

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Board of Directors has scheduled the **Annual Membership Meeting** for Wednesday, October 9, 2013 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!

New Mexico Water Trust Board Awards District A Grant/Loan For Construction Of Water Project

El Valle has been awarded a Grant/Loan from the New Mexico Water Trust Board in the amount of \$1.1 million at a 90% Grant /10% Loan ratio for the Phase 3A Water Project.

This first phase of the District's water distribution system 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 Cuchilla and West Romero Road area.

As many as 80 residences could be served by this five mile stretch of water line, and it is estimated that half of these residences will connect, as it is not mandatory to do so. Property owners connecting to the District's water system will be allowed to continue using their well for outdoor use.

Not only will this project provide clean drinking water to those residents who wish to connect to the District line, but it will improve water availability for fire protection as well.

Construction could commence as early as this fall or early spring.

RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

The demands of running a successful business become more challenging every day. Such is the case for El Valle de Los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District.

El Valle's Board of Directors must think clearly and make wise decisions and strive for attainable goals. However, effectiveness of the business also depends on the customer.

In an effort to meet its financial obligations the organization is required to maintain a high standard of positive relationships with service providers and other professionals. If El Valle customers meet their financial obligations in a timely manner, everyone benefits.

We then can be better equipped to handle new responsibilities and challenges with confidence and respect.

We ask YOU to pay your bill on time so that WE can pay ours.

El Valle Office Hours

We are open:

Monday through Thursday,

8:30 am — 4:30 pm

Friday,

8:30 am — 2:30 pm

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

In case of backup or blockage of sewer service, contact the office at (575) 751-1700. If the blockage occurs after hours, call Ivan Valerio at (575) 770-6367.

Special Election for Continuation of Gross Receipts Tax

The Board of Directors of El Valle de los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District requests your support in the Taos County Special Election on September 3, 2013 in which the District is seeking approval of the continuation of a quarter percent gross receipts tax imposed on businesses within the District boundaries.

This election will be conducted via absentee ballots which will be mailed out in the month of August. If you are a registered voter of the District and have not received a ballot by August 20, 2013, please call the Taos County Clerk so that a ballot can be mailed to you. Please deliver your ballot by mail or in person to the Taos County Clerk no later than September 3, 2013.

Revenues collected via gross receipts taxes allow for the District to design and build much needed sewer and water systems throughout the District. We could not do this without your support. Thank you!

Phase 2C-1 & 2C-4 Out To Bid

Phase 2C-1 and 2C-4 are stand-alone construction projects and will cover the following areas of sewer line extensions:

2C-1: runs along Valerio Road East of the Old Santa Fe Highway on to Espinoza Road.

2C-4: runs from the intersection of Espinoza Road and Valerio Road, going North on Espinoza Road toward East Camino Abajo de la Loma.

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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UP-COMING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Annual Meeting

**October 9, 2013, 6-8 p.m., to be held at the
Llano Quemado Community Center,
#6 Miranda Canyon Rd.**

All regular meetings are at 3:00 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 24 hours prior to meetings.

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

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

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Phases 2B-2 & 2B-3 Sewer Project Recently Completed

Construction of Phases 2B-2 and 2B-3 will allow several residences and businesses in the greenbelt and the densely populated St. Francis Plaza area to connect to the District's sanitary sewer line. These have been funded through a grant/loan of \$860,000 at a 50% grant/loan ratio from the New Mexico Environment Department.

Phase 2B-2 takes the existing sewer line from Abeyta Road (off of State Road 240) all the way to NM Highway 68.

Phase 2B-3 then takes the sewer line from NM Highway 68 to the Saint Francis Plaza and up to the south entrance of the Ranchos Post Office.

If you own property within 400 feet of the newly constructed sewer line, please contact our office so that you may begin the process of connecting your residence or commercial property to the sanitary sewer line in the required time frame.

*The Board of Directors and staff
sincerely appreciate your patience
during the construction period.*