

Phase 3B Water Project ... (continued from previous page)

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.

Upcoming Construction of Sanitary Sewer Lines

Phase 4A will extend the sewer main along Old Santa Fe Road to the intersection with Hwy 382/Hot Springs Road, adding approximately 12 homes and several commercial businesses. This project consists of 2,049 lineal feet of sewer main and will be funded by District funds.

Construction of the **Duran and Valerio laterals** is scheduled to begin this Fall. These two laterals will provide sanitary sewer service for approximately 12 residences.

Phases 2D-1C and 4B are currently being designed and estimated to be built in 1-2 years. We are seeking funding for construction of this project from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Completed Sewer Projects

Construction of Phases 2D-1A and 2D-1B, which are a continuation of the 2C project commencing at near Gonzales Lane upstream to Rudy Velarde's property has been completed. This provided for 1,400 feet of sewer main that will connect approximately 12-16 homes.

Funding for these projects was from the combined 2015 and 2016 State Appropriations of \$100,000.

Public Works Project Assistant

We are currently accepting applications for a part-time independent contractor preferably a certified operator in water and wastewater or willing to acquire training that includes learning all aspects of public works, water and wastewater management and acquiring skills in the field that lead to becoming a licensed Water & Wastewater Operator.

Please feel free to contact our office for additional information if interested in applying.

Important Reminders

We respectfully ask that District sewer and water customers pay their bill on time. Delinquent accounts that owe an amount equivalent to 3 months service will receive written notice to the property owner at least 2 weeks prior to disconnection. Once a residence is disconnected from the District's sanitary sewer main, it must be vacated.

All costs associated with disconnection and reconnection will then be passed on to the customer along with administrative and attorney fees.

Also, please remember to maintain your backflow prevention valve 2 times per year. Make it a habit to clean it in spring and fall in order to avoid potential damage to your property.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.)

New ISO Rating May Help Reduce Home Insurance Rates

The Taos Fire Department recently completed pressure testing of the District's twenty-six fire hydrants in the west Llano Quemado area, and submitted these readings to ISO.

These readings have resulted in a new ISO rating of 4/4Y. It is possible that home owner's insurance rates may go down for homes within 1,000 feet of any fire hydrant within District boundary.

Taos Fire Department has provided a letter stating new ISO rating, and we have provided a copy of this letter to our existing water customers. You may wish to share this information with your insurer.

Please feel free to call or come into our office if you wish to get a copy of this letter.

Call 811 Before You Dig!

Are you planning to build a fence or plant a tree? Perhaps build a deck or porch? You want to dial **811** and request utility line locates for the area you plan to work in **before** you dig.

When planning a project, dial 811 in order to allow all utility companies who have infrastructure in your area to mark their lines so that you don't inadvertently damage their lines.

You should not begin work until all utilities have marked their lines. Failure to provide advance notice of excavation activities to utility companies makes a property owner liable for any damage to utility lines.

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 13, 2017, 2 pm

**Annual Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6 pm
(will take place at Llano Quemado Community Center, #6 Miranda Canyon)**

Regular Board Meetings:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Wednesday, November 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

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Please come to the Annual Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6 p.m. It will be at the Llano Community Center, #6 Miranda Canyon Rd. Light refreshments provided.

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

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Phase 3B Water Project to be Built in Spring 2018

Construction of the second phase of water main which will connect to the existing water main at the intersection of Tom Holder Rd. and Cuchilla Road will begin in Spring of 2018.

This project will contain approximately 31,829 lineal feet of water main with fire hydrants every 500 feet, providing water service to an estimated 120 homes plus fire protection for the area.

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. 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 time of connection.

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.

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