Acequia Treasure Hunt

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Instructions:

● Grab a pen or pencil and a camera (a cell phone will work!) - and head outside to see how many of these things you can find.
● Take pictures of each treasure hunt item that you find. It’s OK if you can only find some of them!
● Answer all the questions that you can!
● Ask your family for help finding and identifying things you don’t know.
● *Optional bonus challenge* - Email your pictures (and a picture of your answers on this paper!) to - emily@lasacequias.org. Include your name, age, town, school, and mailing address - and you will be entered in a raffle drawing to win a prize!

Can you find......

1. Your acequia

   What is the name of your acequia? _____________________________________

   Where does the water come from? ______________________________________

2. The headgate (or other opening) that you open to let water flow to your land

   What is the name of this headgate in Spanish? ____________________________

3. The ‘lindero’ (the small ditch that brings water from the main acequia to different parts of your land)

   Do you have more than one lindero? Count how many you have, and make an estimation (good guess) of how long they are:____________________________

4. A tool that you use to move the water and to farm

   What is the name of this tool in Spanish and what is it used for? ______________
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5. A fruit tree

   What kind of fruit tree is it, and what kinds of foods does your family make with its fruit? ________________________________________________________________
6. A medicinal plant

*What is the name of this plant, what is it good for, and what kind of remedios (medicines) can you make with it?*

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7. A seed from a wild plant or a farm crop

*What type of seed is it, and what is the best way to plant it?*

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*Use your all of your senses - describe how the seed looks, feels and smells:*

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8. Somewhere on the land that has been shaped or changed by the flow of the acequia water

*Describe how the acequia water has shaped the land:*

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9. Your favorite place on the land (maybe a tree you like to climb or a pretty spot you like to sit)

*Describe why this spot is special to you:*

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