



# ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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



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## Mark Your Calendars—Annual Meeting is Sept. 28! Fun All Around!

On Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 am to 2 pm, Entranosa members are invited to the Annual Meeting, which promises fine fall weather, friendly neighbors and lunch under the big tent outside the Entranosa office. The staff and Board Members work hard to put on a good party with a DJ and good food. This year CEO Jack Crider said several East Mountain restaurants will be cooking, offering plenty of variety. Board members will be on hand to discuss the health and progress of our shared water utility. The business meeting starts at 1 pm and includes voting on two open positions on the Board of Directors. This year, there are three qualified candidates running for the Board of Directors but only two positions are open. **To join us, please RSVP by 4 p.m. on Sept. 24! Call 505-281-8700.**



### JOELLE HERTEL

A retired civil engineer, Joelle has been a member of Entranosa since 1999 and has lived here since 2003. She currently serves on the Entranosa Board and is running to retain her seat.

During her career she was senior vice president of a large construction firm, working throughout the United States managing multimillion dollar construction projects and was responsible for schedule, strategy and financial outcome. She has experience serving on boards and commissions, including eight years on the District 5 Bernalillo County Planning Commission, of which she is currently the Chair. She believes in a team-oriented approach, she said. Her technical experience allows her to understand the issues, and to keep an eye on project schedules and costs. Joelle believes volunteering strengthens communities and supports neighborhoods. She said the most important issues facing the future is the continued quality, safety and sustainability of the water supply. She has no conflicts of interest that prevent her service on the board, she said.



### STEVE KING

Steve is a native of New Mexico and has been an Entranosa member for 33 years. He is a veteran of the US Navy. He also has 34 years experience in the field side of pump repair, and troubleshooting and commissioning booster stations, lift stations and fire pump systems. He is a communication technician and is cross-rated as an electrician. He believes the most important issues facing Entranosa include upsizing the emergency generators and installing monitors at wells and booster stations that don't have them currently. He believes Entranosa should upgrade the oldest booster stations and the tank that feeds them, and to modernize the oldest sections of the underground utilities. He said he is a part-time employee of a company that consults with Entranosa but if any conflicts of interest arise, he will recuse himself from voting on those issues. This is Steve's first run for a position on the Entranosa Board of Directors.



### RIK THOMPSON

For the past 22 years, Rik has served on the Entranosa Board of Directors, with four years as Chair and three years as Vice Chair. He also is a partner in Blue Lynx Resources, which is focused on investments in land and cattle. He is also a Farm and Ranch Broker with Republic Ranches. He has extensive experience on other boards, including the Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee, the Estancia Valley Economic Development Board and the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee. He started his career as an officer in the US Navy for 23-years and is a former farmer and rancher in the Estancia Valley. He believes Entranosa is a very valuable utility in the area and has proven to be a well-run company. The most important considerations for the future, he said, are maintaining the good financial condition of Entranosa and continuously acquiring water rights and supply well as they become available. His focus is on ensuring a good, uninterrupted and redundant supply of high-quality water to Entranosa's customer-owners. He foresees no conflicts of interest between his other business and Entranosa Water Association.



- ◇ **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 08/29/24: 19 grains**

**Average Water Usage: August, 9,362; July, 7,810 gal.**

**Average Monthly Bill: \$95**

## Expanding Bulk Water Sales

Entranosa has been selling bulk water through fire hydrants for over 40 years. Hydrant sales are limited to large tanker trucks that either resell the water or use it for construction. In order to

directly serve residential use, Entranosa built a self-serve bulk water station at Frost and Hwy 344. The station is used by hundreds — from the lady filling 5-gallon buckets in the back of her Prius to 5,000-gallon tanker trucks. Both Bernalillo and Santa Fe County use the facility for road projects, along with the Town of Edgewood. Over the years, the bulk water business has grown from 1 million gallons per month to over 3 million gallons

each month. • The highest demand for bulk water is during summer construction projects when water is needed for compaction for new construction and road paving projects.

This business is a major contributor to Entranosa’s revenue stream as bulk water rates are 3 times higher than residential membership. Annually, Entranosa pumps from our 10 wells, approximately 550 million gallons, of which 35 million is sold as bulk or roughly 6% of the total. • Recently, a few members have had concerns with selling bulk water from our new well at Valley Irrigation Road. Due to permitting, Entranosa couldn’t connect the well into the distribution system. In order to satisfy summer pumping demand, Entranosa had

bulk trucks load directly at the well. This water is non-potable and used only for road construction and producing concrete. • The Estancia Basin water usage is 95% agriculture, mostly corn and alfalfa for cows and horses. A 160-acre crop circle for corn can use as much as 150 acre feet of water or 48 million gallons. Entranosa now owns seven wells in the central valley which are 500 ft. to 1,100 ft. in depth with 200-500 ft. water columns. Currently, Entranosa owns or controls over 4,700 acre feet of water per year with a demand of only 1,700 acre feet of water year.



**Buying bulk H<sub>2</sub>O at station on Hwy 344**



### Water for construction

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**Non-potable water for construction and concrete**



**Water for agriculture**

### PRV can save water lines

Many members install pressure reducing valves (PRV) in their homes to protect their water system. This is the best setup (right) as pressure gauges show incoming pressures before the PRV and after. If you only have a gauge after the PRV, you still need to check pressures at the hose bibb. High pressure from the meter can damage yard lines and hose bibbs.



## Entranosa Water Association

**Office: (505) 281-8700**

**Emergency: (505) 604-5935**

**www.entranosawater.com**

**Summer Hours: Monday - Friday**

**8:00 am - 4:30 pm.**

***Entranosa is an equal opportunity employer***

**Water outages - Call the duty operator at 505-604-5935 24/7.**



## Entranosa’s Board of Directors

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

**Members:** C.J. “Skip” Mead, Joelle Hertel, Rik Thompson

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