

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program  
CPRC Meeting: August 14, 2009

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**Name of Marker: Tesuque Rain Gods**

**Review:**  Original Text/Replacement Marker  Revised Text  
 Move of Existing Marker  New Marker

**NMDOT District: 5**

**NMDOT Highway:**

**Suggested Site for Installation:** To be determined (Tesuque Pueblo, Santa Fe County)

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**Proposed Text:** ( Rewrite)

Seated clay figurines known as rain gods or “rain catchers” spring from Tesuque Pueblo’s deep-rooted figurative pottery tradition. Popularized in the 1880s, Tesuque women made and sold the figurines in a variety of colors and designs, and earned income by selling them to curio dealers and tourists. Rain gods typically hold pots while other gods hold children, animals and other objects. The tradition is practiced to this day.

**Word Count: 68**

**Previous Title and Text:**  N/A

**Researcher/author: Tesuque Governor Mark Mitchell and Kim Suina**

**Source(s):**

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Lange, Patricia Fogelman. *Pueblo Pottery Figurines: The Expression of Cultural Perceptions in Clay*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2002

**Text Approved by CPRC on Date:** August 14, 2009

**CPRC Comments:** final text approved by Tesuque governor.

**For Referral to:** Dee Beingessner, NMDOT

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