

La Mesa Water Cooperative

WaterGram – January 2021

Well #3: Planning & Zoning 1/26/2021

We are making progress on the proposed arsenic treatment facility at well #3 (64 Camino Manzano). A key step is to purchase the property, which needs approval of Sandoval County. We are asking the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve three things:

- Subdivide existing lot 104 into two lots. One will be retained by the existing property owner, and the second sold to the La Mesa Water Cooperative.
- Approve a variance, allowing the new lot to be less than one acre.
- Grant Conditional Use zoning (utility) for the new lot.

We hope to have these covered at the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on January 26, 2021. The county will be sending formal notices to neighbors when they set the agenda for that meeting.

Pay Your Water Bill Electronically

You can now use a credit card or electronic bank debit to pay your La Mesa Water Cooperative monthly bill using a service called Xpress-pay. This is working well for those Cooperative members who are using it. We would like to encourage you to try it for yourself and see the time, postage, and paper savings it can provide.

You will need your three-digit account number and your eight- or nine-digit water meter number. Both of these numbers are on your water bill and at the top of your EyeOnWater page.

To make a payment, go to lamesawatercoop.org and click on the Xpress-pay it! button.

As part of submitting your payment with Xpress-pay, you are given an option to make that a recurring payment. When you select that, Xpress-pay will automatically pay your water bill each month. If you miss that, you won't get another chance until next month.

Results of Lead and Copper Analysis

In August and September 2020, ten houses collected water samples from inside taps that were submitted for testing of lead and copper levels. As expected, all samples showed values well below action levels; seven houses had "Not Detected" for lead, and the other three were very low.

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. Generally, lead gets into drinking water through lead pipes, lead based solder and plumbing fixtures that contain lead. We do not expect lead to be a problem for houses served by the La Mesa Water Cooperative, since we do not have any lead pipes, and fixtures containing lead are rare here.

Water Supply and Conservation

The La Mesa Water Cooperative is fortunate to have adequate water supplies available to meet foreseeable need, to have multiple wells in our system to supply that water, and to have the resources and expertise to provide safe, clean water to our Members.

We ask your assistance in conserving this resource by doing all you can to avoid waste and to immediately report any leaks you may observe in our neighborhood.

We have heard about water supply problems at some houses in the upper part of Placitas (not served by the La Mesa Water Cooperative) on private wells. Homeowners are having to drill a new deeper well, or wait six months to have a failed pump replaced.

We foresee no such issues in our system, but during periods of drought and with water supply issues so close by, it behooves each of us to conserve as much as possible.

If you have any questions about your Water Cooperative, please don't hesitate to ask.

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