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UP-COMING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
Wednesday, June 8, 2011  
Wednesday, July 13, 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 3 days prior to meetings.

The office will be closed on:  
May 30, 2011  
July 4, 2011

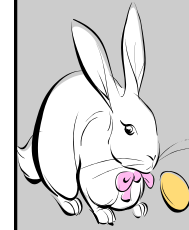
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El Valle's Website:  
[www.elvalledelosranchos.org](http://www.elvalledelosranchos.org)

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# EL VALLE NEWS

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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

## Office Building Is Formally Opened And Completed

El Valle's office building, located at # 8 Miranda Canyon Road in Llano Quemado is completed and the District moved its operations there on December 9, 2010. A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting was held on January 28, 2011.

Terry Brunner, the State Director of USDA, Rural Development, staff from USDA, the Board and Staff of El Valle and local dignitaries attended. Also in attendance were representatives from Senators Udall's and Bingaman's offices and from Congressman Lujan's office. State Representative Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales took time from his busy schedule at the New Mexico Legislature to attend.

The building was financed with a loan from the USDA-Rural Development and was constructed by Anissa Construction.

The Staff and the Board of Directors are very grateful to the USDA for the assistance in making the office building a reality.

## Shovel-Ready Water Project Waiting for Funding From New Mexico Water Trust Board

El Valle has a fully designed water distribution project that is ready to go out to bid. The first phase of the District's water distribution project has been planned in cooperation with Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association and will provide water to the west side of Llano Quemado in the West Romero Road area. The State Water Trust Board has recommended this project for funding subject to additional considerations and will be reviewing the projects requesting funding at its April 20, 2011 meeting. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. at the State Capitol in Santa Fe (the Roundhouse). Any resident who would like to attend to lend support to the financing of the project is welcome to attend. Abeyta Engineering designed the project which is expected to cost just over one million dollars to construct. If the project is funded construction could commence as early as this summer.

In recognition of Earth Day (April 22), the District will provide **water testing** during the months of April and May. To test your water, use a clean glass or plastic container, run the water from the tap for one minute, fill the container and bring the container to the office. The results will be mailed to you within one month.

## RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW OFFICE BUILDING



Pictured from left: Ivan Valerio, Mario Barela, Anselmo "Chemo" Valerio, F.R. Bob Romero, Meliton Struck, Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales, Terry Brunner, Sarah Backus and Wayne Rutherford.



Chairman of the Board, F.R. Bob Romero speaks to the crowd gathered to celebrate the opening of the new office building.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Board elections were held on January 11, 2011. There were three positions available on the Board. The three highest vote-getters were F.R. Bob Romero, Anselmo "Chemo" Valerio and Meliton Struck. Each of these members will serve four-year terms of office.

At the District's Board of Directors' meeting on January 12, 2011 the following officers were elected for 2011:

F.R. Bob Romero, Chairman

Mario Barela, Vice-Chairman

Meliton Struck, Secretary

Gabriel Romero, Treasurer

Chemo Valerio will serve as a Member at Large.

Alipio Mondragon is a representative from Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association who serves as a non-voting member.

**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.**

El Valle office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.