

**ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE
of the
SALINAN TRIBE OF MONTEREY AND SAN LUIS COUNTIES**

ARTICLE I - DESCRIPTION

The Salinan Tribal Council of the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, hereinafter referred to as “Salinan Tribe”, enacts the following Enrollment Ordinance.

This Enrollment Ordinance shall set forth the due process and procedures for applying to become a member of the Salinan Tribe, shall set forth the due process and procedures for disenrollment from the Salinan Tribe, shall set forth the due process and procedures for establishment and administration of the membership roll, and shall set forth any and all processes and procedures necessary to implement this Enrollment Ordinance.

If any conflict of interpretation arises between the Enrollment Ordinance and the Constitution of the Salinan Tribe, the Enrollment Ordinance shall prevail.

ARTICLE II – ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

This Enrollment Ordinance Committee shall consist of a five (5) member committee appointed by the Salinan Tribal Council. The committee members shall be seated members, in good standing, of the Salinan Tribal Council.

The Salinan Tribal Council shall be responsible for appointing members to the Enrollment Ordinance Committee after each regular biennial election cycle, or as required in case of a vacancy to this committee. Each appointed member to this committee shall be approved by a majority vote of the Salinan Tribal Council.

ARTICLE III – ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary role of the Enrollment Ordinance Committee shall be to review and make recommendations to the Salinan Tribal Council in regard to potential General Membership applicants and General Membership applications for review. The process for becoming a General Member of the Salinan Tribe shall be outlined in Article V of this ordinance.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

The Enrollment Ordinance Committee shall meet when needed to conduct business as deemed necessary by either the committee itself or as requested by the Salinan Tribal Council. Meetings shall require a quorum and can be held in person, virtually, by conference call, or any other form of communication commonly used and agreed upon by the Enrollment Ordinance Committee.

The Salinan Tribal Council shall be notified of any meetings being proposed and held by the Enrollment Ordinance Committee before such meetings are held. Such notifications can be accomplished through an announcement at a monthly business meeting, email, text message, or any other form of communication commonly used and agreed upon by the Salinan Tribal Council.

The Enrollment Ordinance Committee shall be required to meet as an executive closed session meeting due to the highly sensitive, personal, and private nature of discussions required, and to respect the privacy of the General Membership of the Salinan Tribe. For these reasons, minutes shall not be kept.

The committee shall have the authority, if desired, to invite members of the Salinan Tribal Council to participate in any meetings as the committee sees fit. Invited members of the Salinan Tribal Council shall not have any voting rights during the Enrollment Ordinance Committee meetings.

ARTICLE V – SALINAN TRIBE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Definition of our Historical Indian Tribe

The Historical Indian Tribe that is being claimed for the Salinan Tribe is from the Indian population that existed from both Mission San Antonio de Padua (located in the County of Monterey, California), and Mission San Miguel Arcángel (located in the County of San Luis Obispo, California), during the Spanish Mission Era. The Spanish Mission Era shall be defined as the period from 1769 until the adoption of the Mexican Secularization Laws of 1834.

This Indian mission population originally came from the surrounding Indian villages that existed just prior to the founding of the two missions based on the result of Spanish policy at the time. The Spanish baptism records from these missions designate those who were baptized as Indian under such Spanish terms including gentile, india/indio, or neófito/neófita. (These records, and translations, are available through the archivist at the Diocese of Monterey located in Monterey, California.)

Historical evidence demonstrates a likelihood that the Indian populations at both Mission San Antonio de Padua (located in the County of Monterey, California), and Mission San Miguel Arcángel (located in the County of San Luis Obispo, California), became an entity consisting of regional tribes that were both socially connected and culturally similar from the regional Indian villages living in the geographic area. Both missions belonged to the same linguistic stock (later termed Salinan) as researched by numerous linguists during the 19th and 20th centuries including Dr. T.T. Waterman, J. Alden Mason, Alex S. Taylor, H.W. Henshaw, Dr. A.L. Kroeber, and John P. Harrington.

Further, the Salinan Tribe also defines the following Indians, from the Historical Indian Tribe, as the true claimed ancestors of our current members and our continuous tribal entity.

Table 1:
Individuals in the Historical Indian Tribe Claimed as Ancestors of Current Members

	Name	Mission	Baptism Number	Baptism Date
1.	Agata Maria	SAP	82	May 15, 1773
2.	Anasthasia Ignes	SAP	83	May 15, 1773
3.	Margarita de Cortona	SAP	75	May 01, 1773
4.	Leandro Esmequeuiya	SAP	321	Sept 21, 1775
5.	Maria de la Nieves	SAP	380	Mar 19, 1776
6.	Severino Chonuto	SMA	1020	Nov 12, 1803
7.	Severina	SMA	1031	Nov 12, 1803
8.	Diego Bravo	SAP	48	Mar 07, 1773
9.	Barbara	SMA	725	Dec 04, 1802
10.	Jacobo Talges Chayau	SMA	2155	Dec 28, 1821
11.	Jacoba Chajeyat	SMA	2156	Dec 28, 1821
12.	Pascual Bylon	SMA	1477	Apr 24, 1810
13.	Gregoria Chayulit Enterria	SMA	2157	Dec 28, 1821
14.	Onesimo Bylon	SMA	2417	Feb 23, 1830
15.	Jose Antonio Gambucera	SMA-M	396	Dec 30, 1855
16.	Opolo	SMA-B	2572	Oct 4, 1834
17.	Laureano Lisjayya	SAP	2674	Apr 28, 1802
18.	Martina Lisjayya	SAP	2713	Sept 25, 1802
19.	Sigismundo Kanep	SAP	2373	Mar 09, 1799
20.	Pedro Encinales	SAP	1761	Oct 14, 1790
21.	Eusebio Encinales	SAP	4186	Sept 11, 1824
22.	Perfecta Chaluic Garcia	SMA	2572	Oct 04, 1834
23.	Paula Lisjayya Olmeda	SAP	2025	Jan 14, 1794
24.	Rafaela Kanep	SAP-M	523	Mar 9, 1799
25.	Uotsomilt	SMA-B	2572	Oct 4, 1834
26.	Antonio Stronconio	SMA	1236	May 1, 1805
27.	Josefa Jarabo	SMA	2036	Feb 4, 1819
28.	Refugio Linares	SLD-M	734	Jul 5, 1849
29.	Paula Eu-Echic	SMA	2026	Jan 13, 1835

Section 2: Application Eligibility for General Membership

All potential applicants, and applications for review, to the Salinan Tribe, at a minimum, shall demonstrate that they have descended from, and have been a part of, a continuous tribal entity from the Historical Indian Tribe as described in Article V, Section 1 of this ordinance, from 1834 forward.

All potential applicants, and applications for review, to the Salinan Tribe, shall also demonstrate to have been descended from a continuous tribal entity from the list titled “Individuals in the Historical Indian Tribe Claimed as Ancestors of Current Members” as found in Article V, Section 1, Table 1 of this ordinance.

Meeting these basic minimum qualifications shall not guarantee the right to apply, nor to enroll, in the Salinan Tribe. All decisions for initial application eligibility shall be the privileged decision and responsibility of the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council as outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance of the Salinan Tribe. All decisions to become an enrolled member of the Salinan Tribe shall follow the rules of the Enrollment Ordinance of the Salinan Tribe.

Section 3: Eligibility for General Membership

All members of the Salinan Tribe shall demonstrate that they have descended from, and have been a part of, a continuous tribal entity from the Historical Indian Tribe as described in Article II, from 1834 forward.

All members of the Salinan Tribe shall also demonstrate to be descended as a continuous tribal entity from the list titled “Individuals in the Historical Indian Tribe Claimed as Ancestors of Current Members” as found in Article II, Section 1, Table 1 of this constitution.

All members of the Salinan Tribal Council and all members of the Salinan Tribal Elders Council shall also demonstrate that they have descended from, and have been a part of, a continuous tribal entity from the Historical Indian Tribe as described above, from 1834 forward.

All members of the Salinan Tribal Council and all members of the Salinan Tribal Elders Council shall also demonstrate to be descended as a continuous tribal entity from the list titled “Individuals in the Historical Indian Tribe Claimed as Ancestors of Current Members” as found in Article II, Section 1, Table 1 of this constitution.

ARTICLE VI – SALINAN TRIBE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Section 1: Rights and Responsibility of the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council

At any time during the Salinan Tribe General Membership Enrollment Process, the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council shall have the right to ask for further information or clarification, as deemed necessary, of any potential applicant, or applicant, for admission to the Salinan Tribe.

It shall be the responsibility of the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council to hold all information submitted by any potential applicant, or applicant, to the highest level of privacy. Any violation of this privacy requirement can be grounds for removal from both the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council.

Section 2: Salinan Tribe General Membership Application Request Form and Review

All potential applicants that wish to become a member of the Salinan Tribe General Membership shall submit to the Enrollment Ordinance Committee, for review, the Salinan Tribe General Membership Application Request Form.

The Enrollment Ordinance Committee, at their discretion and with a majority vote, shall review the Salinan Tribe General Membership Application Request Form and make a recommendation to the Salinan Tribal Council for review and final decision based on a majority vote.

Section 3: Salinan Tribe General Membership Application Form Process

All applicants who are permitted to receive the Salinan Tribe General Membership Application Form shall be required to provide all documentation as requested on the application to the Enrollment Ordinance Committee. The process shall generally follow the following steps.

- (a) The Enrollment Ordinance Committee shall review the Salinan Tribe General Membership Application and, at their discretion with a majority vote, make a recommendation to the Salinan Tribal Council for review.
- (b) The Salinan Tribal Council upon review of the recommendation, shall at this point have the option to either reject the application or to proceed forward with an interview of the applicant. The interview can be held either in person or virtually as agreed upon.
- (c) After the interview process, the Salinan Tribal Council shall make a final decision on the General Membership Application for enrollment within sixty (60) days of the completion of the interview. Approval of the applicant for enrollment to the Salinan Tribe General Membership shall be with a seventy-five percent (75%) majority of the full Salinan Tribal Council.

All decisions by the Enrollment Ordinance Committee and the Salinan Tribal Council shall be binding and final.

Section 4: Ability to Reapply

Any applicant who is rejected for membership to the Salinan Tribe shall be required to wait a minimum of one (1) year from the date of final rejection in order to reapply.

Section 5: Ability to Withdraw an Application

Any applicant has the right to withdraw their application at any time. No reason needs to be given. If an applicant withdraws their application, they will have the ability to reapply at any time with no penalty.

ARTICLE VII – SALINAN TRIBE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DISENROLLMENT PROCESS

Section 1: Personal Respect and Cultural Sensitivity

At all times during a disenrollment process of any General Member of the Salinan Tribe, all individuals shall handle themselves with the highest level of personal respect and shall hold with the utmost regard the cultural sensitivity of this process. At no times shall anyone be allowed to disparage other members.

Section 2: Causes for Disenrollment

The following list, which is not all encompassing, may be used as causes for disenrollment from the Salina Tribe General Membership.

- (a) Voluntary relinquishment of membership.
- (b) Evidence presented that the member does not meet the requirements for membership under Article IV, Section 3 of this ordinance.
- (c) Evidence presented that the member is enrolled with another tribe, band, or rancheria.
- (d) Evidence presented that the member has been convicted of a felony or found guilty of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty.
- (e) Evidence that the member was dishonest during the Salinan Tribe General Membership Enrollment Process.
- (f) Evidence presented that the member has not been in contact with, nor is accessible to, the Salinan Tribe for a substantial and unreasonable period of time. (Special Note: The Salinan Tribe and Tribal Council are very aware, and very understanding, of extenuating circumstances in regards to work, family commitments, military service, and many other unforeseeable issues that can arise in all of our lives. It will always be the goal of the Salinan Tribal Council to be as accommodating as possible with all unique situations.)
- (g) Evidence that the member has purposefully disparaged or grossly misrepresented the Salinan Tribe.

- (h) Evidence that the member has grossly and purposefully disparaged, maligned, or attacked any member of the Salinan Tribe General Membership.

Section 3: Direction to Begin the Disenrollment Process

The Salinan Tribal Council shall be required to make a formal motion and adoption of direction to begin any Disenrollment Process as outlined in Article VI, Section 4 of this ordinance. This adoption of direction shall be made with a seventy five percent (75%) majority vote of the council and shall include the member or members under review for disenrollment.

Section 4: Adoption of the Disenrollment Process

As each set of circumstances are unique, the actual process for disenrollment of a member, or members, shall be determined by the Salinan Tribal Council by a seventy five percent (75%) majority vote of the full Salinan Tribal Council. The Salinan Tribal Council shall determine the member or members that are under review for disenrollment and shall determine the process for disenrollment based on evidence produced, and the facts as known, for the given uniqueness of the situation.

As each set of circumstances are unique, the process for disenrollment of any member, or members, may or may not include interviews, hearings, further investigation, or any form of evidentiary gathering that the Salinan Tribal Council shall see fit.

As each set of circumstances are unique, the process for disenrollment of a member, or members, may or may not include informing the member or members that a disenrollment process is underway.

At no time shall personal opinions of another member be used as evidence.

Section 5: Final Determination

It shall be the duty of the Salinan Tribal Council to decide on a final determination at the end of the Disenrollment Process. The Final Determination shall be at the discretion of the Salinan Tribal Council and shall be binding and final. The Final Determination may or may not include disenrollment and/or any other type of resolution that the Salinan Tribal Council may see fit.

The Final Determination shall be required to be adopted by eighty percent (80%) of the Salinan Tribal Council.

Section 6: Respect of Privacy

During all disenrollment proceedings, the Salinan Tribal Council shall be required to meet as an executive closed session meeting due to the highly sensitive, personal, and private nature of

discussions required, and to respect the privacy of the General Membership of the Salinan Tribe. For these reasons, minutes shall not be kept.

Effective Date: This Enrollment Ordinance of the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties was approved by the Salinan Tribal Council on May 15, 2024.