

Entranosa Water & Wastewater Association
Board Candidate Questionnaire- **Paul J. Gorder**

1. How long have you lived in the East Mountain area as a member of the Association?

My wife and I have lived in the East Mountain area and have been Entranosa members since November 1995.

2. What is your current profession or trade?

I retired in 2012 as Senior Vice President and Southwestern Area Manager for CDM Smith Inc., an international firm specializing in water and wastewater engineering. My work history includes projects throughout the USA and overseas, and I still do some local independent consulting. I have B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil and environmental engineering, and have been a licensed Professional Engineer in New Mexico since 1977.

3. What assets (experience and character) will you bring to the Board?

My service on the Board since 1997 has given me an ongoing knowledge of the history of the organization and a strong understanding of the Entranosa operations, the existing infrastructure, and the current issues. I have twice served as Chairman of the Board and have also chaired the Water Resources and Conservation Committee for over 20 years, working closely with the CEO in the identification and development of new water supplies. During that period, I directed completion of our Conservation Plan and developed a Drought Plan for the Association. My background as an environmental engineer has been and will continue to be my greatest contribution to the Board. Over the past 40+ years I've been actively involved in New Mexico water issues, managing large and small water and reclamation projects in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Rio Rancho and numerous other New Mexico cities and utilities, as well as the El Paso groundwater desalination plant, the largest in the USA. I've represented local communities in permitting negotiations with the New Mexico Environment Dept. and the U.S. EPA.

4. Why are you running for the Board?

Being on the Entranosa Board has provided me the opportunity to contribute to the guidance and growth of this excellent organization while also staying actively involved in East Mountain water issues as a practicing engineer. I hope to continue to assist the organization with my knowledge of water treatment and delivery systems, along with regulatory compliance and water rights requirements, as new infrastructure is planned and constructed in the coming years. I have always considered Board membership to be both a personal and professional privilege.

5. What, in your view, are the important issues facing the Association?

Entranosa needs to maintain and continually update a proactive planning program, seeking and acquiring future water supplies and expanding infrastructure, to ensure that facilities and resources are in place to meet the demands of future growth as it occurs. We also must ensure that our current system is always fully functional to meet critical short-term needs, such as in periods of drought. We must continue to take measures to ensure that our groundwater supplies and the water we deliver to members meets all state and federal water quality requirements. As a prominent water supplier in the East Mountains, Entranosa needs to maintain its leadership role in encouraging conservation and promoting practices toward maintaining water quality, providing public education information, and representing the membership through participation in regional water resources planning efforts and organizations.

6. What would you like to accomplish during your term?

I'd like to work with the CEO and Board to continue development of a long-term strategic plan for providing and expanding water service as Entranosa grows. This includes identification and development of additional water supplies and wells, implementation of newly created membership categories, and ensuring that Entranosa remains as the premier water provider in the East Mountains by exploring opportunities for expansion and potential regionalization if beneficial to our membership. I'll also undertake needed updates to Entranosa's Conservation and Drought Plans.

7. What do you feel could be perceived as a "conflict of interest" if you served as a Board

Member, and why would it NOT be an issue or a problem?

Although I occasionally practice engineering in the area, none of my work involves any contracted business with Entranosa or with other locally-based water organizations or land developers in our service area, and there is no intent of doing so in the future. Should a situation arise that presents a potential conflict of interest, I will abstain from voting.

