

Overview

By Kurt Moffatt, Utilities Manager

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This is the first in a series of newsletters intended to keep our customers informed about their local water and wastewater service provider. The Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) is publicly owned and is jointly governed by the City of Sunland Park, Dona Ana County and the State of New Mexico. CRRUA provides water and wastewater service to the City of Sunland Park and unincorporated areas of Santa Teresa including the industrial parks and the Port of Entry. CRRUA became the official owner of the utility in March, 2012 and has been working on several improvement projects to address the utility's many infrastructure needs. Our projects are designed to repair and/or replace aging infrastructure as well as to construct new infrastructure to keep up with residential and industrial growth in the region. New water supply wells, storage tanks and water treatment facilities have been funded and are in the design phases. Construction should begin late this year. A new wastewater treatment plant in Santa Teresa has been designed and funding is in place to begin construction later this year as well. Several in house projects include an automatic meter reading system to provide a more accurate and efficient billing system, a remote alarm monitoring system to provide quicker response time to emergencies as well as several water distribution system and wastewater collection system improvements and rehabilitation projects.

*“Governor Susana
Martinez announces
\$5.45 million for CRRUA
Water and Wastewater
projects.”*

This is an exciting and challenging time for CRRUA as we move towards our goal to be an efficient, reliable water and wastewater provider for the community. We understand that to reach our goal we must upgrade our existing infrastructure and make necessary improvements to the system. We will make every effort to avoid interruption of services and other inconveniences during our construction projects. We hope that our customers understand our challenges and are able to work with us to achieve our goals.

CRRUA Board

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*CRRUA Board and Employees with
 Governor Susana Martinez*

CRRUA Chair Comments

By Joshua Orozco

Governor Susana Martinez announced May 7, 2014 at a press conference in Sunland Park that CRRUA would receive \$1.75 million for water projects in the border region and \$3.7 million for the North Wastewater Treatment Plant in Santa Teresa. The projects were identified in the Governor's initiative to the Legislature to providing capital outlay funding for water projects throughout the state that suffered from the draught last year. I would like to thank Governor Martinez and the New Mexico Legislature for their continued support of CRRUA in our efforts to provide quality water and wastewater service to Sunland Park and Santa Teresa's residents, businesses, and industry.

Water Conservation *by Lorraine Ortega, Office Manager*

CRRUA is requesting community participation as we implement a time-of-day watering schedule to assist with water conservation during peak summer months.

The schedule will be in effect May 1-September 30. Residents may water their lawns and gardens before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m., and only on designated days. Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, addresses ending in even numbers may water Wednesday, Friday or Sunday.

Residential watering will be restricted on Mondays. Parks, schools, golf courses and cemeteries will be allowed to irrigate on Monday as well as Wednesday or Friday.

Conservation is the key to a successful summer. Here are some easy tips for indoor and outdoor conservation.

- Use appliances that are water efficient
- Avoid letting water run while washing your teeth, face or shaving
- Take shorter showers
- Repair dripping faucets
- Water lawns/gardens deep and less frequently.
- When washing your car use a bucket with water not the hose.
- Adjust your sprinklers so that they're not watering the street or sidewalk
- Use a pool cover
- Beautify that yard with plants that need minimal watering.

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