

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The January 13, 2015 Board Member Election resulted in the following:

F.R. Bob Romero — 157 votes

Anselmo 'Chemo' Valerio — 135 votes

Meliton Struck — 129 votes

Dale Torrez — 126 votes

Phillip Maestas — 124 votes

The three highest vote-getters, being F.R. Bob Romero, Anselmo 'Chemo' Valerio and Meliton Struck will each serve a 4-year term. We would like to extend congratulations to the winning Board Members.

## 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 completed in the spring due to weather conditions. The contractor has maintained 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.

The system is now charged and ready for connection to residences of members. A down payment on water rights fee must be paid prior to connection. Please come in to the office to make payment arrangements.

Also, connection must be made by a licensed plumber and it is a requirement that any connection to the District's water line be inspected by our Project Manager, Ivan Valerio. A shut-off valve is required to be placed by the water customer between the meter and the residence to allow water to be turned off in the event of emergency or the need to make repairs or additions to residence service. Water customers may not use the meter as a shut-off valve.

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It is not mandatory to connect to the District's water system. Property owners who connect to the District's water system may continue to use their private wells for outdoor use.

## 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 May 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.

**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 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.)

## 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 bid for construction in summer 2015.

## 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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- Ivan Valerio, Project Manager

### UP-COMING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Wednesday, July 8, 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](http://www.elvalledelosranchos.org)

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## Phase 2C-3/5 Sewer Project

Bid for the construction of Phase 2C-3/5 has been awarded to Garcia Underground, Inc.

Construction on this project will commence in late March 2015 and should be completed by the end of May 2015.

This wastewater sewer line project will begin at the south entrance to the Ranchos Post Office at an existing manhole located in the northbound lane of NM Highway 68 and will run uphill along NM Highway 68 to near the south entrance of the Italian Restaurant for a total distance of approximately 1,600 lineal feet.

This phase of sewer line extension will provide sewer service to approximately eight residences and several businesses.

Partial funding for this sewer main extension is provided by the 2014 NM State Legislature in the form of a Capital Outlay award of \$80,000.00.

In addition, there is a cost-share to provide \$20,000 and El Valle is providing approximately \$94,000.00 for a total project budget of \$194,000.00.



**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

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

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