

# DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER

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# CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

## 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](http://www.dawater.org). We hope that everyone can join us to learn more about your water Association.

**“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched; they must be felt with the heart.” - Helen Keller**

## Vandalism of New Tank

We have had a very serious challenge present itself in District Five regarding one of our brand new water tanks. An intruder illegally entered our locked fence area and proceeded to climb the ladder to tamper with one of the tanks. Upon discovery of the tampering, the tank was taken off line immediately and sampling was initiated to determine the full extent of the damage. The samples have all passed, however as a precaution we will be draining the tank to complete further disinfection. This means that over 400,000 gallons of water will have to be drained as a result of the vandalism. We are unaware of the motive or intentions as there was major effort put into this vandalism. Tampering with a water system is a Federal crime, and the proper authorities have been notified. The Association is tasked with the responsibility to not only serve, but also protect the water our members use every day. We do the best we can to prevent any form of contamination to your drinking water, which is why we secure our properties with various types of fencing. If anyone has any information that will assist with this investigation please contact our office at 575-526-3491 to speak with a representative.

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### Board Meetings:

- December 6
- December 20

### Association Closures:

- December 24 - 25

### Past Due Bills:

- December 20

### Disconnection Day:

- December 26

### Current Bills Due:

- December 26



## Projects Update



Committed to provide  
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itation services for  
members of our com-  
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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. As a reminder the primary roadways that will be heavily impacted are De Beers Drive, Indian Trail, Frodo Place, Meador Road, Tel High Road, Fort Selden Road, Desert Edge Road, Blazing Trail Road, and Interstate 25. 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.

We have begun construction for the change orders that were pending in Picacho Hills, which included the new construction for the tie in to West Mesa. The change order for Picacho Hills also includes four to five new PRV's and the replacement of the old tank. The plumbing of this system continues to be a challenge.

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.



**“Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom.  
Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.”**

**- Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching**