

# Entranosa Water News

July 31, 2009

**July Consumption.** The average residential consumption was lower than normal, and very similar to May and June – which is unusual. The average residential usage in July was 9,550 gallons – last year it was 8,030 gallons and the year before it was 10,400 gallons. If you believe your billed usage is higher than what you've used – give us a call and we'll be pleased to check for a leak – but keep in mind that if you left the hose on overnight, you could easily have used 10,000 gallons.

**Drought Forecast, and Weather Conditions** The weather in July couldn't really make up its mind ... hot and dry, cool and rainy ... The US Drought Monitor from July 28<sup>th</sup> shows our area is 'normal', with an 'abnormally dry' condition about forty miles to the east. The prediction through October is 'normal' with improving conditions over most of eastern New Mexico and portions of the central highlands (where we are). Regardless of the current condition, *remember that we live in a highland desert* – **be aware** of how you use your water. Use what you need ... no more, and no less. The monsoon has officially arrived.

**Board Candidates and Annual Meeting.** The Association is seeking candidates to run for three positions on the board of directors this year. Please consider this opportunity to serve your community and the Association – it takes a little time, but the main requirement is common sense and a willingness to serve. Nominations should arrive at the Entranosa office no later than the close of business on **Wednesday, August 5th**. The annual meeting will be held at the Mountain Valley Church on Thursday, 1 October. PLEASE plan to attend.

**Rain Barrels.** Our rain barrels have remained very popular this year. They vary in size from 50 gallons to 200 gallons, they are made to order and take a few weeks to deliver. We carry a line of barrels that is guaranteed to not crack or break due to freezing in winter. If you are thinking about a barrel, or barrels – please call and inquire.

**Fire.** There are at least three fires currently burning in the east mountain area, and a fire on the northern slope of South Mountain was put out last weekend. PLEASE be careful.

**New Well.** We've finally completed and equipped a replacement to one of our main wells, and we're about to put it online. The new well is deeper than the old well and will reliably produce, at least twice, as much water.

**Annual Water Report.** You should have received a copy of our annual Consumer Confidence Report, which was mailed on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. If not, please contact the office so we can verify the mailing address and, if you wish, we'll send out another. You can also view it on our web site – [www.entranosawater.com](http://www.entranosawater.com)

**Holiday.** Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and our office will be closed for business that day.

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**260-1990 or 811**