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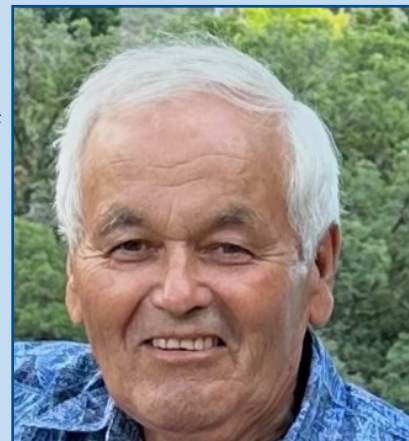
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FROM YOUR WATER ASSOCIATION

2024

A Message from the Chairman of the Board

Happy New Year! Another year has passed with numerous challenges and changes to be dealt with by the Entranosa Board of Directors, CEO and staff. As the new Chairman of the Board, I want to thank you all for meeting those challenges on behalf of our members. I want to invite greater participation in our Board and EWA activities. Your comments, suggestions -- and even criticism -- are both requested and accepted as feedback is important. You can attend our monthly Board meetings by contacting Jack Crider, CEO at jcrider@entranosawater.com. We are looking at a busy upcoming year and again invite member's help in meeting our goals and objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Rob Baracker, Chair
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New Water Line for Sandia Park

Entranosa is preparing to install a new water line

main to accommodate the new N14 roundabout. All utilities, including Entranosa, must have their work completed by March 30, as the major part of the build begins April 1, 2024. Star Paving was awarded the \$9 million contract and has 440 days to complete the work. The relocation of the waterline will cost the association over \$200,000 with no reimbursement from the state. This project was awarded in 2023 from Capital Outlay budget, but was later determined to be ineligible due to the lack of legislation for CA 2.



An earth moving crew clears the site of a new water line. The Lazy Lizard shown in the background; left, the prepared site.



At Last, Expert Help

Gwen Valentino of NM Grant Writers to help find financial resources for capital improvements. With the high costs of everything, Entranosa can no longer fund these expensive projects out of cash flow and needs to find some outside resources. Gwen has the experience and lives in Sandia Park.

Entranosa has hired



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- ◇ 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 01/30/24: 23 grains

**Average Water Usage: January, 4,197; December, 6,081;
Average Monthly Bill: \$50**

On The Docket

Finally, after months of frustration dealing with land issues, Entranosa is on Bernalillo County's agenda for March 6, 2024. The new special use permit will allow Entranosa to be in compliance and expand in our site in the future. The application required Entranosa Water Association to demonstrate that the site changes would not negatively impact the surrounding area. Our application stated that the "utility operator has historically proven that it is consistent with the health, safety, and general public welfare. "This land use will not be noisy, or generate adverse odors, or adversely impact the existing traffic." The development will not be unsightly from either I-40 or NM 333, which is a goal of the East Mountain Area Plan and "Gateway" concept for westbound arrivals through Tijeras Canyon to urbanized City of Albuquerque. (It is currently fully screened.) We want to thank Bernalillo County for all their help and patience.

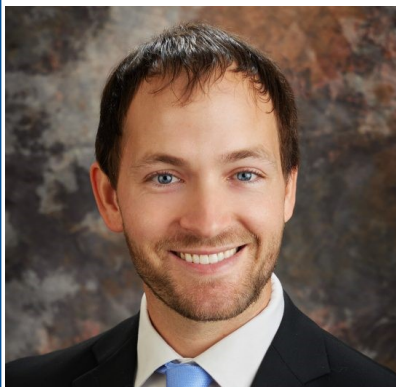


Site Plan for Entranosa Special Use Permit

The plan calls for two additional structures, including a portable 2,000 sq-ft for public hearings and record storage and an approximately 3,000 sq-ft of steel containers with a metal canopy, shown below on the left.



Thank You Bernalillo County Commissioners!



Entranosa appreciates the efforts of the county commission, especially District 5 Commissioner Eric Olivas, who has taken the lead and understands the importance of the Legislation. Since the passage of the CA 2 in 2022, Entranosa has been lobbying our delegation to write the legislation necessary to implement the amendment but this seems to have been low on their priority list. This lack of urgency has cost the Entranosa Water Association over \$600,000 in capital outlay funding for two very important projects. Hopefully this will happen in 2025 during the 60-day Legislative session.

Job Well Done, Angie

Water operator Angie Nepper has decided to move on and pursue her passion of metal art and fabrication. Angie started in March of 2022 and quickly gained the confidence of staff and



Board members as a hard-working, highly-skilled



operator. Angie quickly earned her state certification level 2 water operator and was promoted to Meter Specialist. She will be missed. We thank Angie for all her hard work at Entranosa.

Angie with the welder

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