

Phase 3B Water Improvements Project

This project is moving forward with preliminary design complete and surveying is almost complete. The service area is west of West Romero Rd. from the area of Coyote Circle S. to Coyote Circle N. and on to the Cactus Flower Rd. area. This project will consist of the construction of approximately 30,275 lineal feet of water main with fire hydrants every 1,000 feet. This project will provide water service to an estimated 100 homes plus fire protection for the area.

Construction funding for Phase 3B Water Project comes from Water Trust Board Loan/Grant in the amount of \$1,383,541.

District Water Customers— Why the need to purchase water rights?

In order to provide water to our water customers, we must own a specific amount of water rights; therefore, all water customers pay a water rights fee of \$2,500 plus NM GRT prior to connecting to the District water system.

We offer a payment plan with a down payment of 25% down (\$656.25) and monthly payments of \$87.70 per month for a period of two years at an interest rate of 6.5%. Interest will begin to be charged once the customer is physically connected to the water line.

Some future water customers have chosen to pay their connection fee of \$315.00 in advance and have also begun to pay their water rights fee on the payment plan in order to avoid paying interest.

The District uses these funds to purchase needed water rights to ensure availability of clean drinking water to its water customers. Water customers may continue to use their existing domestic wells for outdoor use only once they connect to the District's water system.

El Valle Office Hours

We are open:

Monday — Thursday

8:30 am — 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am — 2:30 pm

(Open through the noon hour Mon.— Fri.)

Please join USDA Rural Development and Llano Quemado MDWCA in celebrating the dedication of Llano Quemado MDWCA's new water system on Friday, September 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at the fire hydrant near the El Valle de los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District (8 Miranda Canyon)

Phase 4A Manhole 13 Project and Phase 4A Sewer Project

Phase 4A Manhole 13 Project consists of the construction of an inline drop manhole with a 10" gravity sewer stub out. This project is located across Vargas Paint & Tile near the Adobe Pines B&B Inn and will provide sewer access to the Adobe Pines B&B Inn and adjacent properties.

This project has been awarded to Silva's Excavation, Inc., with funding provided by the District in the amount of \$17,800. Construction will begin in Fall 2016, as the Rio Grande del Rancho river flow decreases.

Phase 4A sewer project is currently in the design stage and is located in the same area. It will also provide a stub out for the future extension of the District's sanitary sewer line to the Llano Quemado southeast area.

PHASE 2D-1 SEWER PROJECT

This project is a continuation of the 2C Project, beginning near Gonzales Lane upstream to include the area between Camino Abajo de la Loma to near Highway 518.

This project will provide 6,530 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately forty residences.

Funding for the first stretch, Phase 2D-1A (700 ft.) of this project is from a 2015 State Appropriation of \$50,000, and the second stretch, Phase 2D-1B (700 ft.) of this project is from a 2016 State Appropriation of \$50,000.

Both of these projects will be let out to bid in late August or early September 2016.

Phase 2C Sewer Project Underway

Construction of Phase 2C wastewater sewer line continues and should be completed in the fall. This contract was awarded to Garcia Underground, Inc.

This project is located east of the Ranchos Plaza at Espinoza Rd. along Valerio Rd. to near the intersection of Valerio Rd. and Camino Abajo de la Loma. The project also includes the area below Valerio Rd. up to Gonzales Lane, and the area east of NM Hwy 68 between Camino Abajo de la Loma up to near NM Hwy 518, and east to La Morada Rd. This project will provide 14,211 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately eighty homes.

Construction funding for this sewer main extension is provided by New Mexico Environment Department from the Clean Water Revolving State Loan Fund, which are federal funds.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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

Mission Statement:

El Valle de los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District is striving to promote and protect now and for future generations the quality of surface water and groundwater for the health and safety of the residents within the communities of the District.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 2 pm

Annual Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 6 pm (will take place at Llano Quemado Community Center, #6 Miranda Canyon)

Regular Board Meetings:

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

All regular meetings are at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office located at #8 Miranda Canyon Road, Llano Quemado. Meetings may be rescheduled by the Board. Call (575) 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.

For more information about the District see

El Valle's Website:

www.elvalledelosranchos.org

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Please come to the Annual Membership Meeting September 27, 2016, 6 p.m. It will be held at the Llano Community Center, #6 Miranda Canyon Rd. Light refreshments will be provided.

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"Without water, there is no life."**

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**Dr. Paul Bauer to present
"Geology and Hydrology of the Southern Taos Valley" at Annual Membership Meeting**

Dr. Paul Bauer, a principal geologist at the NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources at NM Tech in Socorro, began work in Taos County in 1982. He has co-authored a series of 12 geologic quadrangle maps of Taos County, and has written a wide variety of books and articles on geology and hydrology on the region. His recent projects include a study of the springs of the Rio Grande gorge, and hydrologic studies of the southern Taos Valley.

In 2011, he published the book *The Rio Grande: A River Guide to the Geology and Landscapes of Northern NM*, which won a National Outdoor Book Award.

His current research is focused on using field studies to describe the geologic evolution of the mountains and basins of northern NM, and the hydrogeologic conditions of the Upper Rio Grande region. He has also been involved in training NASA astronauts in the Taos area since 1998.

The District's Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Llano Quemado Community Center located at #6 Miranda Canyon Road.