



ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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



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Cost of Business Increasing in 2022

On January 13th, the Entranosa Finance Committee met to review and discuss the 2022 Budget. Faced with a minimum increase of over 8% operational cost, along with as much as three times material costs, the committee needed to reduce capital projects, line extensions and other planned improvements. The combination of increased costs, along with slow growth and an anticipated operational loss has forced the committee to recommend to the Board rate and fee increases. Based on the recommendation from the Finance Committee, staff prepared for the Entranosa Board a budget with cash flow analysis based on reducing capital projects and line extensions with more focus on repair and maintenance projects. The cash flow analysis determined that a rate increase in the range of 6% showed a smaller minimal loss and small reduction of cash on hand, while a 7% or 8% rate increase generated a small positive bottom-line.

After discussions and considerations of the challenges we all face with higher costs, the Board decided to raise rates by 6% with the hope that costs will come down during the third and fourth quarter of this year. In 2021, the average Entranosa bill across the system was \$58.75 per month. An example of a 6% increase would increase an average bill by \$3.50 per month or \$42 per year. The Board decided not to change the tier level volumes or the membership fee but did decide to increase the bulk water rate along with some of the administrative fees that mostly affect only new and non-members.

Rate increases will become effective on February 1, 2022. Members will see an impact to their bill in March. The rates are:

Meter base fee

- ¾" meter from \$18.54 to \$19.65
- 1" meter from \$25.75 to \$27.29
- 2" meter from \$41.20 to \$43.67
- 3"+ meter from \$61.80 to \$65.51

Water charges

- Tier 1- 0-7,000 gallons from \$5.27 to \$5.59
- Tier 2- 7,001- 17,000 gallons from \$7.24 to \$7.67
- Tier 3 - over 17,000 gallons from \$8.98 to \$9.52
- Turn on/turn off for non-payment fee, from \$100 to \$150
- New meter installs- ¾" meter from \$1,575 to \$1,800
- New meter installs- 1" meter from \$2,125 to \$2,400

2021 Average Entranosa Bill

\$58.75 per month

2022 Anticipated Entranosa Bill

\$62.25 per month (\$3.50 increase on average)

Average Annual Increase per Year in Bill

\$42 per year

Most Fee Increases Only Impact New Members & Non-Members

Bulk Water Hauler & Station

from \$16/ 1000 gallons to \$18/ 1,000

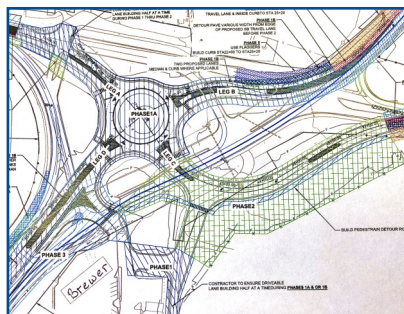
Membership Transfer fee - from \$100 to \$150

Tenant Set-up fee- from \$75 to \$100

Changes Coming to North 14

The New Mexico Department of

Transportation is working on a design for a new roundabout at the intersection of Frost Road and North 14 for 2023. Entranosa has eight-inch water lines under the new roadway, so we are working with NMDOT to relocate these lines.



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Entranosa is an equal-opportunity employer.

- ◇ 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

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Water Hardness Reading as of 1/26/22 24 grains

Average Water Usage: Jan. 4,542; gallons; Dec 5,941 gallons

Members Experienced Off Taste in Water

On January 10th Entranosa crews had to shut down the transmission line from the Central Valley Wells (five miles west of Stanley) to repair a leak. Shortly after the leak was repaired, Freedom 1 well lost a seal and had to be pulled offline. Members quickly noticed the taste change in the water especially those without water softeners or RO units. For a 10-day period you got 100% Horton well water which has a hardness of 40 plus grains. Entranosa normally runs the Central Valley Wells 100% of the time and shuts down the Horton well field when demand is low, which produces hardness levels between 12-15 grains. During high demand, Horton and Valley Wells are blended at the two booster stations at Frost Rd. and Nugent Rd., creating a hardness between 25-30 grains. There can also be a difference in members locations -- northern parts of system will have less hardness, while the southside of the system will have more hardness as a result of demand and water flow. We apologize for the poor tasting water but this time of year is Entranosa's only opportunity to provide needed maintenance when demand is low. At no time during this situation was your water unsafe to drink.



Marking Entranosa

Entranosa's crews have been placing delineator signs marking water lines and valves. Over the years, Entranosa has been challenged with prescriptive utility easements because the locations of some historic lines installed were never recorded. New landowners are surprised to learn of water infrastructure in their property when the easement was never recorded. Entranosa was started over 40 years ago by the Horton family, who owned thousands of acres in the East



Mountains. Because the Hortons installed waterlines in their own properties, they did not need to create a utility easement. A prescriptive easement is defined as a use that is open or notorious, continuous, and without permission for 10 years. In addition, membership agreements allow Entranosa to use members' property for expansion of the system as long as it does not interfere with the members' use of the property. Many times, these easements based on the membership agreements were not recorded. Most title insurance reports acknowledge the potential of unrecorded utility easements and release the title company from any potential liability. If a member has a waterline in their property and wants to have it marked with a delineator, please contact the office.

Supply Kings

critical equipment on Ebay. Entranosa's regular suppliers have long delays on getting critical components which can not wait for months to arrive.

System Manager Drew Padilla and Control Operator Steve King have had success finding



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