

New Member Elected To The Board Of Directors and Appointed Vice-Chair

Norman Vigil was elected to the El Valle Board beginning of January 1, 2024. Norman will serve for 4 years.

Goodbye Vice-Chair

F.R. Bob Romero was Vice- Chairman for El Valle Water & Sanitation District, he served on the board for 23 years and worked diligently to see many projects through to completion. We appreciate his hard work and dedication. We wish him much success as he continues to serve the people of Taos County as County Commissioner.

Annual Meeting

El Valle de Los Ranchos Board will have its Annual Meeting at the Llano Quemado Community Center on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Light refreshments will be provided.

Credit Card Convenience fee: is a fee charged by the Credit Card Companies every time you use you credit or debit card to pay your bill. El Valle recently adopted a policy which authorizes El Valle to charge a uniform fee to the customer who pays by credit card. This fee helps to cover the approximate costs imposed by the credit card company for credit card transactions. Customers may also pay their monthly bill by cash or check with no convenience fees.

In case of emergencies, backup or blockage of sewer service after hours, please call William Espinoza, Project Manager at (575) 770-7626.

Completed Projects FY 2023-2024:

Phase A10-2 Wastewater System Improvements

This project on Cuchilla Road was completed on October 11, 2023 leaving the project with 240 lineal feet of sewer main construction. This project was funded with El Valle funds and will provide sewer to a large part of Llano Quemado West.

A7-3B NM 240 Bore Crossing

This project was awarded to the low bidder, File Construction, LLC, on January 31, 2023 and completed on May 9, 2023. This project immediately provided public sewer service to 5 homes and will be extended in the future along NM 240 heading West and North to Camino



**Current Board Members:
Gabriel Romero, Andrew Chavez, Delfino Torres, Norman Vigil, and Phillip Maestas (not pictured)**

Completed Projects Continued:

Amorak Water Line

Four Flow Construction, LLC constructed approximately 2,000 lineal feet of water main along Amorak Road to serve existing homes. Line commenced at West Romero Road heading North to dead-end.

Archuleta A7-7F

Phase A7-7F branching off Archuleta Road was let to bid on September 2023 and was awarded to the low bidder, File Construction, LLC, on October 11, 2023. It was estimated that construction will commence on November 20, 2023 and shut down for the winter on January 5, 2024. Contractor resumed work on February 15, 2024 with a completion date of March 5, 2024. This project will provide public sewer to approximately 15 homes. This project is funded with State funds.

Cuchilla A7-2

Phase A7-2 project on Cuchilla Road was let to bid on March 3, 2023 and was awarded to the low bidder, File Construction, LLC, on March 30, 2023. Construction of the A7-2 Cuchilla Lateral (645 lineal feet of 10" sewer main from the Town of Taos Trunk Main up the hill to Cuchilla Road. Change Order No. Two (A7-2 Extension) authorized to construction of 565 lineal feet of 10" sewer main along Cuchilla Road. Change Order No. Three (A7-Extension) authorized the construction of an additional 480 lineal feet of 10" sewer main along Cuchilla Road. A total of 1,045 lineal feet of 10" sewer main along Cuchilla Road. This project is funded from Capital Outlay money.

Thanks again to Senator Gonzales & Representative Ortez that have assisted in obtaining legislative appropriations to fund these projects.

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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 groundwater for the health and safety of the residents within the communities of the District.

We are open:

Monday — Thursday
8:30 am — 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am — 2:00 pm
(Closed during the noon hour.)

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STAFF

- Melene Montaño, Business Manager
- Josefita Trujillo, Administrative Assistant
- Rosanne Herrera, Billing Clerk
- William Espinoza, Project Manager
- Antonio Casias, Public Works Project Assistant

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

All regular meetings are at 2:00 p.m. at the El Valle 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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“Sin agua no hay vida.”

“Without water, there is no life.”



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Delfino “Del” Torres, Chairman
- Norman Vigil, Vice-Chairman
- Andrew Chavez, Treasurer
- Phillip Maestas, Secretary
- Gabriel J. Romero, Member

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Future Projects: A4-2 (4) Llano Laterals

A Public Hearing was held on April 23, 2024, 6:30 pm, at the Llano Quemado Community Center. The Public Comment period commenced on March 24, 2024 and ended May 7, 2024 (45 days). This project will commence sometime in the fall of 2024 if not the spring of 2025. This project will provide public sewer service to approximately 24 homes. This project is funded with EPA Federal funding to construct the 4 Llano Laterals.

Garage for the Vactor

El Valle is going to build a garage behind the office building for the Vactor wastewater truck to prevent cross contamination between water and wastewater departments. This project is funded with Capital Outlay money and will be constructed in the fall of 2024. Thank you Senator Roberto “Bobby” Gonzales and Representative Kristina Ortez for helping us get this funding.

Sewer Main Laterals L5, (below NM 518), L11 (Extension of Archuleta) & L15 (Maestas Road)

A Public Hearing will be held in the Spring of 2025 to discuss the project environmental and construction impacts. This project will be funded with EPA Federal funding and consist of the construction of approximately 6,740 lineal feet of 8” sewer main along with pertinent manholes and service lines.