

Phase 2C Sewer Project Complete

Construction of Phase 2C wastewater sewer line by Garcia Underground, Inc. is complete.

This project was 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 included 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 provided 14,211 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately eighty homes.

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

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. This phase was let out to bid in late September, awarded to A & S Construction and was completed in December.

The second stretch, Phase 2D-1B (700 ft.) of this project is from a 2016 State Appropriation of \$50,000. Phase 2D-1B was let to bid in November and was awarded to A & S Construction on December 14, 2016. Construction is scheduled to begin on December 27, 2016, weather permitting.

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 was awarded to Silva's Excavation, Inc., with funding provided by the District in the amount of \$17,800. Construction began and was completed in November 2016, as the flow decreased in the Rio Grande del Rancho.

Phase 4A sewer project is currently in the design stage and will connect to Manhole 13, extending the District's sanitary sewer line to the Llano Quemado southeast area.

Phase 3B Water System Improvements Project

The Phase 3B Water System Improvements Project that will connect to the existing water main at the intersection of Tom Holder Rd. and Cuchilla Rd. will provide clean water to Llano Quemado West. The District will begin accepting applications for water service once construction begins in Spring/Summer 2017.

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.

It is not mandatory for property owners to connect to the District's water line, and those who connect may continue to use their domestic well for outdoor use only.

El Valle and Taos Fire Department Collaborate to Ensure Fire Protection

The District and the Taos Fire Department have signed a MOU allowing the Fire Department to use the District's Fire Hydrants for fire protection operations. In exchange, the Taos Fire Department will conduct annual testing of the District's fire hydrants and maintain them as required.

Recently, the Taos Fire Department has completed pressure testing of the District's twenty-six fire hydrants in the west Llano Quemado area, and have submitted these readings to ISO. It is possible that home owner's insurance rates may go down for homes within 1,000 feet of these fire hydrants. If and when we are notified that this has occurred we will announce it in a future newsletter.

One of the many benefits of having a domestic water system in place is the assurance of water for fire protection!

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.)

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.

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 Meetings:

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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

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

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BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Two positions will be up for election on January 10, 2016, 8:00 AM—6 PM.

Early voting on January 3—6, 2016, 8:30 AM—4:30 PM.

Voting takes place at the El Valle business office located at 8 Miranda Canyon.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- F.R. Bob Romero, Chairman
- Gabriel Romero, Vice-Chairman
- Meliton Struck, Secretary
- Anselmo "Chemo" Valerio, Treasurer
- Mario Barela, Member
- Andrew Chavez, Non-voting Member
- Delfino Torres, Non-voting Member

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION**

The Board of Director's election will be on January 10, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the El Valle office located at 8 Miranda Canyon.

Early voting will take place January 3—6, 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the El Valle office.

There are two positions on the Board that are scheduled for election. They are as follows:

Position 3 - Currently represented by Board Member Gabriel Romero. Position 4 - Currently represented by Board Member Mario Barela.

The following individuals are candidates for this election:

- 1) Gabriel J. Romero
- 2) Delfino Torres

The two highest vote-getters are elected to the Board, where they will each serve a 4-year term.

For additional information, please contact the office staff at (575) 751-1700.