



# ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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



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FROM YOUR WATER ASSOCIATION

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## “Nightmare” Repairs in Iconic Neighborhood

The Paa-Ko repair nightmare continues! This small hole (photo right) in this air-vac line caused 12 hours of outages to homes on Raindance Road and the loss of 250,000 gallons of water. Why? Because the contractor used galvanized pipe, which corrodes quickly in our hard water. So why did such a small leak become a huge problem? Because when Paako was developed 27 years ago, it was common practice to dig a common trench for all utilities, except for sewer. This design feature resulted in and significantly increased repair times as Entranosa’s crew needed to determine the locations of the gas line (outlined in black, photo left) and the power line (outlined in white). Finally, Entranosa repaired the leak with a wrap-around. To make repairs more efficient, Entranosa endeavors never to share the same trench with other utilities.



The location



The fix



The leak



## Entranosa Water News

Two positions are open on the Entranosa Board of Directors!

Members who are interested in applying to serve on the Board can find the application on the website or pick up a copy at the Entranosa office. Applications are due by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Both Rik Thompson and Joelle Hertel are running again for the positions but any Entranosa member is eligible to also run. Also, this fall the Entranosa annual meeting will highlight



Rik Thompson



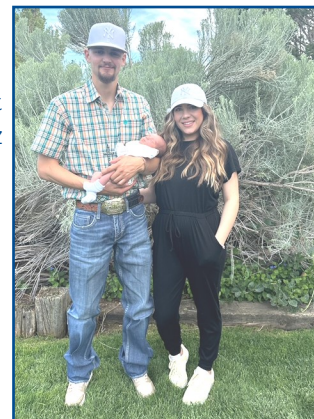
Joelle Hertel

several East Mountain restaurants. For the past several years, Entranosa has hired the Owl Café to cook up their famous green chile cheeseburgers. However, recently the restaurant was sold and the new owners are not prepared to cook at remote locations.

## Congratulations to Gabriel & Morgan Chavez!

Entranosa members say hello to our newest “Entranosa Baby:” **Christian Cash Chavez**, the first child of employee Gabriel Chavez and his wife Morgan.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



## Entranosa Water Association

Office: (505) 281-8700

Emergency: (505) 604-5935

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

Summer Hours: Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 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 issues
- ◇ Protect our ground water resources through environmentally responsible business practices
- ◇ Pursue water service opportunities in the East Mountain and Estancia Basin Regions

**ENTRANOSA'S  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**





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**Water Hardness Reading as of 07/29/24: 20 grains**  
**Average Water Usage: July, 7,810 gal. ; June, 8,120; gal**  
**Average Monthly Bill: \$81**

## Valley Well Inches Closer to Completion



With some final adjustments from Rogers and Company, the Valley Irrigation well is alive and inching closer to coming on-line. The new well is one of the larger-producing wells in the system, which had taken almost two years to permit and develop. Entranosa's next step is to complete a 6,600-foot transmission line to connect this new well into the full system. Entranosa anticipates fully utilizing the Valley Well for drinking water by early September.

**Crew member purges sandy water from Valley Well**



**Crew sets the pump in the Valley Well**



## Nugent Well Rebuilding

The large pump and motors that operate at Nugent booster are rebuilt every 5 years. Due to the size and weight, they require crane help from Usrey Well Company. Operator James Grider is guiding these motors into place.



## Entranosa Meeting New Challenges

System Foreman  
Joseph Lesperance

and operator Tristan Encinias are completing their first weld of HDPE pipe. Recently, they received their pipe welding certificates. Pipe welding had always been sub-contracted out, which caused delays and increased costs. Entranosa had stopped doing road cuts due to the challenges of permitting, the high costs of asphalt and ongoing maintenance. The alternative is boring underneath the road and pulling HDPE pipe through the bore.



**Holiday Closure** Entranosa will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, 2024. The hotline will be fully staffed in case of emergency at 505-604-5935.



## Entranosa's Board of Directors

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

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