

# AZSITE Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report

## April 2022

Prepared by Daniel Garcia, AHAC Chair

### Meetings

AHAC has met twice following the last AZSITE Executive Board Meeting in February 2021. Our March 2 and 25, 2022 committee meetings were again held via zoom. The meetings focused on completing selection of new Committee members to replace folks who have resigned and to complete the draft AZSITE Training outline.

### Committee Members

The remaining unfilled advisor positions were filled. Rachel Fernandez from ASU's Digital Antiquity (tDar) fills the vacant academic position, Zachary Rothwell from North Wind Resource Consulting will serve as the large CRM business representative, and Keith Pajkos from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management will fill the state agency position.

### AZSITE Training

The full advisory committee met to workshop the Proposed Outline for Mandatory AZSITE Training for Non-Professional Users, an effort that was championed by Reylynne Williams. A copy of the proposed outline is attached to this report for the Board's review and discussion. The Committee is available to assist with further development of a training program at the pleasure of the Board.

### AZSITE Land Ownership/Jurisdiction Data Improvements

Ian Milliken met with the deputy state cartographer and learned that development of a land jurisdiction/ownership data layer that more accurately conveys surface land ownership is a goal of the state cartographer's office, so there is potential that this problem could be solved at the state level.

### Updating prehistoric and historic canal information in AZSITE

No update this month, but champion Dan Garcia is Hoping to work with Chris Caseldine at ASU and Pueblo Grade Museum on updating the Phoenix Basin Huhugam canals, and with the Bureau of Reclamation on Historic Period canals in coming months.

Cordially,



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Proposed Outline for  
**MANDATORY AZSITE TRAINING FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL USERS**

Prepared by Reylynne Williams and the AZSITE Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee  
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### Synopsis

The goal of this proposed training is to provide AZSITE Users who are not cultural resources professionals with information about cultural resources, laws, and Tribal perspectives. The training will focus on the background of AZSITE, identify the laws that protect cultural resources, and provide tribal perspectives to cultural resources that will provide the AZSITE user who are unfamiliar with cultural resource protection/preservation. This is not intended to be a “how to use AZSITE” training module. The training would be developed with input from AZSITE staff, members of the AZSITE Consortium, Ad-Hoc Advisors, ASM and SHPO, and agency and tribal staff.

### Intended Audience

While many AZSITE users are professional archaeologists or cultural resource practitioners, there are authorized users – Geographic Information Systems specialists, project managers, state county or city agency staff – who may not be familiar with pertinent cultural resources laws, cultural resources, or the Native peoples resources represent. This training would help fill those gaps and would be required for non-professional users.

### Format

The training should be developed both as an in-person live training and as a pre-recorded on-line training module with a required quiz or test at the end mostly to ensure people pay attention. If in-person trainings are desired, a venue or venues convenient to users should be arranged. It may not be advisable to offer this training as part of the state historic preservation conference as many qualifying users would not be likely to attend. Rather, smaller events in the larger state metropolitan areas during the workday would be likely to attract more users.

### Proposed Outline:

1. Introduction
  - What is AZSITE?
  - AZSITE History and Executive Order
    - Members of the Consortium – SHPO, ASM, ASU, MNA
    - Why it was created
    - Discuss the special relationship between AZSITE and ASM ARO
  - What AZSITE GIS/Spatial data represent
  
2. User Responsibilities
  - Review the AZSITE User Agreements and Policies
  - Review how data is used for CRM and Agencies
  - AZSITE data protection and storage of data, cloud systems
  - Understanding ownership and jurisdiction

3. Pertinent Cultural Resource Laws, Regulations, Statutes, and Rules
  - Arizona Revised Statutes – the Arizona Antiquities Act, State Historic Preservation Act, and Confidentiality Law, ABOR Rules, SHPO Guidance
  - Federal Laws and regulations – National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, Freedom of Information Act
  - Tribal laws and tribal consultation
  - County Policies and Municipal Ordinances
  - Responsibilities of government agencies
  - Permits and Responsibilities of consultants
  
4. Cultural Resource Awareness
  - Tribal perspectives and cultural sensitivity
    - Note: This presentation does not replace/fulfill Tribal Cultural Sensitivity training requirements outside of AZSITE.
  - Archaeological perspectives
  - Arizona State Museum site definitions
  - When to update AZSITE information
  - Examples: success and problems
  
5. Summary
  - Conclusions that can be made from AZSITE data
  - Caveats using AZSITE data
  - Take Questions/Comments for in-person presentations
  - Provide Contact Info
  - Link to additional resources:
    - How to use AZSITE video, guidebook
    - Frequently asked questions
  
6. Exam