

**Phase 3B Water Project ...**  
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This includes a meter can and meter setter. A meter will be provided at time of connection. If future customers choose not to do this, they will incur all costs of connecting to main line including road cuts, saddle and meter can/setter at the time they wish to connect.

Property owners who connect to the District's water system will still be allowed to continue using their private wells for outdoor use. However, customers shall not be allowed to keep their home connected to their private wells due to potential contamination to the District's water system.

**Cost to connect include the following:**

**Connection fee:** \$300.00 plus NMGRT per connection, to be paid in full prior to connection

**Water rights fee:** \$2,500.00 plus NMGRT per connection, payable on a 2 year payment plan

Please feel free to come in to the office or call us at (575) 751-1700 for more information or to obtain an Application For Water Service and Policy and Procedure Manual.

Construction funding for Phase 3B Water Project comes from Water Trust Board Loan/Grant in the amount of \$1,383,541.00.

**EL VALLE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual Membership Meeting for Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the District Office located at 8 Miranda Canyon Road. Light refreshments will be served.

***Come join us and be informed!***

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.**

**Tafoya & Herrera Sewer Main Laterals**

This project is located in Ranchos de Taos with both the Tafoya and Herrera Laterals connecting to the existing sewer trunk main located along Valerio Road.

The Tafoya lateral consists of approximately 190 feet of sewer main with a dead-end manhole and service lines to several homes.

The Herrera lateral consists of approximately 262 feet of sewer main with two manholes and service lines to several homes.

The design was previously prepared as part of Phase 2C. Easements are being acquired with project to let to bid in September 2018 and construction to commence in October 2018. Funding for construction of this project has been obtained from the New Mexico State Legislature - State Appropriation.

**Phase 2D-1C and Phase 4B Sewer Improvements Project**

Phase 2D-1C is a continuation of the previously constructed Phase 2D-1A/1B Project commencing at the Rudy Velarde northern property line heading upstream along the green belt to the Talpa Community Center (including several laterals along Camino Abajo de La Loma and one lateral along NM 518). This project will provide 12,319 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately 60 homes as well as the Talpa Community Center.

Phase 4B is a continuation of the previously constructed 4A Project, extending the sewer main from Old Santa Fe Road / SR 382 to the office on Miranda Canyon.

A Public Hearing took place on June 28, 2018, 6:30 pm at the Llano Quemado Community Center. The FONSI (Finding of No Signification Impact) will be advertised in August 2018 with the 30 day comment period scheduled to end in late September 2018.

The base bid for Phase 4B will be let to bid in September 2018, with construction to begin in October 2018. Remaining sewer line alignment construction for these phases will follow.

The total project length is approximately 24,166 feet or 4.58 miles.

Funding for construction of approximately 16,000 feet or 3.03 miles of this project has been obtained from the NMED Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

**Free Water Conservation Information Brochures Available**

It sure has been a dry summer! Come in to the office for free brochures courtesy of the NM State Engineer's Office. Titles listed below:

**Water Conservation Indoors**

*A Waterwise Guide to Ultra-Low-Flow Toilets  
Don't Waste a Drop: Finding, Fixing and Preventing Indoor Water Leaks*

*A Waterwise Guide to Clothes Washers  
A Waterwise Guide to Evaporative Coolers  
Agua Action (Spanish version)*

**Water Conservation Outdoors**

*The Enchanted Xeriscape*

*Xeriscape 101*

*Lean & Green*

*Irrigation Basics*

*A Waterwise Guide to Trees*

*A Waterwise Guide to Rainwater Harvesting*

*A Waterwise Guide to Rainwater Harvesting (Spanish version)*

*The Complete How To Guide to Xeriscape*

*Xeriscaping, The Complete How To Guide, 2011 Regional Edition*

*Rainwater Harvesting, Supply from the Sky*

*Low Volume Irrigation Design and Installation Guide  
Using Gray Water in New Mexico's Residential Landscapes*

*New Mexico Gray Water Guide*

**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.**

**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 12, 2018, 2 pm**

**Annual Membership Meeting:  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6 pm  
(will take place at the District Office,  
8 Miranda Canyon)**

**Regular Board Meetings:**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

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](http://www.elvalledelosranchos.org)

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

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## Phase 3B Water System Improvements Project

This project is located in the Llano Quemado west area connecting to the existing water main at/near the intersection of Tom Holder Road / Cuchilla Road / West Romero Road.

The water line will then head north-west along the south side of Cuchilla Road to near Cactus Flower Road, then heading south along a private drive and then west along a private drive to Cactus Flower Road. It will then head south and then east along Cactus Flower Road, connecting to the existing water main at the intersection of Cactus Flower Road / West Romero Road.

This project will consist of approximately 5 miles or 30,275 lineal feet of 6" water main with fire hydrants every 500 to 1,000 feet, providing clean water for approximately 100 customers, and providing fire protection for these neighborhoods.

It is estimated that easement acquisitions will be completed by early September 2018. Project will be Let to Bid in late September 2018 with construction estimated to start in October 2018.

The District will begin accepting applications for water service once construction begins. Although it is not mandatory for property owners to connect to the District's water main, it is most cost effective for water customers to pay their connection fee at the time of construction, ensuring that water service is provided from the main up to their property line.

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