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RE: 2026 Sanitary Survey Report

Dear Mike Buechter:

On April 1, 2026 the New Mexico Environment Department-Water Protection Compliance & Enforcement Bureau (NMED-WPCEB) conducted a sanitary survey site visit at the Alpine Village W&SD water system.

During the sanitary survey, no significant deficiencies were identified. No further action is required resulting from this sanitary survey.

NMED WPCEB appreciates your assistance in this matter and your compliance efforts to ensure protection of the State's drinking water. If you or members of your staff have any questions or need additional clarification concerning this report, please feel free to contact me at 505-469-5222 or by e-mail at rocio.galvan@env.nm.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rocio Galvan".

Rocio Galvan, Compliance Officer
Water Protection Compliance & Enforcement Bureau
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cc: Brandi Littleton, Compliance Supervisor (electronic)
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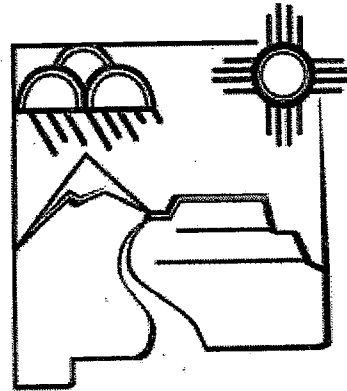
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2026 SANITARY SURVEY REPORT

For

**Alpine Village W&SD
NM3558014**

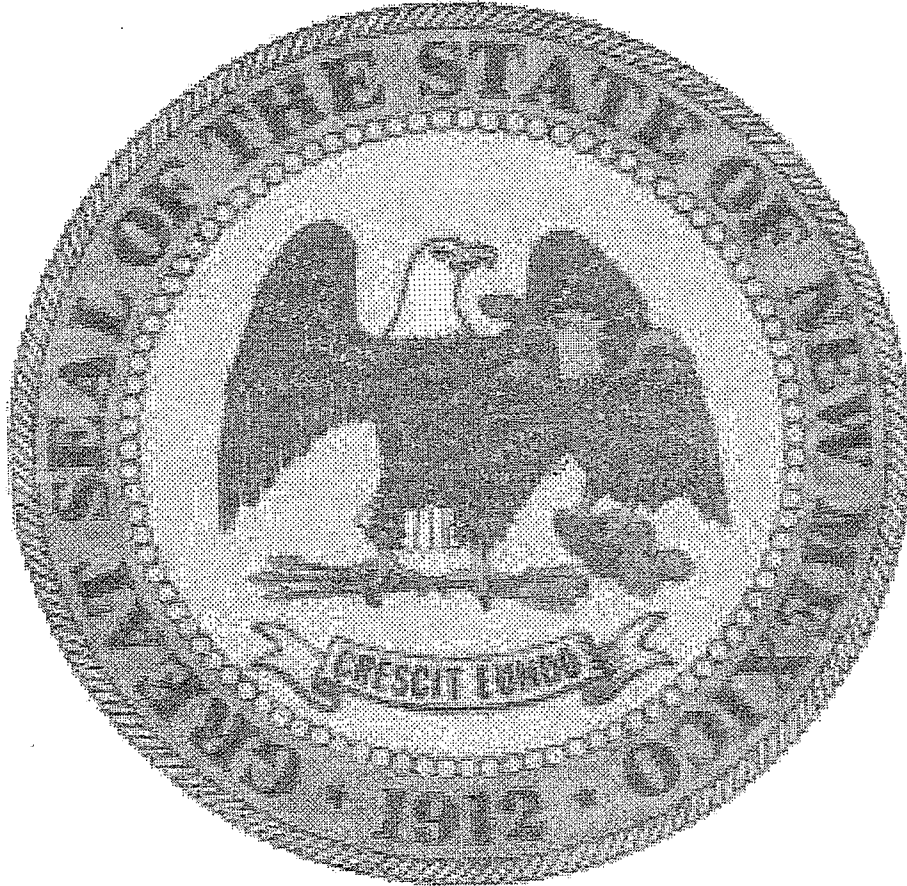
***Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable.
Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.***

Prepared by: Rocio Galvan— Compliance Officer
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RECORD OF INSPECTION



This Sanitary Survey Report fulfills the requirements of New Mexico Administrative Code 20.7.10.100 incorporating 40 Code of Federal Regulations 141.21(d) (ii) (2) and 142.16(o)(2) for completing a State approved survey.

Compliance Officer Signature: *Rocio Galvan*
Rocio Galvan, Compliance Officer

Date: 4/30/2026

INTRODUCTION

A sanitary survey enables the New Mexico Environmental Department Water-Protection Compliance & Enforcement Bureau (NMED WPCEB) to provide a comprehensive review of the components of a water system, to assess the operating condition and adequacy of the water system, and to determine if past recommendations have been implemented effectively. The Sanitary Survey encompasses eight specific elements that are evaluated during the survey. Those eight elements are:

- Source (Protection, Physical Components, and Condition);
- Treatment
- Distribution System
- Finished Water Storage
- Pumps/Pump Facilities and Controls
- Monitoring/Reporting/Data Verification
- Water System Management/Operations
- Operator Compliance with State Requirements

Each element may not be specifically mentioned within this report; however, a significant deficiency or area of concern will be noted if any issues are discovered with any of these eight (8) elements.

The Administrative Contact for Alpine Village W&SD was given prior notification of the sanitary survey. The preliminary sanitary survey letter provided a list of required records which would be reviewed as part of the sanitary survey as well as a checklist for preparing for the sanitary survey. The letter requested that specific records be provided to the Compliance Officer prior to the sanitary survey.

The sanitary survey was conducted by Rocio Galvan Compliance Officer of the NMED WPCEB on April 1, 2026. Also, in attendance was Administrative Contact Mike Buechter and system operator Michael Bellon.

BACKGROUND

The previous sanitary survey at Alpine Village W&SD was conducted on May 17, 2023 by Compliance Officer John Pijawka. During the previous sanitary survey, no significant deficiencies were cited.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District water system is a ground water system with an approximate population of 60 with 30 total service connections. The population for Alpine Village W&SD was calculated in accordance with 20.7.10.9.A NMAC. The Alpine Village W&SD water system is classified as a community water system according to the New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations 20.7.10 NMAC. The water system consists of two wells, a disinfection system, two storage tanks and distribution.

Well #4 (004) is equipped with a submersible pump that can produce an average of 5 gallons per minute (gpm). Well #5 (007) is equipped with a submersible pump that can produce an average of 32 gpm. Raw water from the

wells flow to Treatment Plant #2 (010) where it is disinfected with 10% sodium hypochlorite solution. Treated water then flows to Storage Tank #2 (009) then to the distribution when in demand.

Storage Tank #2 (009) is a direct tank constructed of steel with a capacity of 45,000 gallons.

The Red River Well #6 (011), Red River Treatment Plant (012) and Storage Tank #2 (008) are inactive in the system. These facilities were damaged in the 2024 South Fork Fire.

SANITARY SURVEY FINDINGS & CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Sanitary surveys serve as a proactive public health measure and can provide important information on a water system's design and operations, can identify minor and significant deficiencies for correction before they become major problems, and can improve overall system compliance.

Significant Deficiencies:

A significant deficiency is defined as any deficiency that is causing or has the potential to cause a threat to public health [New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) 20.7.10.100 incorporating 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §141.403(a)(4) or § 141.723(b)]. Public Water Systems are required to take corrective action for all significant deficiencies found during the sanitary survey. Corrective actions taken by the public water system must be acceptable to the WPCEB.

No significant deficiencies were identified at Alpine Village W&SD water system during the sanitary survey.

CONCLUSION

The sanitary survey site visit for the Alpine Village W&SD water system was completed on April 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification concerning this report, please contact me at 505-469-5222 or by e-mail at rocio.galvan@env.nm.gov.

Notes and Recommendations Summary

Notes and Recommendations are defined as any issue which in the estimation of the WPCEB, is not currently significant enough to be considered as a Significant Deficiency, however, the issue should be further investigated or addressed by the water system so as to not negatively contribute to the poor operations, management, or adequacy of the water system. Recommendations may be escalated to significant deficiencies if they are not addressed before the next sanitary survey.

The following Notes & Recommendations were identified at the Alpine Village W&SD water system during the survey.

1. **Note:** Alpine Village W&SD does not calculate water loss.

Recommended Action: Alpine Village W&SD should begin calculating water loss.

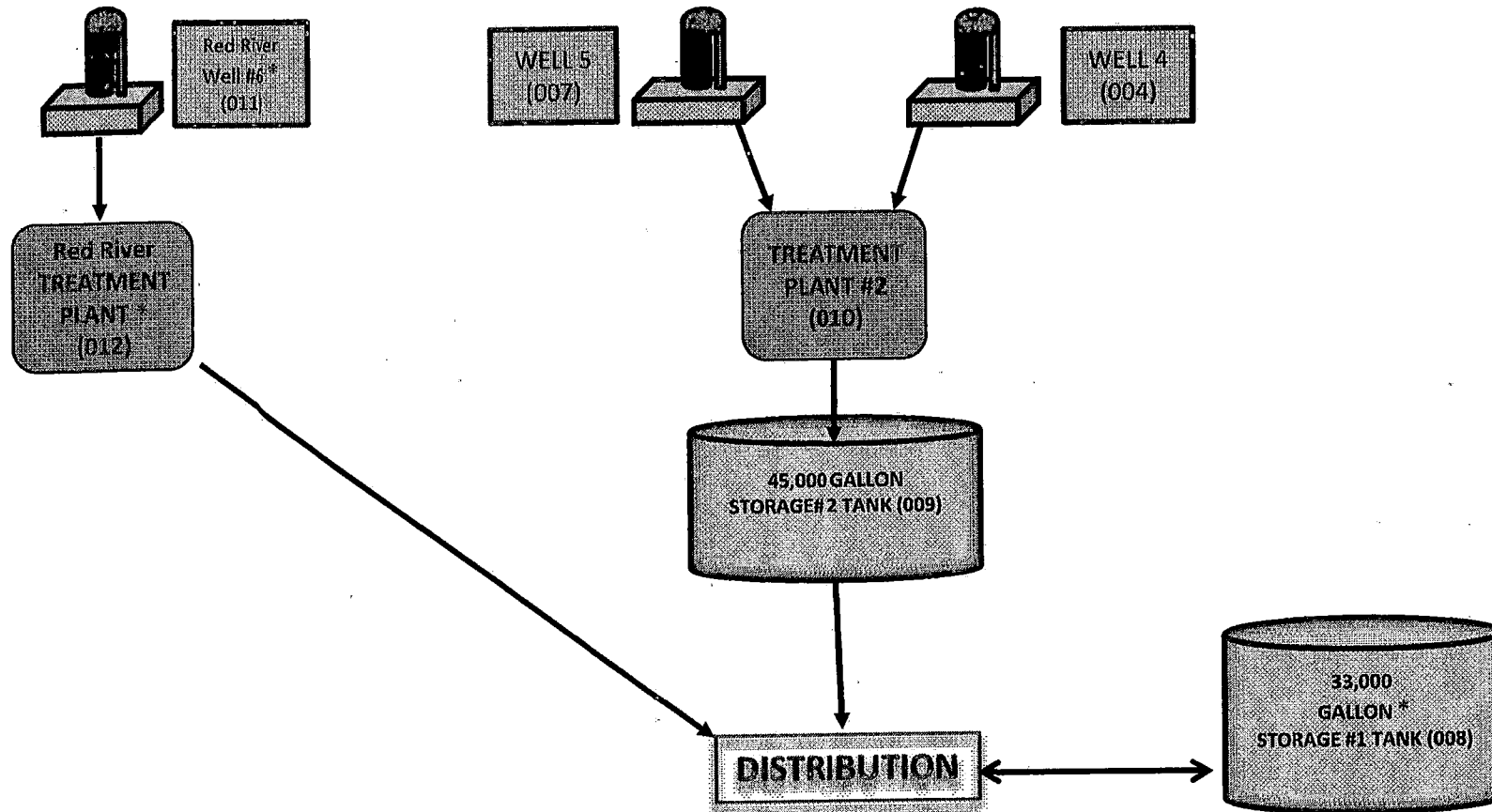
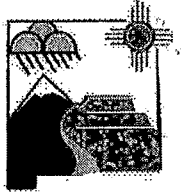
2. **Note:** Red River Well #6 (011), Treatment Plant #3 (012) and Storage Tank #1 (008) were inactive at the time of the survey due to damage sustained during the 2024 South Fork Fire. Alpine Village W&SD is currently working with Souder, Miller and Associates to activate these facilities before the end of the year. Alpine Village W&SD should verify Souder, Miller has submitted project approval paperwork to DWB engineer Emily Worthen. emily.worthen@env.nm.gov.
3. **Note:** Alpine Village W&SD is awaiting funding to re-install fencing around Well #4 (004).
4. **Note:** The storage tanks were professionally inspected by Marine Industrial Tank, June 2024.



NMED – Compliance and Enforcement Division System Schematic

Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District; NM3558014

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- Inactive at time of survey
Damaged in 2024 South Fork Fire

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