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Sierra Electric Cooperative • May 2015

# 74th Annual Membership Meeting Results

There were 296 members of Sierra Electric Cooperative that registered for the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting held April 6 in Truth or Consequences. Members had the opportunity to listen to reports from the board of trustees, guest speakers, general manager, and to participate in trustee elections. The JROTC, under the direction of Mike Apodaca and Robert Haro, served a great Mexican meal to those in attendance.



Pictured from l to r: Charles McMath and 2015 Youth Tour recipients Felix Apodaca and Paige Parkes.

## The results of the Election of Trustees are:

- District 1: Judy Smith
- District 2: Thomas Stroup
- District 3: George Biel

Thank you for your vote, voice and participation in making the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting a success.

Jimmy Capps, general manager presented Trustee Service Awards to Charles McMath for 15-years of service and George Biel for 27 years of service.

A special recognition for retiring trustee Jay Seitz for his dedicated service of 21 years was presented during the meeting. Seitz served as a board member and officer from April 1994 through April 2015.

Capps also presented Employee Service Awards to Jason Cunnington for five years of employment, Charles Ford, 20 years, and Emery Owen 30 years of SEC employment.

Charles McMath introduced the recipients who will be attending the 2015 Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., Felix Apodaca and Paige Parkes. Sierra Electric Cooperative wishes them a safe and enjoyable experience.

## Power Line Hazards and Cars

If a power line falls on a car, you should stay inside the vehicle. This is the safest place to stay. Warn people not to touch the car or the line. Call or ask someone to call the local cooperative and emergency services.

The only circumstance in which you should consider leaving a car that is in contact with a downed power line is if the vehicle catches on fire. Open the door. Do not step out of the car. You may receive a shock. Instead, jump free of the car so that your body clears

the vehicle before touching the ground. Once you clear the car, shuffle at least 50 feet away, with both feet on the ground.

As in all power line related emergencies, call for help immediately by dialing 911 or call SEC at 575-744-5231.

Do not try to help someone else from the car while you are standing on the ground.



## Attention Members

Sierra Electric will have a contractor performing pole inspections for SEC during the month of May in the following areas: Kingston, Hillsboro, Lake Valley, Berenda Creek, and Tierra Blanca. Contractors will have SEC signs on vehicles and may be using ATV's. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the office.



## Upgrade Your Lights from "Analog" to Digital with LED Bulbs

Just as you upgraded your TV/cable and phone from an analog system to digital

for better sound and picture quality, the lighting industry has been modernizing its options and products in order to offer consumers greater energy efficiency. For the past several years, traditional incandescent bulbs have been phased out in favor of halogen and compact fluorescent (CFL) lights that offer greater efficiency. Even more recent innovations in technology have focused on Light Emitting Diode light sources, or LED bulbs, which are essentially digital light.

### Board of Trustees

John Bokich	President	Elephant Butte	District 2
Darryl Sullivan	Vice President	Monticello	District 3
Oscar Lee Wood	Secretary	Elephant Butte	District 2
George Biel	Treasurer	Monticello	District 3
Patricia Bason	Trustee	Hillsboro	District 1
Charles McMath	Trustee	Elephant Butte	District 2
Tami Garrett	Trustee	Las Palomas	District 3
Tom Stroup	Trustee	Elephant Butte	District 2
Judy Smith	Trustee	Caballo	District 1

### Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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