

Executive Order 2006-03

AZSITE and the AZSITE Consortium

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Parks, State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) is mandated by A.R.S. § 41-511.04 to cooperate with federal and state agencies, political subdivisions of the state and other persons to direct and conduct a comprehensive statewide survey of historic properties, maintain inventories of historic properties and keep and maintain a register of places eligible or listed on the Arizona or National Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the SHPO is directed by the State Historic Preservation Act codified in (A.R.S. § 41-862 through A.R.S. § 41-864) to assist agencies in establishing programs to locate, inventory, and nominate properties to the Arizona Register of Historic Places, and to review and comment on agency plans that involve register listed or eligible properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, Arizona State Museum (“ASM”) at the University of Arizona has the mandated responsibility under A.R.S. § 15-1631 to collect archaeological and paleontological information and materials from state land; and

WHEREAS, the ASM administers and maintains records in compliance with Arizona’s burial legislation (A.R.S. § 41-865) and the Arizona Antiquities Act (A.R.S. § 41-841 through A.R.S. § 41-844); and

WHEREAS, historically, multiple agencies and institutions maintained historical and archaeological property inventories (surveys), requiring consultant and agency historic property managers to check multiple sources in the performance of state and federal mandated historical and archaeological property management activities; and

WHEREAS, the SHPO at the Arizona State Parks, the ASM, the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University, and the Museum of Northern Arizona formed a consortium (“AZSITE Consortium”) in 1995 to cooperatively share data, provide shared staffing resources, seek grant funding, and develop and implement a single statewide historic property (archaeological and historical period properties) inventory database and geographic information system (GIS”); and

WHEREAS, the AZSITE Consortium has developed and implemented a secure, web-based, password protected, statewide database and GIS inventory of Arizona’s historic and archaeological properties and the fulfillment of federal and state mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The AZSITE Consortium shall serve as the decision making and planning body within the Executive Branch for the AZSITE database and GIS inventory of Arizona’s historical and archaeological properties.

2. The AZSITE Consortium shall continue to participate in the management, maintenance, and updating of the AZSITE statewide electronic inventory of historical and archaeological properties and surveys.
3. The AZSITE Consortium shall be composed of an Executive Management Board (“Board”) and a standing advisory committee (“Committee”) that shall assist the Board in issues related to the management, access, security, content and delivery of information in AZSITE. The Board shall consist of the following members or their designees, each of whom shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member: the State Historic Preservation Officer at Arizona State Parks, the Director of the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona, the Director of the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University, and the Director of the Museum of Northern Arizona. The Chair of the Consortium will rotate among these four agencies annually. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Committee may include representatives from each of the following: the Governor’s Office, a state agency, a federal agency with an Arizona presence, a tribal preservation office, and a private cultural resource consulting firm.
4. The AZSITE Consortium shall hold quarterly public meetings, which shall include public participation from users of the system.
5. The AZSITE Consortium shall cooperatively seek and share grant funding among managing AZSITE Consortium agencies for improvements to the existing system.
6. The AZSITE Consortium shall maintain security on the system and protect sensitive archaeological site locational information through user application agreements, a user access policy and password protections.
7. The AZSITE Consortium shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor’s Office no later than June 30th each year.
8. The AZSITE database and GIS system shall serve as Arizona’s official statewide inventory of historical and archaeological properties.
9. The AZSITE database and GIS system shall consist of information submitted by state and federal agencies, research institutions, political subdivisions of the state, cultural resource consultants, and researchers.
10. All state agencies owning, managing, funding or causing action upon historical or archaeological properties shall help to update the AZSITE system by submitting survey and property location information to the system.

11. The AZSITE system shall be available for authorized use by state and federal agencies, tribes, political subdivisions of the state, cultural resource consultants, and research institutions for carrying out state and federally-mandated cultural resource reviews, historical and archaeological research, and historic preservation planning activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix on the 6th day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America in the Two Hundred Thirtieth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

