

Entranosa Water News

September 26, 2007

Annual Meeting. Our annual meeting will be held on October 2nd at the Mountain Valley Church, and it will start sharply at 7:30 p.m.. Our meeting packet and notice were mailed on August 30th. There are two positions on the board and we have three capable candidates. Please plan to attend.

Billing. Due to some administrative and scheduling conflicts, we had to read our meters early this month – they were read this past Monday (the 24th). That shortens this billing period by two days, and will lengthen the October billing period by two days – we hope that doesn't cause any problems.

September Consumption. It has been an interesting month, with a combination of 'rain' and 'dry'. The average residential consumption this past month was approximately 6,813 gallons, and it was about 5,800 gallons last year, following an extremely wet period. If you have questions about your usage, we'll be pleased to try and help answer them.

Hardness. We're entering the transition season, from summer uses to winter. Hardness is averaging 22 grains and is ranging between 15 and 24. It will continue to drop a little each week as the weather cools and will hit 10 – 12 grains in December through March. For those who are interested (and even if you're not) - a grain is equal to approximately 17.1 mg/liter.

Drought Forecast, and Weather Conditions. According to the 18 September report of the US Drought Monitor, about 9 percent of the state is in a 'dry' condition, and last year at this time, over 40 percent of the state was in a 'dry' or higher condition of drought. There is a 'finger' of abnormally dry conditions coming into the State from the east. The NOAA Drought Outlook for New Mexico, through December, is 'normal'. Our monsoon was disappointing (to us), but our area remains above normal for precipitation for the year. There are still mixed reviews for what the winter will bring.

Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union. The Association has joined with Sandia Labs Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) and all of our members and employees are now eligible for services with this financial institution. They've made a commitment to the east mountain area by establishing a branch in Edgewood, by the end of 2007, at NM 344 and Dinkle Road. They have a web site – www.slfcu.org.

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