



# ELDORADO AREA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT WATER NOTES

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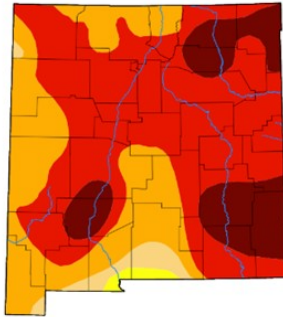
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## STAGE 1 Water Restrictions in Effect as of May 20, 2022

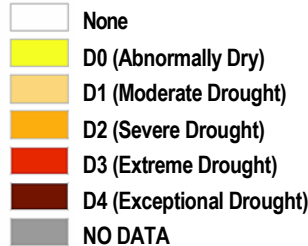
As was the case this time last year, the daily forecast over the last two months has been dry and windy with the prospect of significant precipitation seemingly nowhere in sight following several consecutive years of poor snow pack and rain. As shown on the map below, Santa Fe County is at the center of an area covering over half the State of New Mexico that is experiencing "Extreme Drought" conditions. With no chance of being able to operate our Galisteo Well #9 this summer, the District has concluded that the *only prudent course of action* is to implement **EAWSD Stage 1 Water Restrictions effective Friday, May 20, 2022**. Details concerning water restrictions under STAGE 1: "GUARDED CONDITIONS" are provided on the District's website at <https://www.eawsd.org/drought-management-restrictions> and are summarized below.

\* **Note that all restrictions presented apply only to the use of EAWSD water and not to the use of recycled and/or catchment water.**

### U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico



#### Intensity



Outdoor watering of non-food producing landscapes is restricted to ONE of the following TWO options of the customer's choosing:

1. **ANY THREE WEEKDAYS, (NO WEEKEND WATERING); OR**
2. **TWO DAYS PER WEEK** including ONE weekend day as follows:

- a) ODD-NUMBERED home addresses on Tuesday and Saturday
- b) EVEN-NUMBERED home addresses on Thursday and Sunday

- ♦ **No watering of lawns.**
- ♦ **No new in-ground planting of any trees or shrubs. Postpone new outdoor planting until Stage 1 is lifted.**
- ♦ **No outdoor watering between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.**
- ♦ **No washing of outdoor hard surfaces (e.g., driveways, patios, sidewalks)**
- ♦ **No washing of vehicles, including recreational vehicles or trailers.**
- ♦ **No filling or adding water to pools or outdoor water features. Covered outdoor spa/hot tubs are allowed.**
- ♦ **No water use or sales from District fire hydrants, except in accordance with contract requirements for EAWSD contractors.**



### THE GOALS OF STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE TWOFOLD:

1. To reduce the total amount of water consumed during the hot, dry summer months.
2. To spread water usage out over the week and reduce weekend peak demand which can overly tax our system and significantly draw down the emergency water reserves in our six water storage tanks.

At this time, unless significant reduction in water use is achieved under Stage 1 Water Restrictions and/or we receive significant precipitation, **we are estimating a 50% probability of having to impose additional Stage 2 Water Restrictions by mid-June.** Needless to say, we will advise you as far in advance as possible should we determine that Stage 2 Water Restrictions are required.

REMINDER: If you have not done so already, register for EYE-ON-WATER and monitor your water consumption.

## Recent Board Activities

If there is any supporting documentation regarding any of the Recent Board Activities listed below, the link is provided. You can also email [admin.assistant@EAWSD.org](mailto:admin.assistant@EAWSD.org) or call 466-2411 to obtain additional information.

- ▶ Approved the award of a contract for construction of the Field Workshop and Garage by [Resolution N<sup>o</sup>. 22-04-02](#)
- ▶ Approved the award of an AUDIT SERVICES contract for the FY2022 Audit by [Resolution N<sup>o</sup>. 22-04-01](#)

## Conservation Surcharge in Effect

Customer water use for **May, (billed in June) through August, (billed in September)** will be subject to the District's CONSERVATION SURCHARGE. Residential customers who use more than 10,000 gallons of water in any of those months will be charged an additional 50% on the applicable rate tier for any water use **in excess of 10,000 gallons.** Customers who use less than 10,000 gallons per month during summer months will not be affected by the Conservation Surcharge. Please do your part to conserve water during the critical summer months.



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, the EAWSD Board meetings will be conducted via ZOOM.com, the cloud-based video conferencing platform. Either meeting is subject to cancellation if there are no urgent agenda items requiring Board action.

If any of our customers wish to participate in a Board or Committee meeting, please call 466-2411 or email your request to: [admin.manager@EAWSD.org](mailto:admin.manager@EAWSD.org) and an invitation and call-in number will be sent to you. Each meeting has a time for public comment.

The Board meeting agenda is posted in advance on the District website and at outdoor displays at the EAWSD office, Agora Shopping Center and ECIA.

**For water emergencies during business hours, call 505-466-1085**

**For water emergencies after hours and on holidays, call 505-780-0090**

### Next Month in Water Notes

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## David Chakroff — Former EAWSD General Manager



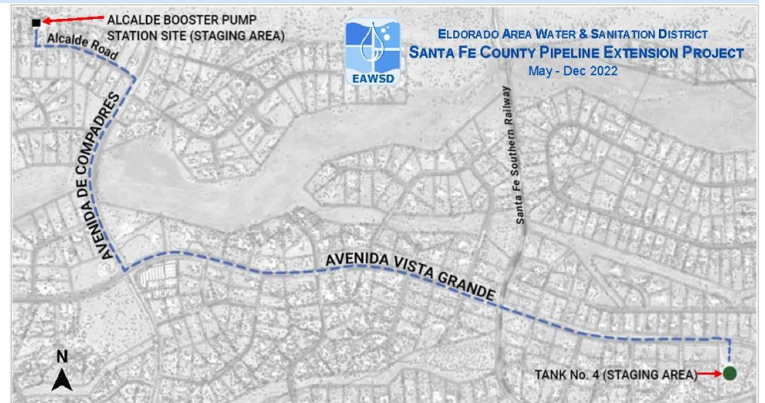
DAVID CHAKROFF, who served as the District's General Manager from 12/2009 until his retirement in 5/2018, passed away on April 26, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with bladder cancer. For staff, Board and committee members that worked closely with Dave over the years, we feel as though we have lost a valued member of our extended EAWSD family. During his tenure with the District, he helped facilitate the planning and execution of a number of important capital projects and was instrumental in obtaining well over \$8.5M in grants and loans to help meet the rising costs of improving and maintaining the District's aging infrastructure. He was also a prolific writer, consummate team player, and mentor to many, never once taking credit for any of his accomplishments.

In retrospect, we are comforted by the fact that upon his retirement, Dave took advantage of his new found free time to travel around the entire USA in his RV/camper van, eventually settling in Omena, Michigan, where as he put it in his own words, "found a place of beauty, peace, serenity and comfort unmatched by any place I have previously lived or visited." It probably helped that there was a place to dock his beloved sail boat across the street from where he lived, something he wasn't able to do while living in New Mexico. Happy sailing Dave...on to your next journey.

## Santa Fe County Pipeline Extension Project Begins

As presented in the District's November 2017 Utility Master Plan Update, securing an additional long-term safe, reliable, and cost effective water supply source is the highest priority issue facing the District. With this in mind, on January 28, 2021, the Board executed a Water Delivery and Wheeling Agreement by and between Santa Fe County and the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District. **When completed, it will provide a much needed source of supplemental water supply to the Eldorado community.**

The second of two projects required to deliver supplemental water to Eldorado is the SANTA FE COUNTY PIPELINE EXTENSION project. Elements of the project include a new booster pump station and chlorination system to be constructed at the District's Well 2A/2B site located at 18 Alcalde Road. The project consists of construction of approximately 11,500 feet of new 10-inch water transmission pipeline within the Avenida De Compadres and Avenida Vista Grande utility easements from Well 2A/2B to Tank 4 located at 190 Avenida Vista Grande, and installation of disinfection byproduct removal equipment at Tank 4. See project schematic above.



File Construction is the contractor selected to construct this \$3M project. Mobilization of the project began on April 15, 2022 and pipeline installation, along Alcalde Road and Avenida Vista Grande, will begin in early May and continue through the month and possibly into early June. The entire project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2022. The District is working with the contractor to finalize the project schedule and will post periodic updates on [www.eawsd.org](http://www.eawsd.org).

**NOTE: THERE ARE NO WATER SERVICE OUTAGES SCHEDULED FOR THIS PROJECT.**

Following are links to full articles and larger maps regarding this project and a second project starting in July 2022.

- [Santa Fe County Pipeline Extension Project](#) — Construction started in May 2022
- [Verano — Conchas Loop Pipeline Replacement](#) — scheduled to start construction in July 2022

## System Management Updates

11,148,000 gallons were pumped for the month of March from Wells 2A, 2B, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 & 18.

### Work Order History for the Month of March 2022

- ♦ 275 total service orders were completed.
  - 84 customer service work orders.
  - 191 system maintenance work orders.
- ♦ There were two (2) customer shut-offs in March owing to payment delinquency.
- ♦ In the month of March, approximately 98 water samples were tested for chlorine from multiple sites. All resulted in normal readings. Eight (8) samples for Bac-T (fecal and e-coli tests) were sent to a State Certified Laboratory in Santa Fe, and all were rated "Excellent."

## News Briefs

- ♦ **FY2023 INTERIM BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON 5/19/22**, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. After considering any public comments, the EAWSD Board will review and consider it for approval. If you wish to participate, call 505-466-2411 and request an invitation and call-in number.
- ♦ **EAWSD BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES** will be closed on Monday, 5/30/22, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

## EAWSD Welcomes New Staff



**EAWSD WELCOMES KATHY ROMERO**, who started her position serving as CUSTOMER SERVICE & BILLING SUPERVISOR in October 2021. Kathy has been a wonderful addition to the District's Administrative team and brings a wealth of expertise and professionalism to the job.

"My focus is to provide on-site support and supervision to/for the Customer Service and Utility Billing Department of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District. I received both my undergraduate and graduate degrees from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. I have worked in state/municipal government for almost 30 years and also volunteer for many organizations and causes. Currently, I serve on the Board of two Acequia Associations and a Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, fishing, hiking, attending my grandkids sporting events, and working on my ranch. I am very excited to be a part of the Jacobs and Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District team."