

**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, January 14, 2015
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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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BOARD MEMBER ELECTION
Three positions will be up for election on January 13, 2015, 8:00 AM—6 PM.
Early voting on January 5—9, 2015, 8:30 AM—4:30 PM.
Voting takes place at the El Valle business office located at 8 Miranda Canyon.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Board of Director's election will be on January 13, 2015. There are three positions on the Board that are scheduled for election. They are as follows:

Position 1 - Currently represented by Board Member Anselmo 'Chemo' Valerio.

Position 2 - Currently represented by Board Member F.R. Bob Romero.

Position 5 - Currently represented by Board Member Meliton Struck.

Request for nominations for these positions was advertised in the Taos News during the weeks of November 13, 20 & 26, 2014. Individuals who live within the District limits and who are eligible to vote in New Mexico are eligible to run for election.

The following individuals are candidates for this election:

- 1) F.R. Bob Romero
- 2) Meliton Struck
- 3) Anselmo 'Chemo' Valerio
- 4) Delfino (Del) Torrez
- 5) Phillip J. Maestas

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

The election will be on January 13, 2015, at the District office, located at #8 Miranda Canyon Road in Llano Quemado. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 6 PM.

Early voting takes place at the District office as well on January 5 - 9, 2015, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

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

Phase 2C Sewer Project

This project is located east of the Ranchos de Taos Plaza commencing at Espinoza Road along Valerio Road to near the intersection of Valerio Road and Camino Abajo La Loma. The project also includes the area below Valerio Road up to Gonzales Lane, and the area east of New Mexico Highway 68 between Camino Abajo de La Loma up to near New Mexico Highway 518, and east to La Morada Road. This project will provide 14,211 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately 80 homes.

Construction funding to be provided by NMED from the Clean Water Revolving State Loan Fund (CWRSF). In order to qualify for the NMED CWRSF we are updating the Preliminary Engineering Report and the Environmental Document which are estimated to be completed in Spring 2015 so that the project can be let to construction in summer 2015.

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.

Construction of Phase 3A Water Project Completed

The construction of the District's first phase of water distribution system has been substantially completed. A total of 5 miles of installed water line will now provide water to the west side of Llano Quemado in the Cuchilla and West Romero Road area. The asphalt replacement of the water trench alignment will be performed in the spring due to weather conditions. The contractor will maintain the base course during the winter months.

This first phase of the District's water distribution system is a joint effort between the District and the Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association. The District was 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.

The District currently has a total of 90 members that have paid the connection fee for future connection to its water distribution system.

It is not mandatory to connect to the District's water system and property owners who connect to the District's water system will still be allowed to continue using their private well for outdoor use.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Planning of Phase 2D-1 Sewer Project Underway

This project is currently in the survey and design stage with the easement maps and design estimated to be completed by March 2015. Construction is estimated to occur in the next 3 to 5 years, based on funding availability.

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.

Phase 2C-3/5 Sewer Project

Request for bids for the construction of Phase 2C-3/5 is currently in process. This extension will run from the south entrance of Ranchos Post Office north for approximately 1,600 feet.

Funding for this extension of sanitary sewer line was provided by the 2014 NM State Legislature in the form of a Capital Outlay award of \$80,000.00.

This project will provide sewer service for up to 15 residences and several businesses.

Construction on this project will occur in early spring 2015.

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.)