



# ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

*Committed to Providing Safe, Clean Water to All Our Members Since 1981*



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FROM YOUR WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

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## Heroes to Entranosa's Rescue

One of the challenges of operating a water system is the availability of contractors and parts for repairs. Recently, one of Entranosa's main wells was hit by lightning, which destroyed the pump motor. All the well contractors that Entranosa regularly uses were either busy or were out for other repairs. In addition, the pump motor replacement was several weeks out even as tank levels were dropping due to the loss of production and the high demand. The King family of Stanley, NM offered their well contractor Dean Solomon, who works full-time for the family and is truly a one-man operation.

This involved pulling and replacing the motor but what about the new motor? A new well



Dean Solomon Pulls Pump



company in the East Mountains, Usrey Well and Pump Company, did not have the large crane to pull the pump but had a supplier in Phoenix that had a replacement motor in stock. On July 3, Brenden Usrey jumped in his truck and drove all day to Phoenix to pick up the motor before the supplier closed for the Fourth of July. The next day, he drove back to deliver the motor. In three days and with a lot of effort from many people, the well was up and

operational pumping over 450 gallons per minute. The Entranosa membership thanks you for your hard work and team spirit, Dean and Brenden!



## Wastewater No More

For more than five years, Entranosa has been eliminating contracts with small non-Entranosa water and sewer systems in order to focus on the Entranosa system and its primary core business of providing water to the members. Last September the membership approved to remove the requirement of participation in the septic program. This was followed by a vote by the Board to terminate the program and close out the accounts. This year Entranosa terminated its last wastewater service contract and is finally out of the wastewater business. At last month's Board of Director's meeting, the Board voted to remove "wastewater" from the Entranosa name which must be voted on by the membership this September. If approved, the new name will be Entranosa Water Association.

## Entranosa's Newest Member

Entranosa announces the newest member of the Entranosa family: Oliver Theodore Figura. Oliver is the son of Kyle Figura, Entranosa field employee and his wife, Faith Hissa, granddaughter of longtime Entranosa employee Michelle Hissa – who is now also a happy great grandmother. Baby Oliver was born on July 20, 2023 and weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz!



## Entranosa Water & Wastewater Association

Office: (505) 281-8700

Emergency: (505) 604-5935

[www.entranosawater.com](http://www.entranosawater.com)

Hours: Monday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

*Entranosa is an equal opportunity employer*

Water outages - Call the duty operator at 505-604-5935 24/7.

- ◇ Reliably supply quality drinking water at a reasonable price to our membership, such that the Association is self-sustaining
- ◇ Promote water conservation
- ◇ Provide leadership for our Community concerning water and wastewater issues
- ◇ Protect our ground water resources through environmentally responsible business practices
- ◇ Pursue water & wastewater service opportunities in the East Mountain and Estancia Basin Regions

**ENTRANOSA'S  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**



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Celebrating 40 Years of Service*



**Water Hardness Reading as of 7/28/23: 25 grains**

**Average Water Usage: July, 8,668 gallons**

**Average Monthly Bill: \$87**

## Membership Robo Calls

In July, Entranosa sent out to the entire membership robo telephone calls to conserve water to help keep the tanks full. The first call on the July 2 was in preparation of the Fourth of July for fire protection. The second call on July 18, was due to a CNMEC power outage at our Central Valley wells. Twenty percent of the well production in the Central Valley do not have generators and with the high demand due to the heat wave, Entranosa usually loses 20 percent of the water in the tanks. Entranosa has 18 tanks with 3.5 million gallons of storage, which controls the booster stations that control the wells. Keeping the tanks full is critical for both supply and fire protection. Over the past several years, Entranosa has added more generators to the wells and booster stations and will continue to add more until power outages will have no impact on the production of water.

## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the Entranosa Annual Meeting on September 30, which will be held at the Entranosa main office under the big tent. We are happy to announce that Ski will return with his famous and delicious Owl green chile cheeseburgers. The event starts at 11 am and lasts until 2 pm, with the business meeting starting at 1pm. The agenda has been streamlined to ensure a one-hour meeting with enough time for questions and answers. System exhibits will be on display, along with financial reports, policies and historic information. Meeting packets with the ballots will be sent to members by



**Ski the Grillmeister**

September 11. Please and fill out your ballot as soon as possible. You may also bring your ballot to the meeting because the election will be closed at the start of the business meeting. Board members, staff and auditor will be available. There will be an raffle for gifts and bill credits

along with a \$5 water bill credit for everyone who attends.

## Labor Day Closure

The Entranosa office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 4, 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday September 5.



## Board Openings

Three positions are open on the Board of Directors three-year terms. Current Directors, Skip Mead, Dennis Hodges and Rob Baracker have announced an interest in running for re-election. Any Member who is interested in becoming a Board member and wants to be placed on the ballot, needs to go to the website and fill out the Board of Director questionnaire and submit on or before the August 25<sup>th</sup> deadline.



## In Memoriam: Cathy Neuville

Cathy Neuville, one of Entranosa's favorite water haulers from East Mountain Water Haulers, passed away recently in a tragic auto accident. This hardworking, dedicated mother of three will be missed by everyone who knew her. Please help the family with a donation through Go Fund Me to help them with expenses and see them through this difficult time. You can make online donations by going to this site and clicking on the link. Thank you in advance for any contribution in honor of Cathy's memory.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/cathy-neuville>



## Entranosa's Board of Directors

**Chair:** Dennis Hodges **Vice Chair :** Linda Barbour **Secretary:** CJ "Skip" Mead **Treasurer:** Robert 'Rob' Baracker **Members:** Paul Gorder, Joelle Hertel, Rik Thompson

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