

WATER COOPERATION INITIATIVE ...

(continued from previous page)

and water rights will be determined and documented in the RWMP.

By evaluating the common needs of all entities and the available options to address these needs, the RWMP will project the viability of regional water cooperation. The immediate goal is to provide systems with an informational tool to help them decide how to move forward and a road map toward achieving substantial long term water system management. This is especially important in times of drought or in case of emergencies when any system is unable to deliver water to its customers.

The different water entities in the area will be invited to attend an informational meeting on May 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Llano Quemado Community Center to learn details of the proposed RWMP. The scope of work will be outlined and the water entities that wish to participate will be identified and they can begin to work jointly to complete the process. The goal is to complete the RWMP by December 21, 2018, and then all the participating water systems will determine how to move forward for the efficient operation of their systems either collaboratively or independently whichever proves to be the preferred option.

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 July or August 2018 and construction to commence in August or September 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 10,330 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 Phase 4A Project commencing at the intersection of Old Santa Fe Road and Highway 382/Hot Springs Road heading upstream to the Llano Quemado Community Center and the El Valle Office. This project will provide 11,958 feet of sewer main with manholes and service lines to approximately 60 home as well as the Llano Quemado Community Center, the Llano Quemado Headstart (YDI) School, and the El Valle Office.

The total project length is approximately 22,288 feet or 4.22 miles.

Survey, Design, and Environmental Documentation of this Project is in progress.

Public Notification for the Presentation of the Design and Draft Environmental Document will go out in late April 2018 with the Public Information Meeting to occur in late May 2018. The FONSI (Finding of No Signification Impact) will be advertised in June 2018 with the 45 comment period to end in late July 2018.

Base bid for Phase 4B will let to bid in July 2018, with construction to begin in August 2018. Remaining sewer line alignment construction for these phases will follow.

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

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 with Cuchilla Road with West Romero Road. The water line will then head northwest 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 with 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 May 31, 2018. Project will be Let to Bid in June 2018 with construction estimated to start in July 2018.

Funding for construction of this project has been obtained from the New Mexico Water Trust Board.

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.)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

**P.O. Box 2797
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557
(Located at 8 Miranda Canyon)**

**PHONE: (575) 751-1700
FAX: (575) 751-1690**

E-MAIL: vdlranchos@qwestoffice.net

STAFF

- **Melene Montaña, Business Manager**
- **Sandra Garcia, Administrative Assistant**
- **Ivan Valerio, Project Manager**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings:

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018,
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Wednesday, July 11, 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

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

**El Valle de Los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District
P.O. Box 2797
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557**

May 1,
2018,
Vol. 12,
Issue 1

EL VALLE NEWS

© El Valle de Los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District



Water Cooperation Initiative to Begin With Regional Water Master Plan (RWMP)

El Valle de los Ranchos Water & Sanitation District (El Valle) has received a \$50,000 grant from New Mexico Finance Authority to complete a Regional Water Master Plan (RWMP). Souder, Miller & Associates has been selected to complete the RWMP during calendar year 2018. The RWMP will explore the efficient operation of multiple local water systems through cooperative efforts.

The situation that currently exists in the Taos Valley and throughout Taos County is that we have multiple water entities that provide water to their customers in various communities, districts, or municipalities. All of these state government entities operate independently, although with increasing governmental regulations. Their service areas sometimes have common borders and in some cases the service areas are overlapping.

In order to continue to serve residents in the El Valle District it has become essential to quantify the needs and the capacity of the El Valle District in concert with the diverse water systems and water suppliers in the area. The needs that will be identified include the managerial and financial needs. In addition, the maintenance and infrastructure needs including water supply lines, wells, tanks, tank sites,

(continued)

**“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
- Delfino Torres, Member
- Andrew Chavez, Non-voting Member

© 2017 El Valle de Los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District