

**El Valle de Los Ranchos
Water and Sanitation District**

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UP-COMING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Wednesday, December 14, 2011

All regular meetings are held at 4 p.m. at the District Office located at #8 Miranda Canyon Road, Llano Quemado. Meetings may be rescheduled by the Board. Call 751-1700 for up-to-date information.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are posted at the office 72 hours prior to meetings.

The office will be closed on:

September 5, 2011
November 11, 2011
November 24-25, 2011
December 26, 2011

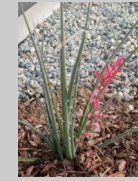
For more information about the District see
El Valle's Website:
www.elvalledelosranchos.org

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*"Sin agua no hay vida."
"Without water, there is no life."*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- F.R. Bob Romero, Chairman
- Mario Barela, Vice-Chairman
- Meliton Struck, Secretary
- Gabriel Romero, Treasurer
- Anselmo 'Chemo' Valerio, Member
- Alipio Mondragon, Non-voting Member

If you have comments about this newsletter, please call the office at (575) 751-1700

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ELECTION RESULTS IN! El Valle Applying for Grant/ Loan for Construction of Phases 2B-2 and 2B-3 Sewer Projects in the Ranchos Area

Thank you for participating in the election held on July 12, 2011 for the purpose of authorizing El Valle de los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District to pursue a grant / loan to extend the District's wastewater collection system.

Phases 2B-2 and 2B-3 will take the existing sewer line from Abeyta Road (off of State Rd. 240) to the Ranchos Plaza by the St. Francis church. This is a much-needed service which will provide service along the green belt as well as the highly populated Ranchos Plaza area.

We are now in the process of applying for a grant / loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for a total project amount of \$864,000.

These two phases have already been designed and are considered "shovel ready". All we are waiting for is the funding so that we can go to bid and begin construction.

El Valle Has Been Awarded a Grant from the Water Trust Board

We are happy to announce that the Water Trust Board has awarded El Valle de los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District a grant / loan in the amount of \$968,332 for the purpose of implementing Phase 3A of the Water Project.

This project is a result of joint collaboration between the Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water User's Association and El Valle de los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District.

Phase 3A has been designed and El Valle is ready to go out to bid for this project.

This project will begin at the intersection of State Highway 68 and Llano Quemado Sur (East). It will run along the north side of Highway 68, including two bores under Highway 68, to Cuchilla Road, and then on to West Romero Road to loop back to State Highway 68.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Board of Directors has scheduled the **Annual Membership Meeting** for Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6 p.m.

It will be held at the Llano Quemado Community Center located at #6 Miranda Canyon Road. Refreshments will be provided.

Please come join us!

El Valle Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Fridays 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

*Office is open through the noon hour
Monday through Friday.*

Landscaping At New Office Building



Pictured above is an assortment of the results of the landscaping efforts of El Valle staff members.

Main Wastewater Collection Lines to be Flushed Out

The District, in collaboration with the Town of Taos, will be conducting an on-going routine maintenance of flushing the wastewater collection lines.

They will begin with flushing older lines on to interconnection points with the Town of Taos trunk line and working toward newer lines.

Water Conservation Tips

1. Water your lawn early or late in the evening to minimize evaporation. Also, raise your lawn mower blade to cut grass longer. This shades soil which will hold moisture longer.
2. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
3. If you have a dishwasher, make sure to only run full loads to make good use of all that water. If you're washing by hand, fill up the sink to conserve water rather than keep the faucet running.
4. If you like your drinking water cold, keep a water pitcher in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until it gets cold each time.
5. Give each household member a designated glass or reusable water bottle so they don't reach for a new glass every time they want to drink.
6. Check toilet for leak by placing a few drops of food coloring in toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes. If you see color in toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak!

How To Conserve H2O Tips: 10 Easy Ways To Conserve Water, <<http://www.ebaygreen.com>> (22 July, 2011)

In case of backup or blockage of sewer service, contact the office at 751-1700. If the blockage occurs after hours, call Ivan Valerio at 770-6367.