

Entranosa Water News

September 30, 2009

September Consumption. The average residential consumption in September was relatively normal at 6,744 gallons, and last month it was over 9,000 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 US Drought Monitor from September 22nd shows our area is 'normal', and that drought conditions retreated, significantly, statewide during the month of September. 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 faded, and we're in the fall season. Many forecasters call for a harsh winter.

Annual Meeting. We meet October 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Valley Church on Dinkle Road, just north of I-40. As of this afternoon, we need 11 more ballots for quorum. While it may take a couple of days to get this newsletter to you ... we hope you attend(ed) the meeting and that you've voted.

Contact information. In a recent 'best practices' review, we discussed the need for an email through which we can quickly send out information in the event of a drinking water emergency. We can also use email to send out billings, efficiently and quickly (and we can have that capability early next year). Should you wish to provide your email address – send it to Loriharris@entranosawater.com We will not sell your email address to anyone, we won't spam you, and it will only be used for these stated purposes. Thank you.

Campbell Ranch. We've had several calls asking if we are going to serve Campbell Ranch. The short answer is 'no', the longer answer is that we've had discussions with representatives of Campbell in the past, and our 'vision and mission' calls for being the regional water supplier - which translates into "we'll serve those who need water, if we can". Our development policy calls for a developer to pay their own way onto the system – water rights, on site and off site infrastructure, storage, etc. The growth we've seen the past 10 years has made us a more reliable system, with improved sustainability and we've assessed the development policy to be effective. Having said all that – there appear to be some challenging circumstances facing the master planned community.

Water Haulers. For the most part – authorized haulers use fire hydrants on Mountain Valley and on Sedillo Hill near the gas station; all haulers have a 'permit' issued by us and every authorized hauler will be using a meter that is connected to the hydrant. While we have different styles of meters – they are 18" to 24" long, typically blue or red in color ... and an authorized hauler will NEVER just have a hose connected to the hydrant. We are grateful for all of you who have called to tell us what you see – thank you – and keep calling.

Rates. There have been some news articles recently about local area water systems seeking relatively large rate increases. We've had two small rate hikes in the past couple of years – three percent in July 2007 and five percent in January of this year. We've recently conducted a cursory review and do not anticipate a requirement for a rate increase for at least nine months. Our membership fee remains \$6,500.

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