

# DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Board Meetings:

- June 6
- June 20
- July 18

### Past Due Bills Due:

- June 20

*Before 3:00 pm*

### Disconnection Day:

- June 24

### Current Bills Due:

- June 25

*Before 3:00 pm*

### Association Closures:

- July 4

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Wait?! Summer Break has only just begun, yet here we are preparing for a new school year? Yes we are, and Dona Ana MDWCA is teaming up with our local schools to support the potential of every student. Did you know that without the necessary supplies to complete school-work a student is at a significant disadvantage when it comes to meeting academic goals? A school supply drive is an easy way to make a heartfelt impact on our youth while ensuring children start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. School supply drives assist our community by providing teachers, parents, and students with the proper materials necessary for classrooms. The recipients of the donations will be in our service area. The top ten items needed for students are:

Ticonderoga Pencils  
Fine Sharpie Black Pens  
Composition Notebooks  
Crayola Colored Pencils  
Science Display Boards  
Fiskars Scissors  
Crayola Crayons  
Crayola Markers  
Glue Sticks  
Erasers

Please help us make our local schools a better place for both students and teachers through the simple act of giving and kindness. When our students succeed our community thrives. We will be accepting donations in office at 5535 Ledesma Drive through August 1st. Thank you for your support of local education.

**"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." - J.R.R. Tolkien**

## STAFF

Dona Ana Water has been actively pursuing and perfecting a training program in Operations that assists our staff with obtaining their next level certifications in water and wastewater. The program is hosted by our Administrative Specialist Margo Lopez, and provides six weeks of study material, homework, pretests, and tutoring to better prepare each individual for their exam through the New Mexico Utility Operator Certification Program. There are four levels for water certifications and four levels for wastewater certifications; with each exam requiring a process of applications, education, and evaluation. Each operator is expected to study and prepare for their practice and State certifications, which requires their commitment and dedication to set aside time to make good use of their study guides and all training material they are given. We are happy to announce that Abenicio Fernandez passed his Water III certification and Ernest Armendariz passed his Water IV certification. Mr. Armendariz only has one test to complete before he is a Master Certified Operator in both water and wastewater. The Association would like to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication.

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## Notice of Public Meeting

2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital  
Improvements Plan  
Date: June 5, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Doña Ana MDWCA, Multi-Use  
Room, 5535 Ledesma Drive, Las Cruces,  
NM 88007

Agenda: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. summary 2021-  
2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvements  
Plan; 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. public comments  
and input to build the 2021-2025 Infrastruc-  
ture Capital Plan

Purpose: Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water  
Consumers Association plans to conduct a  
meeting to review the 2021-2025 Infrastruc-  
ture Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) and  
obtain public input on improvements to wa-  
ter or wastewater infrastructure. The ICIP  
is a plan that establishes scheduling priori-  
ties for anticipated capital projects. The  
state coordinated the ICIP process to en-  
courage entities to plan for development, so  
they do not find themselves in emergency  
situations, but can plan for, fund, and devel-  
op infrastructure at a pace that sustains  
their activities. The public input will help to  
build the 2021-2025 ICIP. All public is wel-  
come to attend.

Committed to provide  
quality water and  
sanitation services for  
members of our  
community.

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“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” - Confucius

## PROJECTS

Construction is progressing throughout our service area. Phase II of the Southeast Collection wastewater system is ready for pavement on El Camino Real. The paving contract has been signed and is projected to begin the third week of June. The Association has made every effort possible to complete this portion of the project. When funding is released many contractors experience a positive influx of work, however this can create delays with scheduling as every construction company fulfills their obligations.

Phase III of Southeast Collection is preparing to accept bids. This construction will provide new infrastructure to allow customers in this service area to connect to wastewater services. For those who are interested in decommissioning their septic tank and connecting to the new service please contact our office. Once the project is complete any disturbed landscaping or asphalt will be replaced.

File Construction continues the system overhaul in Radium Springs. The construction is facilitating the installation of over seven miles of new 8- and 6-inch water distribution and fill lines, over fifty new fire hydrants, and new pressure reducing valves throughout the community. Once the project is concluded we will have the ability to isolate the district into sections in order to complete any preventative maintenance needed rather than have a water outage for the entire community. The project is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a 3.2-million-dollar grant and an 800,000-dollar loan. The current expected completion date is November 2019.

We appreciate your continued patience with both scheduled and emergency outages. We ask the public to please 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 would like to remind our membership that all fire hydrants must be visible and accessible. When an emergency occurs, fire crews must have the ability to quickly locate and make usable a fire hydrant in order to take advantage of critical time. It is important that fire hydrants are kept clear of landscaping, debris, or parked vehicles. Trying to paint, disguise, or landscape over a fire hydrant is strictly prohibited. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 575-526-3491 or visit our website at [www.dawater.org](http://www.dawater.org).

