



ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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



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2025

During Severe Cold — Save Pipes, Leave a Drip

The late January cold snap is easing off a bit, but plenty of cold months lie ahead. It's extremely important for Entranosa members to remember to leave a couple of faucets dripping when temperatures fall below about 15 F. During January, Entranosa crews were busy dealing with hundreds of frozen meters and yard lines. According to a spokesperson for TLC Plumbing & Utility in Albuquerque, "leaving a faucet dripping slightly is a good way to prevent pipes from bursting because the constant flow of water prevents ice from forming inside the pipes." When you leave your faucets dripping, you not only have the water flowing, but it also relieves the pressure that is created when water freezes. It is the increasing pressure that causes the pipes to burst, not necessarily the volume expansion when ice is formed. A small, constant drip is enough to save pipes, without wasting too much water. Important: If members are traveling

The late January cold

during cold weather, please call Entranosa before you leave to have the water turned off at the meter.



Water Rate Increase

During the January Board meeting, Entranosa's Board approved a 2 percent rate and fee increase. With an average bill of \$68 per month, the increase will add \$1.36 per month. The largest cost increase for 2025 was for insurance, which went up by 25 percent -- without a claim. Labor, power and material costs also increased. Last year, the Board also increased rates by 2 percent but the overall operational costs increased by more than 4 percent. Entranosa is hoping the potential increase in revenues from bulk sales will offset the higher costs.



Wintertime Break

The West Hill Ranch Road leak took 24 hours to repair and to refill the distribution system and the 100,000-gallon Hill Tank. The main line break was in a difficult location, which caused more than 500 homes to lose water. Even though this was a difficult leak, it clearly pointed out areas of improvement Entranosa needs to fix to lessen the number of homes affected for future service outages.



Field crew repairs a bad leak

New Tank Coming

Richland Ridge Phase 3 subdivision has started, which will include a future 250,000-gallon water tank. The contractor has cleared the tank site to start the planning and permitting of the new tank.



Entranosa Water Association

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Winter Hours: Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Entranosa is an equal opportunity employer

Water outages - Call 505-604-5935 24/7 including holidays.

- ◇ 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 1/29/25: 15 grains

**Average Water Usage: Jan., 4,202 gal; Dec. 7,030 gal.
Average Monthly Bill: \$51**

New Line Being Installed

TriM Construction has started

installation of the Valley Irrigation transmission line that connects the new wells at Valley Irrigation and Dinkle Road. The first phase is 6,600 ft. of 12-inch line that will connect the new Valley Irrigation well to the Boomer and East Pine Canyons wells along Irby Road. The new transmission line and well should be fully operational by March.



Thanks for Suggestions!

Entranosa received 60 potential truck names for our

new green dump truck. The Entranosa Board of Directors will be making the difficult decision during the February meeting and we will announce the winner and \$100 prize.



Caveat emptor—Plumber Style

Entranosa needs to remind its members that all plumbing companies aren't created equal. Please don't assume your Albuquerque plumber knows what's what in the East Mountains. This plumber turned off a mainline that shutdown an entire street of customers thinking it was the shutoff for a member's meter can. If you need a plumber to turn off the water, please call the



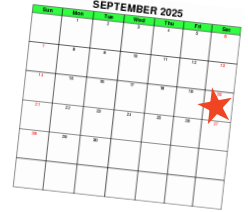
Entranosa Duty Operator at 505-604-5935.



Entranosa Round-Up

Here are some of what is going on at your

water co-op: • At the January 22nd Board meeting the board selected **September 20th** for the annual meeting. Please mark your new 2025 calendars for this important date.



• Entranosa is offering its members a special discount of \$5,000 on this 1981 Ford dump truck. • Getting ready for pumping season is

critical but it's also expensive. These new state-of-the-art upgrades to the Nugent booster station cost \$25,000. • Two new submersible well motors are ready to be installed for this year's pumping season.



For Nugent Booster

Entranosa's Board of Directors

Chair: Robert 'Rob' Baracker, **Vice Chair:** Paul Gorder, **Secretary:** Linda Barbour, **Treasurer:** Dennis Hodges

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