which adjudicated all water in the basin, even though Granting Decree included watering-places.
- A small amount of surface water rights were bought and donated, yet the acequias control transfer of water locations.
- Ranchers haul water.
- No water for commercial enterprises.

## Zoning

Santa Fe County decided zoning without input from the Grant.

#### Finances

- Expenses much more than income.
- Road easements and access.
- Clean-up of 1960's County Dump site.



Pojoaque Riverbed Winter 2020

# J ACONA LAND GRANT AS S OCIATION FUTURE VISION

- S usta ina bility
- Economic opportunities
- Community needs



QUESTIONS?
Thank you for this opportunity.