

DONA ANA MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION June 2023



Board Meeting

June 15, 2023

Last Day To Pay

June 20, 2023, before
3:00p.m

Disconnection Date

June 21, 2023

Current Bills Due

June 26, 2023, before
3:00 p.m.

Office Closure

Juneteenth
June 19, 2023

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.
Closed 11-12 for lunch



***“When a father
gives to his son,
both laugh; when a
son gives to his fa-
ther, both cry.”***

-William Shakespeare-

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

We will no longer set up Automatic Drafts (ACH) in our office. Simply go to our website: dawater.org, click on utility billing and sign up. Enroll in Auto Pay for a worry-free way to pay your bill.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Dona Ana MDWCA would like to congratulate Anthony Legarda for successfully passing his Water Level IV State Certification and Julian Castillo for passing his Water Level II State Certification through New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Thank you both for your dedication and hard work. (Pictured left: Julian Castillo, right: Anthony Legarda.)



2023 CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

The City of Las Cruces held its annual Children's Water Festival on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 for 4th graders and teachers from local Elementary Schools. This years theme was "Don't Let Water Go Extinct". Dona Ana MDWCA was invited to participate along with other entities to discuss various exhibits about conservation, hydrology, cultural uses of water, local geography, and environmental impacts. This year Dona Ana MDWCA collaborated with NM Rural Water as they also presented the Water Cycle. Our first booth featured "What is an Aquifer". An Aquifer is a mass of rock, sediment, sand, gravel and sandstone used to create the under ground Aquifer. The small openings provide spaces for water to slowly drip through to fill the under ground water, which helps provide drinking water and irrigation to help grow crops. Our second booth featured "The Water Cycle". The Water Cycle is the movement of water between the earth's surface and atmosphere. There are four main components. The first component is evaporation, this is when the sun heats up water in rivers, lakes, streams, and oceans which form into clouds. The second component is condensation, as the water is warmed, it rises back to the air where it cools and turns back into liquid water. The third component is precipitation, this is when the clouds become heavy and the water is released to form hail, rain, snow or sleet. The fourth component is collection, water falls back into lakes, rivers and oceans. The City of Las Cruces notified Dona Ana MDWCA that the kids were delighted at discovering their water comes from underground. Several other kids recreated on their posters the Water Cycle as it was mentioned to be their favorite lesson at the Water Festival this year!



WHAT IS AN AQUIFER?



WATER CYCLE

PARKING LOT PROJECT

As most of you have noticed we have built a new parking lot across the street from our office and we are redoing the ADA parking lot next to the building. Caliper Construction is expected to be finished by the second week of June with this project. The Parking Lot Project has created additional parking spaces with ample lighting for safety and will improve the ADA parking spaces with new sidewalks for easier access to the building. While the parking lot next to the building is currently under construction, please utilize our drive-through for all of your business with us until the ADA parking stalls are finished. If you do not need an ADA parking stall and would like to come into the building, please utilize our parking lot across the street. Thank you for your patience while we improve our parking lots.

DONA ANA VILLAGE LIFT STATION AND FORCEMAIN

We began upgrading our current wastewater forcemain and liftstation for the wastewater system in the Village of Dona Ana in January 2023. Spartan Construction is currently installing the 12" forcemain on El Camino Real, they will be installing over 10,000 feet of pipe as part of this project. The work will continue on El Camino Real until September 2023. Spartan Construction will also be completing the upgrades to the liftstation on Pedro Madrid. The upgrade includes new pumps, updated electrical components, new safety features, and other miscellaneous pieces. This portion of the work is scheduled to begin in June 2023 and is also currently scheduled to be completed in September 2023. The project replaces the 8" forcemain and an outdated liftstation that was installed in 1997.

DONA ANA WATER TANK REHABILITATION

The Association has also contracted with D&R Tank to sandblast and recoat the interior and exterior of our four water tanks in Dona Ana. This project also includes any steel replacement that was needed to ensure the continued integrity of our water tanks. The contractor has completed the rehabilitation of both tanks located on our South Tank site. They have also completed the rehabilitation of the small tank on our North Tank site. We will be pausing the rehabilitation of the final tank until after summer to ensure sufficient water storage during the summer months. This project is scheduled to be completed once it resumes in the Fall by February 2024.

As with any construction, 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.

POLICY FEATURE

Having our POLICY FEATURE in our Newsletter helps build relations with our customers through regular communication and better understanding about our policies at DAMDWCA.

UTILITY LIENS

The Association will place utility liens on rental properties that accumulate chronic delinquent balances in aggregate and in excess of \$500.00 from one or more tenants with utility accounts at the rental property. All associated fees for preparing and recording the lien will be assessed, as well as the tenant or tenants' delinquent balances. Upon the filing of the lien, the property owner will be notified of such action, as well as informing the property owner of the chronic delinquent activity by a tenant or tenants at the rental property, and the notification that future utility service will be denied to the rental property until a mutually acceptable resolution between the property owner and Doña Ana MDWCA is reached, at which time the lien will be removed. For the full policy please see page 25 in our Policy Handbook.



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***“Daddies don’t just
love their children
every now and then
it’s a love without
end.”***

-George Strait-