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Cochiti Pueblo and Corps Sign Historic Agreement

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From left to right, Hon. Michael Pecos, Cochiti Pueblo Lt. Governor, Hon. John Paul Woodley, Jr., the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Hon. Joseph Ernest Suina, Cochiti Pueblo Governor, and Lt. Colonel Bruce A. Estok, the Albuquerque District Commander, sign a historic cooperative agreement that will allow Cochiti Pueblo to be more actively involved in Cochiti Lake operations.

COCHITI PUEBLO, N.M. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District signed a historic cooperative agreement with Cochiti Pueblo, June 17, that allows the Tribe to participate in managing the overall operations at the Cochiti Lake area.

The agreement, which excludes management of the federally operated dam, comes after many years of sacri-

fice by the Pueblo, including elements of its culture and agricultural way of life that were impacted to the point of being nearly lost after construction of the dam.

Built as a flood risk management dam by the Corps, Cochiti Dam was completed in 1975 and designed to reduce the effects of flooding for the City of Albuquerque, retain

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