

Entranosa Water News

February 26, 2009

Board Officers. The Board of Directors met in a regularly scheduled meeting in January and elected officers for this year. They are:

President	Steve Varley
Vice President	Steve Hicks
Treasurer	Ron Bodo
Secretary	Carolyn Freeman

Fire Meeting. The first east mountain fire prevention meeting of the season will be (was) held at Los Vecinos Community Center on the 26th of February – to late for this newsletter to be of help to you ... but additional meetings will be held and we'll try to provide you with this information as it is made available to us. The Forest Service recently contacted us about access to fire fighting water – and that is a first, so greater attention and coordination is evident.

Water Hardness. We measured about 14 grains of hardness at the office on the morning of February 26th. The hardness of the water at your home will vary from this number – hardness throughout the system varies between 12 and 16 grains at this time of year. Assuming the weather continues like late February, we expect the hardness to remain in the current range until the middle of April and then it will start to rise as our pumping increases - topping out in late May, varying between 22 and 33 grains depending on where you live.

Water Use. February was relatively mild, as February's go ... the average residential water meter consumed 4,430 gallons, or 158 gallons per day (up a little bit from January). Last year it was 4,863 gallons, and in 2007 it was 4,904 gallons.

Membership Value. Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board reviewed the costs that support the cost of a membership in the Association and voted to not change it – the cost of water rights has stabilized, costs of steel and labor are down slightly, the cost of pipe has dropped a bit.

Isolation Valves... and as you plan working outside in the spring – consider installing isolation valves (small ball valves) in the service line on your property. They will allow you to quickly turn off your water when it matters most, and facilitate your ability to troubleshoot leaks that may occur – while saving time, water, and damage.

Drought. We continue to monitor drought information from various sites on the web. The two most informative, for our purposes, are the US Drought Monitor, sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor (for current information) and www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/exper_assessment/seasonal_drought (for predictive information). The data and graphics are intriguing.

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