



ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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Entranosa Annual Meeting—Always A Good Time!



About 200 members enjoyed lunch before the business meeting

said Entranosa CEO Jack Crider. Crider also emphasized the need to add future capacity to the system's wells and storage tanks, which is critical for growth and necessary to a "supply cushion" in case of any disruption to the system. In addition, in the past few years, many highly experienced employees who had worked on the system for decades retired, Crider said, and replacing that institutional knowledge will be difficult. Engineer and long-time board member Paul Gorder reported on Entranosa's small impact on the entire Estancia Basin, including the fact that Entranosa pumped 481 million gallons of water for members in 2022. The majority of the water used in the Estancia Basin goes toward agriculture, Gorder said. This meeting also featured an election for three seats on the board of directors, in which 219 members cast ballots. Four people ran for the seats - three incumbents and one newcomer Air Force project manager Robert Tercelic. At the end of the meeting, the three incumbents were re-elected: Dennis Hodges with 170 votes; Rob Baracker with 163; CJ 'Skip' Mead with 155 and Robert with 112.

On Sept. 30, approximately 200 people attended Entranosa's annual members meeting and enjoyed fiesta music spun by a professional DJ and custom green chile cheeseburgers cooked up Ski Martin of the Owl Café in Albuquerque. Under a big tent erected behind the Entranosa office, attendees caught up with neighbors, chatted with the Entranosa board of directors and staff, and heard about the financial and operational health of the member-owned water system, one of the largest rural water co-ops in the state. Despite a couple of challenging years of rising costs for labor, equipment and replacement supplies, auditor Brad Steward of Pulakos CPAs reported that Entranosa's expenses and revenues are in line with other types of utility operations. The audit, which covered the years between 2018 and 2022, reported a gain in Entranosa's financial position, he said. 2023 saw significant improvements in Entranosa's cash position and revenues,



Staff, including Vanessa Gutierrez, issue raffle tickets to members

Name Change The annual meeting also saw another big change – dropping the "Wastewater" from Entranosa's name. Members voted 196 to 16 to change the name after the board's earlier decision in 2023 to close out the septic program from Entranosa's operations. CEO Crider said wastewater operations took emphasis and time away from Entranosa's core mission of providing quality drinking water to the 3,690 households served by Entranosa Water Association.



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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 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 9/27/23: 24 grains
Average Water Usage: September, 9,316 Gal; August, 9,930;
Average Monthly Bill: \$94

New Rules on Copper and Lead Pipes

The new State rules for copper and lead pipes require Entranosa to inventory all pipelines in the system, including members' yard lines. While Entranosa is fairly confident that 100 percent of the lines are polyethylene, that might not be the case for some members yard lines. Next month's billing will include a self-addressed, prepaid postcard for members to check what type of material is their yard line or whether or not the member knows. The goal of the new rule is to eliminate as much lead as possible from the drinking water. Lead and copper enter the water system through plumbing pipes and components.



Please Don't Fence In Meter Cans

Really people! How do you expect Entranosa technicians are going to get into this meter can to read the meter or do



repairs? Please don't fence in, block, lock or otherwise limit access to our meter can in your yard. This fencing job will cost the homeowner money – and the Entranosa technician time to get into the can to do his job.



New Tap Line

Our capable field crew is installing the first tap for

the new 16" line down Frost Road. The tap is for a 500-foot line extension down Rael Road. The large tapping saddle was on back-order for more than six months, because 2021's supply chain issues continued into late 2023 and maybe beyond.



2023 Raffle Winners

The raffle is one of the most popular features of the Annual Members Meeting. Here are this year's winners: • **\$100 Credit:** Bill Lowe; • **\$50 Credit:** Rita Loy, Cynthia Leavitt, Tom Hawkins, David Massy, Greg Butler. • **\$25 Credit:** Catherine Jones, Steve Lott, Peggy Mead, Julian Ley, George Ekezan. • **Pressure Gauges:** Sandra York, Linda Wheeler, Jean Jones, Jim Thomas, David Anderson, Melissa Garner, Philip Jazwiek, Glen Felton*. • **Coffee Mugs:** Barbara L. Rob Baracker, S.Duncan, J. Paulman, Steve Silva. Gary William, Karen Wine, Mona Garcia, Pat Wright Jack Thompson. • **Tee Shirts:** Jake Garcia, Liz Crawford, Julie Falwiler, Willy Nipp, Kevin Urquhart, Kenneth Brennan, Mary Lou Thompson, Brian Salem, Matthias Bark, Richard Iadarola. Please call the Entranosa Office at 505- 281-8700 to collect your prizes.

*unsure of spelling



Entranosa's Board of Directors

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

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