

DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

January 2019

Annual Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors would like to remind our members of the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Dona Ana Elementary School. The meeting will include reports of our current events, operations, projects, new infrastructure, and an updated financial report. We have had an extremely busy year and look forward to sharing our success and goals for 2019. Our Association is only as strong as each individual member. We ask the public to please attend in order to hear about our upcoming activities, as well as provide further opportunity for the Association to address any questions or concerns. In January 2019 we will post the agenda on our website www.dawater.org. We hope that everyone can join us to learn more about your water Association.

**“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools;
The time is always right to do what is right.” - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT FIVE REPRESENTATIVE

The Association would like to welcome Dr. Paul Maxwell to the Board of Directors. Dr. Maxwell is a professional artist working and residing in Las Cruces, New Mexico since 2017. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering and sciences from the University of Texas at El Paso and Stanford University, and over a fifty year span he successfully applied his energies to those endeavors. In late 2012 Dr. Maxwell decided to re-explore the world of art and began painting from his Southern New Mexico studio in Santa Teresa, N.M.

Dr. Maxwell was the Executive Director and CEO of the Bi-National Sustainability Laboratory (BNSL) from 2005 to 2014 which he helped found in 2004. A non-profit, bi-national enterprise based in Santa Teresa, NM, BNSL's mission was to focus on emerging technologies to create and implement economic development efforts within the entire U.S.-Mexico border region. They helped more than a dozen new technology based start-ups and was a key sponsor of the region's only technology incubator, the Hub of Human Innovation. Dr. Maxwell is fluent in Spanish, and in addition to painting he enjoys flying his own airplane, golfing, walking, and scuba diving.

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Association Closures:

- January 21

Past Due Bills:

- January 22

Disconnection Day:

- January 23

Current Bills Due:

- January 25

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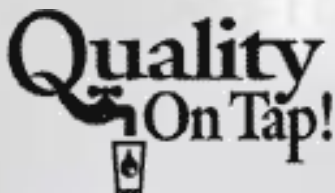
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Staff

We would like to congratulate Ernest Armendariz for successfully completing his Level III Wastewater Certification. Mr. Armendariz attended our in house program that facilitates study guides and pretest exams to expose operators to the types of questions they would experience during their actual exam administered by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Margo Lopez, our Administrative Specialist, and our operations staff have been working very hard as we continue to see progress with each round of exams.

Projects Update

File Construction has begun the system overhaul in Radium Springs. The construction is facilitating the installation of over five miles of new 8- and 6-inch water distribution and fill lines, new fire hydrants, and pressure reducing valves throughout the community. We appreciate your continued patience as with any construction line breaks and dirty water are known to occur. The discolored water is not harmful. While we understand the appearance may not be pleasant to look at, it is important to note this is naturally occurring minerals in the water. If you are doing laundry when the discolored water unexpectedly occurs, please do not move your clothes to the dryer; leave them wet. Our office can provide you a product to put in with your white clothes, bathtub, toilet or any item in your home that has been stained by the water. It is very important that you follow the proper instructions for using the additive prior to rewashing or drying your clothes in order to remove the staining. If you have any questions or need to request the additive, please contact our Customer Service Representatives at 575-526-3491.

Phase II of the Southeast Collection wastewater system is now in the beginning stages of construction with the award going to Smithco Construction. This project includes the construction of a new vacuum sewer collection system with new 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch vacuum sewer pipe. Once all of the installations are in place the disturbed asphalt will be addressed. This project will heavily impact El Camino Real and Carlton, lasting roughly four months.

The Association will maintain our notifications for any expected water outages, however we do request your patience as unexpected outages are always a possibility. We ask the public to be mindful of the construction workers and our staff. There is heavy equipment involved in these projects with traffic controls, flaggers, and orange barrels directing traffic. Please be cautious, drive slowly, and be respectful to the workers and their safety.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope; I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word; We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive.”- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.