



# ELDORADO AREA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT WATER NOTES

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## Status of the District's Ongoing Capital Improvement Projects

As we committed to back in March, we want to update our customers on the status of the District's three largest ongoing Capital Improvement Projects: Santa Fe County (SFC) Pipeline Extension, Field Workshop and Verano & Conchas Loop Pipeline Replacement. At a combined cost of over \$6 million, the completion of these three projects by mid-2023 will be a significant milestone in the implementation of the District's long-range Capital Improvement Program.

### SANTA FE COUNTY (SFC) PIPELINE EXTENSION

As previously reported, the SFC Pipeline Extension is the second of two projects required as part of the SF County Eldorado Joint Water Delivery project. When completed, it will mark a critically needed new source of supplemental water to Eldorado and the community of Cañoncito. Elements of the project include a booster pump station and chlorination system at the District's Well 2A/2B site (*shown to the right*), construction of approximately 11,500 feet of 10-inch water transmission pipeline within the Avenida De Compadres and Avenida Vista Grande utility easements from Well 2A/2B to Tank 4, and installation of disinfection byproduct removal equipment at Tank 4. Construction of the \$3M project began in March 2022 with completion originally scheduled for the end of 2022. To date, the contractor has made excellent progress having completed installation of all 11,500 feet of new pipeline and much of the work at the Well 2A/2B site. By the end of November, the contractor is scheduled to have completed installation of mechanical equipment at Tank 4. Unfortunately, due to long delays in the delivery of new pumps and related equipment, the project will essentially be on hold from December until March 2023 when the pumping equipment is scheduled to be delivered. Assuming that pumping equipment is delivered in March, the project is scheduled to be completed in May 2023.



### FIELD WORKSHOP



Construction of the District's new Field Workshop began in August of this year. The facility is located on the Tank 2 site, an approximately 2.9-acre easement granted to the District by the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA), and situated at the intersection of Highway 285 and Avenida Eldorado. Progress to date on the \$1.1M project includes:

- Installation of stormwater protection facilities
- Relocation of existing trees
- Extensive site preparation, including import and placement of significant quantities of import soil as required by the structural engineer
- Pouring of the footings (*shown to the left*)

Barring inclement weather and delays of material deliveries, (*windows and roll up doors are the two biggest concerns*), the project is on track for completion by May 2023. When completed, the 3,300 square foot multipurpose facility will provide a much-needed building for operations maintenance activities and for storage of equipment and materials.

### VERANO & CONCHAS LOOP PIPELINE REPLACEMENT

Construction of the Verano & Conchas Loop Pipeline Replacement project also began in August. The project includes replacement of approximately 6,000 feet of old and failing waterlines using trenchless horizontal directional drilling (HDD) technology, and replacement of about 200 old and failing service lines that serve each of the residents in this area. When completed, this \$1,700,000 project will significantly improve the reliability of service to the area.

In an effort to coordinate with and inform customers, the District hosted the first of two Neighborhood Meetings for the project on Tuesday evening, 8/2/22\*. There were approximately 40 residents in attendance either in person or via ZOOM. Work is being performed in two phases, the first being the installation of the new water pipelines that was originally scheduled to be completed by the end of September. The contractor has completed installation of the new water lines as originally proposed. However, with District approval, the contractor will be extending phase one work to include installation of approximately 200 new service lines. This work will proceed through the end of the year. Unlike the installation of the new water distribution lines, installation of the new service lines is not expected to require service disruptions.



**\*NOTE:** Given the change in the Phase 1 scope of work and duration, the 2nd Neighborhood Meeting, originally scheduled for late December, has been postponed until late January or February of 2023. At that time we expect to have firm delivery dates for valves and other materials needed to complete the project. Residents will be notified well in advance of the date and time of the second Neighborhood meeting.



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.

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

### Next Month in Water Notes

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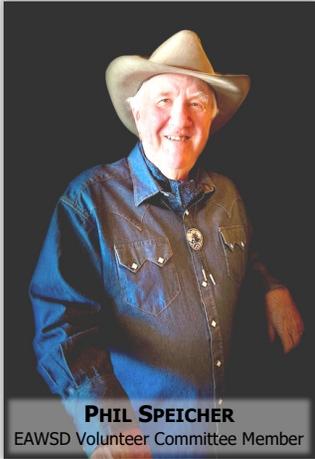
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## EAWSO Committee Member Spotlight — Meet Phil Speicher!



Since first visiting Santa Fe in 1998, my wife Win and I hoped we could one day move here and enjoy the beauty and unique life opportunities offered by this wonderful area. After spending most of our married lives in Dallas, and after more visits to Northern New Mexico, we moved here in 2013. We were fortunate to find a wonderful home in Eldorado and soon made many new friends, mostly at the local Santa Fe Brewing Tap House, a great local melting pot.

Win and I share an interest in volunteering. She became a regular at Pete's Place, finding it a great fit for her interest in social work and helping those experiencing homelessness. My focus was to use my accounting and financial background in a volunteer capacity, and I soon found the perfect fit working with a free tax preparation service sponsored by the AARP. It was there that I met Gene Schofield, the then Treasurer of EAWSO. Gene asked if I might be interested in replacing him as Treasurer, as he had been a loyal volunteer with EAWSO for several years. I agreed, met with other Board members, and was appointed as Gene's successor and eventually appointed to the Board as well, while still serving as Treasurer.

My learning curve was steep. Board members and EAWSO management and staff were very helpful to me in learning the differences between the for-profit business world and that of a public utility. The first few years were vital in preparing me to participate as a Board member, in the periodic rate studies, and now as a member of the FINANCIAL & AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, which oversees the District's financial matters and audit processes. The past several years' work with EAWSO have been fulfilling and have allowed me to see firsthand the District's continued progress. I am fortunate to still be involved.

Thanks to all those whom I have met and worked with at EAWSO over these past years. I have learned from each of you and our association has made my later years much more interesting and rewarding as a community volunteer.

FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF: "Thank you Phil for your continued support and sharing your keen financial insights in guiding the FAAC Committee and EAWSO through some uncertain financial times over the past few years. We especially appreciate that you take the time to meticulously review the monthly financial reports and offer your advice on how the District can continue to improve and refine our reporting processes in a clear and concise manner. Your professionalism is exemplary and we appreciate everything you have done and continue to do for EAWSO and its committees."

## 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.

- Accepted the September 2022 WATER UTILITY MASTER PLAN AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT (UMP/PER) by Consent Agenda
- Approved the updated October 2022 WATER RESTRICTIONS AND ALERT MANAGEMENT PLAN (WRAMP) by Consent Agenda
- Heard Customer Appeal of District's denial of a Leak Adjustment Application. Appeal was denied based on non-compliance with District Policy
- Approved [Resolution No. 23-10-01](#) authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a loan/grant agreement between the District and the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) in the amount of \$500,000 for financial assistance through the Water Trust Board (WTB) Water Project Fund
- Approved two revisions to the FY2023 Budget

## System Management Updates

13,754,000 gallons were pumped for the month of September from Wells 2A, 2B, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 & 18.

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

- ◆ 661 total service orders were completed.
  - 356 customer service work orders.
  - 305 system maintenance work orders.
- ◆ There were zero (0) customer shut-offs in September owing to payment delinquency.
- ◆ In the month of September, approximately 85 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."

## Introducing EAWSO ALERT — Sign up today



EAWSO is pleased to introduce **EAWSO ALERT** as the official emergency notification system that will be used by the ELDORADO AREA WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT to communicate with our customers during an emergency situation that can impact water service to your home. This article serves as our preliminary outreach to get our customers to enroll in **EAWSO ALERT** so that you never miss an important emergency notification and to help facilitate *how* you prefer to receive alert notifications from EAWSO (i.e. alerts via *text message, email, and/or voice message*).

EAWSO strongly urges all of our customers to ENROLL in this program to receive important emergency notifications. To enroll, click on the following **EAWSO ALERT Registration URL** or visit [www.eawso.org](http://www.eawso.org) to click on the **EAWSO ALERT** logo.

Once you click on the Registration URL link, the following actions are required.

- ▶ Indicate *how* you want to be notified: by text, email, and/or voice message.
- ▶ Add your service address to receive geo-targeted alerts.

If you ever need to update your emergency notification preferences, click here: **Update Notification Preferences**. This will allow you to log into your account and make those changes.

Please note that EAWSO is committed to sending emergency notifications **only when deemed necessary and/or the notification is time sensitive** (i.e. service outage due to a water main break or any other natural disaster that could impact water service to our customers).

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Visit the FAQ page from this link: **EAWSO Alert FAQ**

## News Briefs

- ◆ **EAWSO BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Should you experience a water "emergency" during this time, call the emergency number at 505-780-0090.

### Need Help or Looking for Information?

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