

Phase 4B-2 Wastewater System Improvements

This project was let to bid on August 13, 2021 with a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on August 23, 2021 and a bid opening set for September 17, 2021. The Project will be awarded at the October 13, 2021 Board meeting.

The El Valle Board received NMED CWSRF funding for which \$1,000,000 is for this project and \$1,000,000 is for other sewer laterals.

Phase A7-3B Wastewater System Improvements

This project was let to bid on July 16, 2021 with a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on July 27, 2021 and a bid opening on September 3, 2021. The sole bid was rejected at the September 8, 2021 El Valle Board meeting. The project will be re-bid.

This project is the NM 24 Bore/Highway Crossing at Garcia Lane and will provide public sewer service to over 30 homes in the area north of NM 240 to Camino Abajo de La Loma West, east of NM 68, and west for approximately 800 lineal feet.

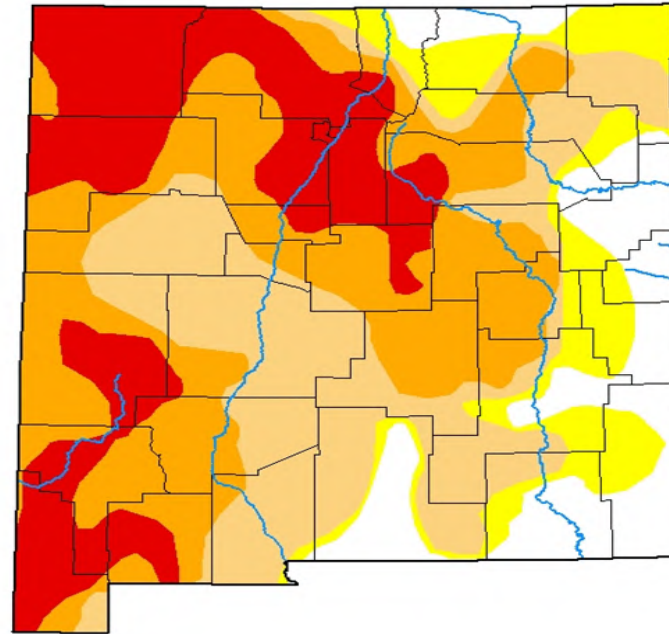
The first phase of this project is to be constructed with El Valle monies and a cost share with one

Election for 2 El Valle Board Members

A general election will be held in Taos County on November 2, 2021. Two positions on the El Valle Board will be available. Incumbent Board Members Delfino Torres and Gabriel Romero have submitted their declarations of candidacy.

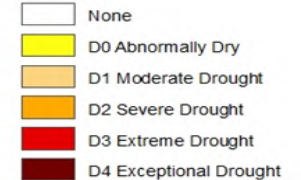
No Annual Meeting This Year Due To COVID restrictions

U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico



August 31, 2021
(Released Thursday, Sep. 2, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Drought Conditions in Taos County

Taos County has received quite a bit of rain this summer. July 2021 was the 4th wettest July over the past 127 years with rainfall up 1.96 inches from normal. However, the drought continues in Taos County. According to Drought.gov the following percentages demonstrate how the drought is affecting Taos County. The map, from <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/> is a graphical representation of the percentages.

76.88% of Taos County is **Abnormally Dry**
Soil moisture is low
Fire danger increases

43.51% of Taos County is experiencing **Moderate**

Livestock need supplemental feed and water
Burn bans and firework restrictions begin

32.11% of Taos County is experiencing **Severe Drought**

Pasture yield is limited; producers sell livestock

Irrigated crops are stunted; dryland crops are brown

Abundance and magnitude of wildfires may increase; fuel mitigation practices are in effect

14.52% of Taos County is experiencing **Extreme Drought**

Livestock are suffering; producers are selling herds; feed costs are high; emergency

**El Valle de Los Ranchos
Water & 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 ground-water for the health and safety of the residents within the communities of the District.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings:
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

All regular meetings are at 2:00 p.m. at the Llano Quemado Community Center located at #6 Miranda Canyon Road, Llano Quemado, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. 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.

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"Sin agua no hay vida."

"Without water, there is no life."



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- F.R. Bob Romero, Chairman
- Delfino "Del" Torres, Vice-Chairman
- Andrew Chavez, Treasurer
- Phillip Maestas, Secretary
- Gabriel J. Romero, Member

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Phase 4B-1/2D-1C Improve-

El Valle's contractor, File Construction, completed the Phase 4B-1 and 2D-1C project on August 10, 2021. The Contractor built 13,703 lineal feet of sewer main, 68 manholes, 3,624 lineal feet of service line stub-outs. The project was funded with NMED CWSRF monies.

This project is providing public sewer service to over 100 homes, as well as, the El Valle Office, Llano Quemado Community Center, Taos County EMS Office and the Talpa Community Center.

Phase A10-2 Wastewater System Improvements

This project was let to bid on July 16, 2021 with a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on July 27, 2021 and a bid opening on September 3, 2021. El Valle Board awarded the project to the low bid contractor, Chuby's Construction, on September 8, 2021.

This Project is the lower Cuchilla Road Inline Manhole tie-in into the Town of Taos Truck Main and will provide sewer service to over 400 homes in the Llano Quemado west area, to full build