

# Entranosa Water News

December 31, 2007

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Happy Holidays.** In the event you have a water emergency while we are closed, please call 604-5935 .... for other administrative matters, call 281-8700 and leave a message. Please accept our best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Weather & Drought.** The forecast is mixed – one authority cites less than a 20% chance of precipitation in January with normal temps, and another says we'll have snow showers and rain 'squalls' throughout January. Go figure. The National Climatic Data Center reports the past 12 months was the 39<sup>th</sup> wettest since 1895. The US Drought Monitor of December 18<sup>th</sup> showed the Abnormally Dry drought condition that had overtaken much of the State was receding to the east. The US Seasonal Drought Outlook through March of '08 shows our area as 'normal'. Please be careful.

**Frozen Meters.** We are experiencing many customer calls with frozen meters. Please do not attempt to thaw out your own meter because this causes damages to the meters and radios. We are happy to come out and assist in these cases... just call. In an effort to help reduce these situations, if you leave your water dripping just a little bit from one of your faucets, it will help keep your waterlines open which many times keeps your waterlines from freezing. Also, it is important your meter can lid remain closed. If the meter lid is open this too will cause your meter to freeze. Please help us with this.

**Hardness.** Our water hardness varies around the system, but the current range is 11 to 15 grains. We project that it'll stay in this range through March – but a dry spell could change that!

**December Consumption.** Household demand has continued to drop and dropped significantly this month and averaged about 4,639 gallons per dwelling. Last year at this time, the average consumption was 4,742.

**Board Meeting.** The Board of Directors will have their first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Should you wish to attend, we simply request that you contact the office so we can make proper arrangements.

**ISO Inspection.** The ISO inspection for Bernalillo County, which helps determine insurance rates, will be completed in February of next year.

**Radon Testing.** Naturally occurring radon gas is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of lung cancer in the US. The Environment Department of the State of New Mexico is offering free radon test kits for residents through the end of the month of January '08. To obtain a free test kit, contact Michael A. Taylor, NMED indoor radon outreach coordinator, at (505) 827-1093 or at [Michael.Taylor@state.nm.us](mailto:Michael.Taylor@state.nm.us).

## **Call Before You Dig**

Entranosa Water & Wastewater Association  
281-8700 / 604-5935 (emergency)

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260-1990 or 811