

# ***Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.***



## ***2025 Annual Report***



# The **of VALUE** *Membership*

**Service is our mission.** Central Valley Electric is a member-focused electric cooperative dedicated to personalized quality service for its members and the economic vitality of our community.

**You are a member, not a customer.** Cooperatives are owned by members that use their services. Members elect the co-op board of trustees and can run for seats on the board. Your voice and participation matter.

**We are not-for-profit.** Unlike investor-owned utilities, which operate to make a profit for stakeholders, CVE does not earn profits. Instead, any revenue that exceeds operating expenses is returned to members in the form of capital credits, as co-op finances permit.

**We are community-focused.** Central Valley Electric Cooperative is committed to the communities we serve. We donate our time and resources to various events and organizations. We sponsor local youth activities like 4-H, FFA, and various youth sports teams.

**We are committed to innovation.** Central Valley Electric Cooperative can respond quickly to changing member needs. We are committed to providing co-op members and employees with state-of-the-art tools and programs to help serve you better.

**We are guided by a set of principles.** All co-ops are guided by Seven Cooperative Principles: (1) Voluntary and Open Membership; (2) Democratic Member Control; (3) Members' Economic Participation; (4) Autonomy and Independence; (5) Education, Training, and Information; (6) Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and (7) Concern for Community.

# CVE QUICK Facts



Full-Time Employees  
**82**



Meters Served  
**15,225**



Substations  
**32**



Total Miles of Line  
**4,137**



CVE Members  
**4,536**



Total Operating Revenue  
**\$77,831,895**  
Wholesale Power Costs  
**\$55,877,948**



Capital Credits Returned in 2025  
**\$2.5M**



Scholarships Awarded  
**122**



Vehicles in Fleet  
**84**



Year Incorporated  
**1937**

Wholesale Power Provider

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Western Farmers Electric Co-op



Residential Meters  
**6,153**



Commercial & Industrial Meters  
**1,400**



Irrigation Meters  
**707**



Oil Related Meters  
**6,759**

For all co-op news and events



[www.cvecoop.org](http://www.cvecoop.org)



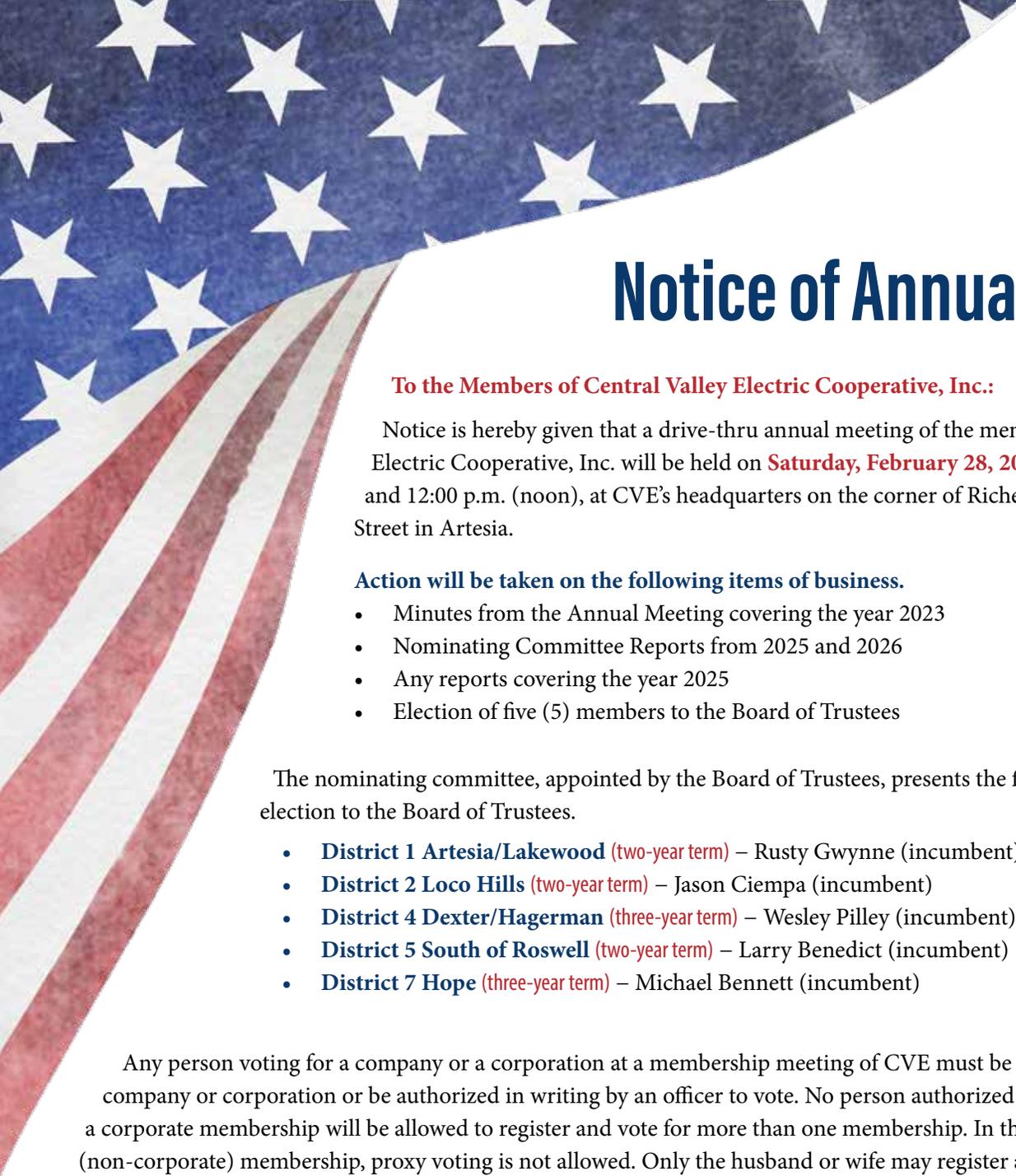
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# Notice of Annual Meeting

## To the Members of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given that a drive-thru annual meeting of the members of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon), at CVE's headquarters on the corner of Richey Avenue and 13th Street in Artesia.

### Action will be taken on the following items of business.

- Minutes from the Annual Meeting covering the year 2023
- Nominating Committee Reports from 2025 and 2026
- Any reports covering the year 2025
- Election of five (5) members to the Board of Trustees

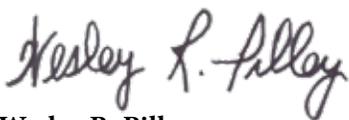
The nominating committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, presents the following candidates for election to the Board of Trustees.

- **District 1 Artesia/Lakewood** (two-year term) – Rusty Gwynne (incumbent)
- **District 2 Loco Hills** (two-year term) – Jason Ciempa (incumbent)
- **District 4 Dexter/Hagerman** (three-year term) – Wesley Pilley (incumbent)
- **District 5 South of Roswell** (two-year term) – Larry Benedict (incumbent)
- **District 7 Hope** (three-year term) – Michael Bennett (incumbent)

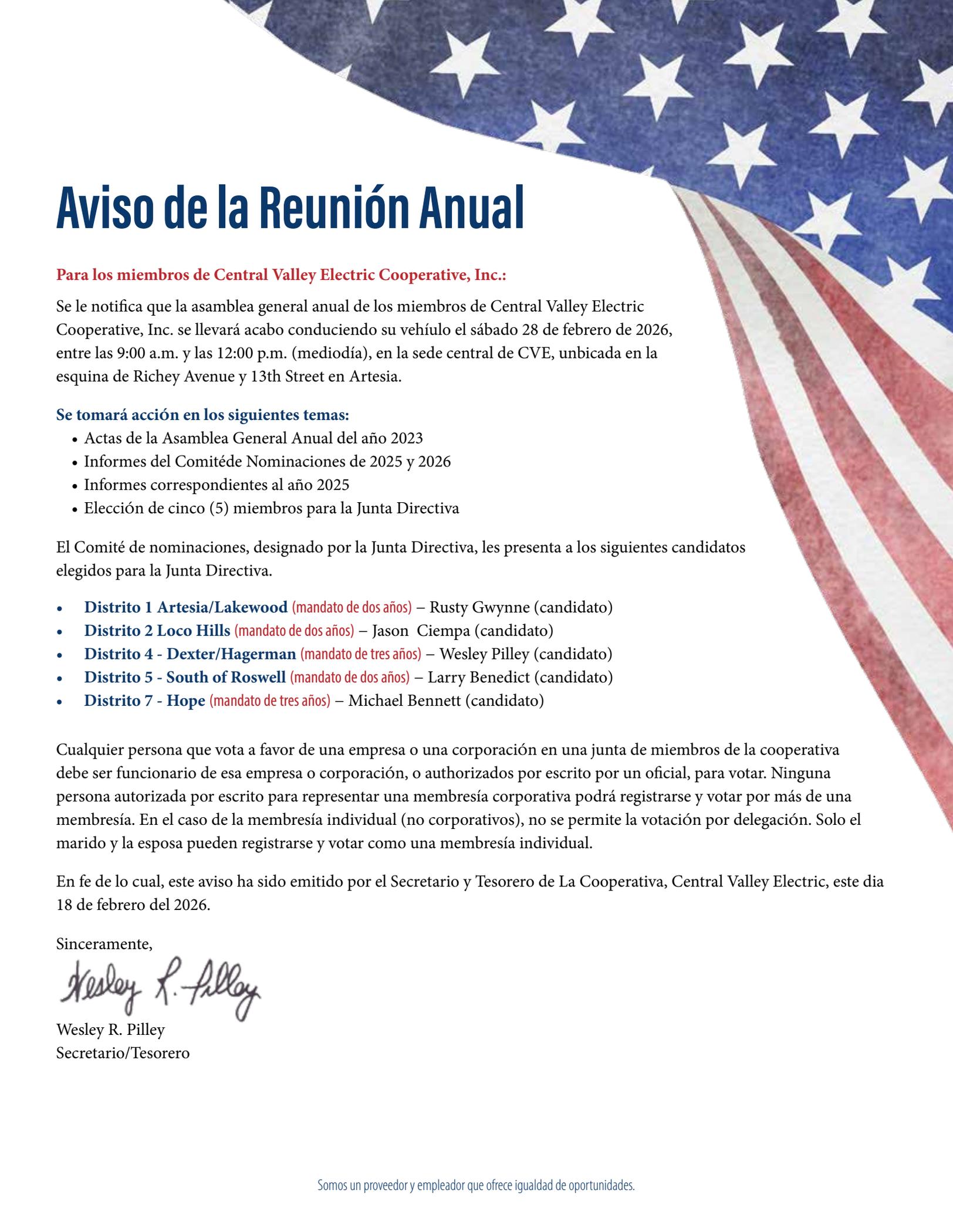
Any person voting for a company or a corporation at a membership meeting of CVE must be an officer of that company or corporation or be authorized in writing by an officer to vote. No person authorized in writing to represent a corporate membership will be allowed to register and vote for more than one membership. In the case of an individual (non-corporate) membership, proxy voting is not allowed. Only the husband or wife may register and vote for the individual membership.

In witness whereof, this notice has been issued by the Secretary/Treasurer of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., dated this 18th day of February 2026.

Sincerely,



**Wesley R. Pilley**  
Secretary/Treasurer

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# Aviso de la Reunión Anual

## Para los miembros de Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

Se le notifica que la asamblea general anual de los miembros de Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. se llevará acabo conduciendo su vehíulo el sábado 28 de febrero de 2026, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 p.m. (mediodía), en la sede central de CVE, ubicada en la esquina de Richey Avenue y 13th Street en Artesia.

### Se tomará acción en los siguientes temas:

- Actas de la Asamblea General Anual del año 2023
- Informes del Comité de Nominaciones de 2025 y 2026
- Informes correspondientes al año 2025
- Elección de cinco (5) miembros para la Junta Directiva

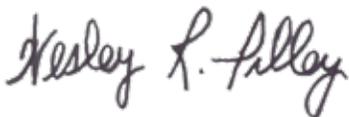
El Comité de nominaciones, designado por la Junta Directiva, les presenta a los siguientes candidatos elegidos para la Junta Directiva.

- **Distrito 1 Artesia/Lakewood** (mandato de dos años) – Rusty Gwynne (candidato)
- **Distrito 2 Loco Hills** (mandato de dos años) – Jason Ciempa (candidato)
- **Distrito 4 - Dexter/Hagerman** (mandato de tres años) – Wesley Pilley (candidato)
- **Distrito 5 - South of Roswell** (mandato de dos años) – Larry Benedict (candidato)
- **Distrito 7 - Hope** (mandato de tres años) – Michael Bennett (candidato)

Cualquier persona que vota a favor de una empresa o una corporación en una junta de miembros de la cooperativa debe ser funcionario de esa empresa o corporación, o autorizados por escrito por un oficial, para votar. Ninguna persona autorizada por escrito para representar una membresía corporativa podrá registrarse y votar por más de una membresía. En el caso de la membresía individual (no corporativos), no se permite la votación por delegación. Solo el marido y la esposa pueden registrarse y votar como una membresía individual.

En fe de lo cual, este aviso ha sido emitido por el Secretario y Tesorero de La Cooperativa, Central Valley Electric, este dia 18 de febrero del 2026.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley R. Pilley".

Wesley R. Pilley  
Secretario/Tesorero

# Executive Report



**Wade Nelson**  
General Manager &  
Executive Vice President

As I reflect on my first year serving as Chief Executive Officer of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, I am reminded of the tremendous journey we've taken together. Since taking this role in January of 2025, I have experienced firsthand the challenges and opportunities that shape our future. It has been a year of learning, resilience and strategic focus, and I am grateful for the support of our dedicated employees, our Board of Trustees, and most importantly, our members.

2025 proved to be a pivotal year for CVE. While we celebrated growth in energy sales – reaching almost 941 million kilowatt-hours – and maintained a steady revenue stream, we were also confronted with some significant hurdles. Changes are essential to ensure the sustainability of our operations and the continued delivery of safe, reliable, and affordable power.

One of the most pressing challenges has been the capacity constraint on the transmission system east of Artesia, which is at capacity. As Southwestern Public Service Company works on upgrades, CVE has been working on alternative solutions. Working with our members, consultants, and our wholesale power provider, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, we are exploring micro-grid generation projects – an approach with significant potential but complex to execute. These efforts require careful planning and collaboration across multiple stakeholders, and we are committed to navigating these complexities to secure the future resilience of our power supply.

Our investments this year reflect a steadfast commitment to strengthening our infrastructure and safeguarding the reliability of our system. We remain dedicated to responsible resource management, ensuring that every dollar invested serves our members' best interests.

Looking ahead, our goal remains to serve as a trusted, reliable energy partner to our members. I am inspired by the resilience and dedication I see in CVE's employees, whose professionalism and commitment underpin every success the co-op achieves.

As always, our progress is driven by the unwavering support of our members and the vision of our Board. Together, we will continue to work diligently – balancing strategic growth with fiscal responsibility – to build a sustainable and prosperous future for Central Valley Electric Cooperative.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. I look forward to working with all of you as we move into this promising new chapter.



# Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2025

## ASSETS

### Utility Plant

Total Utility Plant in Service	\$ 227,280,090
Construction Work in Progress	<u>1,246,076</u>
Total Utility Plant	<u>228,526,166</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>48,445,744</u>
Net Utility Plant in Service	\$ 180,080,422

### Other Assests & Investments

Invest. in assoc. org. (patro capital)	\$ 1,936,938
Invest. in assoc. org. (general funds)	23,715,462
Other Investments	<u>3,798</u>
Total Other Assets & Investments	\$ <u>25,656,198</u>

### Current Assets

Cash-General Funds	\$ 7,773,416
Temporary Investments	3,399,958
Notes Receivable	206,065
Accounts Receivable-Sale of Energy	3,136,493
Accounts Receivable-Other	259,504
Materials, Supplies, Electric & Other	9,887,936
Prepayments	10,852
Other Current & Accrued Assets	<u>0</u>
Total current and accrued assets	\$ <u>24,674,224</u>
Other Deferred Debits	\$ <u>231,370</u>

**Total Assets** \$ 230,642,214

## LIABILITIES

### Equities

Patronage Capital	\$ 97,955,161
Operating Margins Prior Years	288,272
Operating Margins Current Year	803,745
Non-Operating Margins	24,678,622
Other Margins & Equities	<u>765,260</u>
Total Margins & Equities	\$ <u>124,491,060</u>

### Long-Term Debt

Long Term Debt - RUS	\$ 69,871,016
RUS Payments Unapplied	0
Long Term Debt Other	<u>7,282,879</u>
Total Long Term Debt	\$ <u>77,153,895</u>

### Accumulated Operating Provisions

Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	\$ <u>235,513</u>
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### Current Liabilities

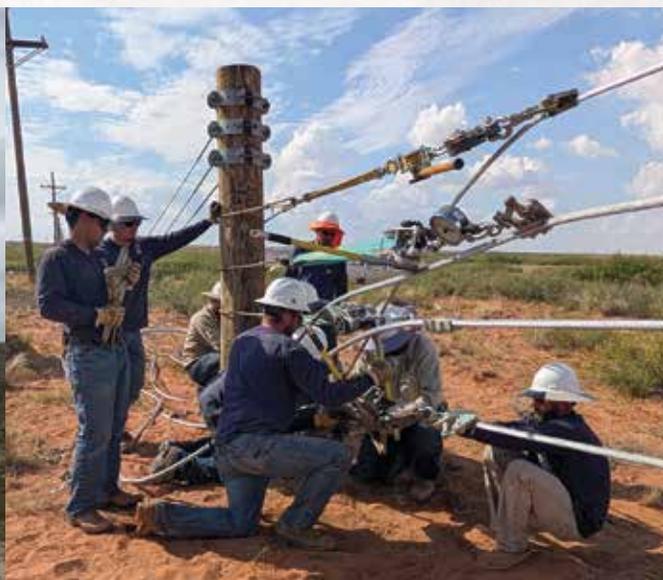
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,886,896
Consumers Deposits	260,850
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	<u>3,474,991</u>
Total Current & Accrued Liabilities	\$ <u>8,622,737</u>
Other Deferred Credits	\$ <u>20,139,009</u>

**Total Liab. & Other Credits** \$ 230,642,214



# Income Statement

<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Electric & Other Revenue	\$68,398,096	\$71,887,553	<b>\$77,831,895</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Purchased Power	\$46,754,312	\$49,716,309	<b>\$55,877,948</b>
Operations & Maintenance	\$12,372,970	\$12,451,122	<b>\$13,724,414</b>
Depreciation	\$ 6,429,417	\$ 6,564,986	<b>\$ 6,716,351</b>
Interest	\$ 1,885,602	\$ 1,869,263	<b>\$ 2,105,581</b>
Other Deductions	\$ 92,943	\$ 138,678	<b>\$ 22,869</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,535,244</b>	<b>\$70,740,358</b>	<b>\$78,447,163</b>
<b>Net Margins</b>			
Operating Margins	\$ 862,852	\$ 1,147,195	<b>\$ -615,268</b>
G & T Capital Credits	\$ 2,733,848	\$ 2,451,661	<b>\$ 1,217,035</b>
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 1,928,972	\$ 710,986	<b>\$ 615,452</b>
<b>Total Net Margins</b>	<b>\$ 5,525,672</b>	<b>\$ 4,309,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,217,219</b>



# Board of Trustees

## DISTRICT 6

North of Roswell



*Chuck Wagner*  
President

## DISTRICT 7

Hope



*Michael Bennett*  
Vice President

## DISTRICT 4

Dexter/Hagerman



*Wesley Pilley*  
Secretary/Treasurer

## DISTRICT 1

Artesia/Lakewood



*Rusty Gwynne*

## DISTRICT 2

Loco Hills



*Jason Ciempa*

## DISTRICT 3

Cottonwood/Lake Arthur



*Steve Spence*

## DISTRICT 5

South of Roswell



*Larry Benedict*

THANK YOU to the following gentlemen for their years of service to the CVE Board of Trustees.

- Wesley Pilley - 25 years
- Michael Bennett - 20 years
- Chuck Wagner - 25 years
- Steve Spence - 10 years

# President's *Report*

As we reflect on 2025, I am proud to say it was a year defined by resilience, progress, and a continued commitment to the members of Central Valley Electric Cooperative. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank our members, employees, and community for their trust and support throughout the year.

The electric utility landscape continues to evolve, and 2025 brought its share of challenges – from rising costs and supply chain pressures to increased demand on our electric system. Through it all, CVE remained focus on its core mission: to provide personalized, quality service to its members and to promote the economic vitality of its communities.

This past year, we made meaningful investments in our infrastructure to strengthen system reliability and prepare for future growth. These improvements reflect the Board's commitment to long-term planning and responsible stewardship of cooperative resources.

Financially, the cooperative remained stable in 2025. Careful budgeting, sound decision-making, and oversight by the Board allowed us to manage costs while continuing to invest in critical projects. We recognize the importance of keeping rates as affordable as possible, and every decision made by the Board is guided by what is in the best interest of our membership.

In 2025, CVE remained focused on helping our members financially. That is why the Board approved the retirement of capital credits earned in 2007 in the amount of \$1.75 million. If you were a co-op member in 2007 and were allocated capital credits, you can expect to receive a capital credit check or bill credit sometime in March.

The Central Valley Electric Education Foundation also helped area students financially by awarding \$402,000 in college scholarships. The Foundation is funded by unclaimed capital credits and donations. You can find more information, eligibility, and an application for the scholarship at [www.cvecoop.org/scholarships](http://www.cvecoop.org/scholarships). Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are due April 15.

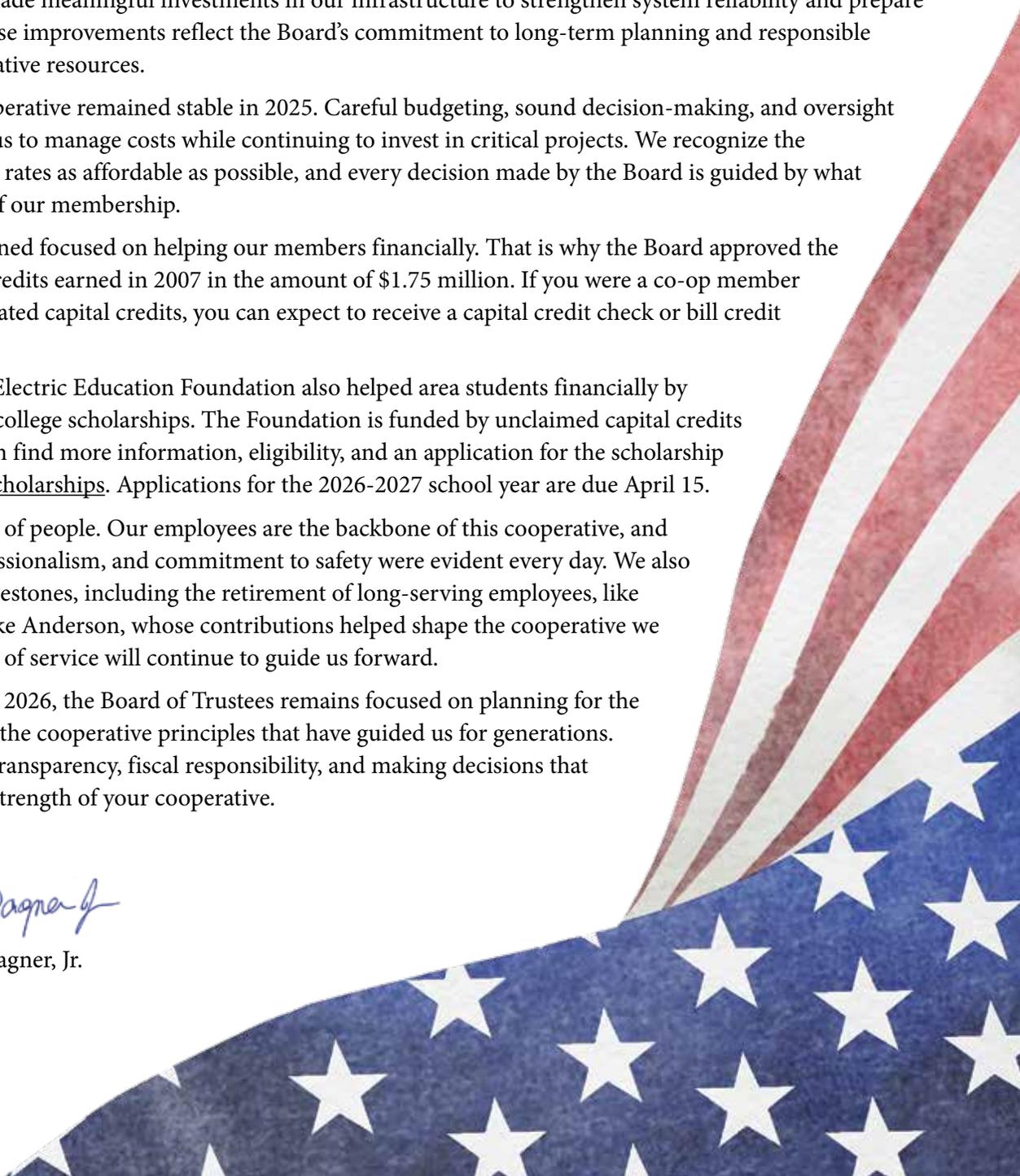
2025 was also a year of people. Our employees are the backbone of this cooperative, and their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to safety were evident every day. We also marked significant milestones, including the retirement of long-serving employees, like Chuck Pinson and Mike Anderson, whose contributions helped shape the cooperative we are today. Their legacy of service will continue to guide us forward.

As we look ahead to 2026, the Board of Trustees remains focused on planning for the future while honoring the cooperative principles that have guided us for generations. We are committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and making decisions that ensure the long-term strength of your cooperative.

Thank you.



Charles "Chuck" G. Wagner, Jr.  
CVE Board President



# Employee Recognition

## Awards

### Long Rope Safety Award



Adam Garrison

Congratulations to Adam Garrison for winning the Long Rope Safety Award for his dedication to demonstrating and teaching safety on the job.

### Merchant Program

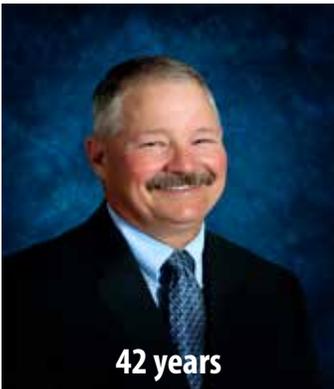


Jordan Wright

Congratulations to Jordan Wright for completing the Merchant Job Training and Safety program and becoming a Journeyman/Lineman.

## Retirements

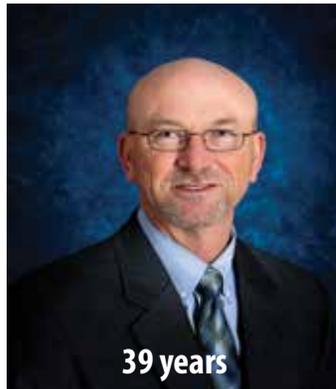
### Mike Anderson



42 years

Manager of Finance & Administration

### Chuck Pinson



39 years

General Manager

## In Remembrance



Randy White

1958 to 2025

### Beth Spencer



19 years

Executive Secretary

# Employee *Service Awards*

30 years



**Ray Barrera**  
Chief Operations Officer

20 years



**Anthony Salsberry**  
Crew Foreman

15 years



**Adrian Carrasco**  
Journeyman/Lineman

15 years



**Jake Daley**  
Serviceman

15 years



**Rory Watts**  
Engineering Tech.

10 years



**Tracker Bowen**  
Serviceman

10 years



**Jessie Medrano**  
Substation Tech.

10 years



**Matthew Rivera**  
Engineering Tech.

10 years



**Jessica Salsberry**  
Billing & Dispatch

# Nominating Com

## CENTRAL VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

A meeting of the Nominating Committee for Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Cooperative, at 1403 N. 13th Street, Artesia, NM 88210.

The Nominating Committee was called to select nominees for the Board of Trustees of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.. Ms. Jeanette Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Justin Boswell, Ms. Guadalupita Trujillo, Mr. Jose Chavez, Mr. Brian Cooper, Mr. Dale Taylor, and Mr. Denise Garcia attended the meeting

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following are nominated for trustees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2025:

### FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERM

District 1 – Artesia/Lakewood: Rusty Gwynne (incumbent)

District 2 – Loco Hills: Jason Ciempa (incumbent)

District 5 – South of Roswell: Larry Benedict (incumbent)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, dated this 12th day of February 2025.

1. Jeanette Kelley, Chairman Jeanette Kelley
2. Denise Garcia, Vice Chairman Denise Garcia
3. Guadalupe Trujillo, Guadalupita Trujillo
4. Jose A. Chavez, Jose Chavez
5. Dale Taylor, Dale Taylor
6. Justin Boswell, Justin Boswell
7. Brian Cooper, Brian Cooper

# Committee Reports

## CENTRAL VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

A meeting of the Nominating Committee for Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 9:08 a.m. in the Board Room of the Cooperative, at 1403 N. 13th Street, Artesia, NM 88210.

The Nominating Committee was called to select nominees for the Board of Trustees of Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.. Mr. Jose Chavez, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Brian Cooper, Mr. Denise Garcia, Ms. Jeanette Kelley, and Ms. Guadalupita Trujillo attended the meeting. Mr. Justin Boswell and Mr. Dale Taylor attended via telephone.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following are nominated for trustees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026:

### FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERM

District 4 – Dexter/Hagerman: Wesley Pilley (incumbent)

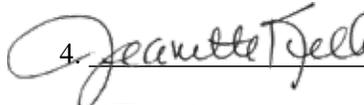
District 7 – Hope: Michael Bennett (incumbent)

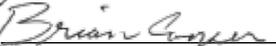
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, dated this 29th day of January 2026.

1.  , Chairman Jose Chavez

2.  , Vice Chairman Denise Garcia

3. Justin Boswell via telephone, Justin Boswell

4.  , Jeanette Kelley

5.  , Brian Cooper

6. Dale Taylor via telephone, Dale Taylor

7.  , Guadalupita Trujillo

# Innovation at Work

At Central Valley Electric Cooperative, keeping the lights on safely and reliably is always our top priority. One of the newest tools helping us do just that is drone technology. These small aircrafts are making a big difference when it comes to inspecting and maintaining power lines across our service area.

## **A Safer Way to Inspect Power Lines**

Traditionally, inspecting power lines meant sending crews out in bucket trucks, climbing poles, or traveling across rough terrain. While our linemen are highly trained, these tasks can still involve risks. Drones enable us to inspect power lines, substations, and other related equipment from the air, thereby reducing the need for crews to work at heights or near energized equipment, except in cases where repairs are necessary. This added layer of safety helps protect our employees while they work to keep the lights on.

## **Faster Inspections, Quicker Response**

Drones can patrol miles of power lines in a short amount of time, capturing clear, high-quality images of poles, wires, and other vital



equipment. This allows us to spot potential problems – such as damaged hardware or trees growing too close to power lines – before they cause interruptions to your service. After storms, drones also help us quickly assess any damage so we can respond faster and restore power sooner.

## **Smart Technology, Local Service**

The information gathered by drones helps us plan maintenance more efficiently and focus our resources where they are needed most. By identifying issues early, we can often prevent outages before they happen. Using this technology also helps reduce costs, which supports our commitment to providing reliable power at the lowest possible cost for our members.

## **Working Together for the Future**

While drones are an important tool, they don't replace our line crews. Instead, they support the skilled professionals who maintain our electric system every day. By combining new technology with experienced crews and local decision-making, Central Valley Electric Cooperative continues to invest in a safer, stronger, and more reliable power system for our communities.

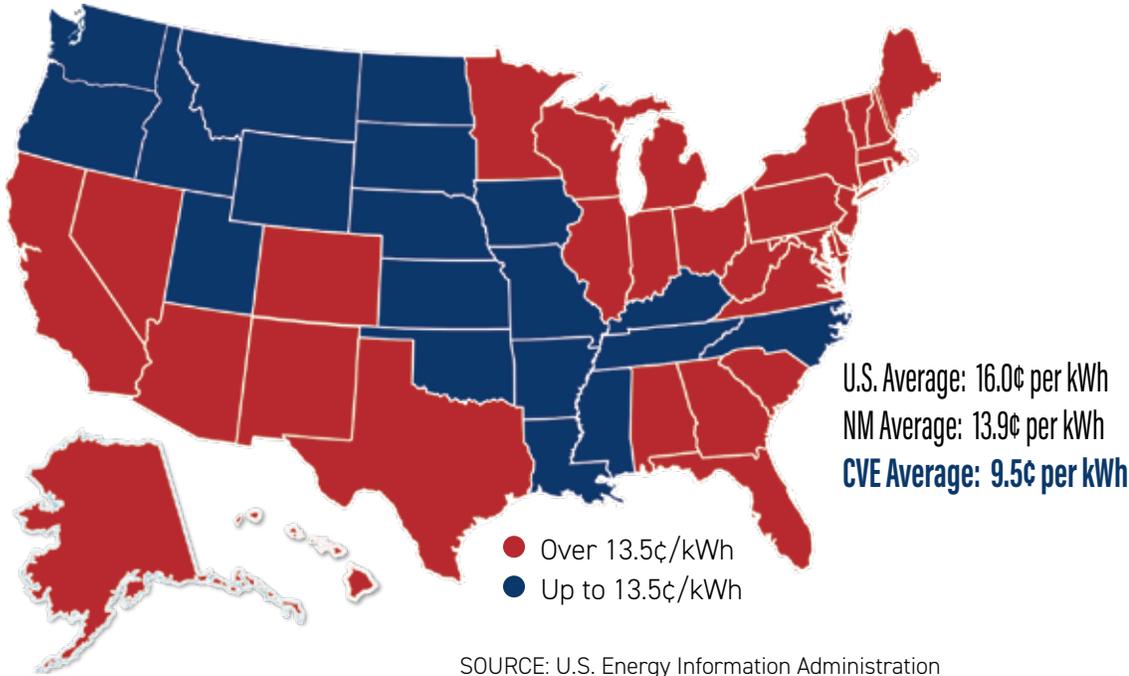
CVE currently employs two licensed drone pilots, and we occasionally contract with third-party drone inspection companies. Drone flights are conducted at safe distances and in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations. Drones will only be flown over our equipment and within our right-of-way. No pictures or videos will be taken of individuals, private activities, homes, or other structures.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT SHOOTING A DRONE OUT OF THE SKY HAS SIGNIFICANT SAFETY AND LEGAL RISKS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO CRIMINAL CONSEQUENCES.**

# Facts and Figures

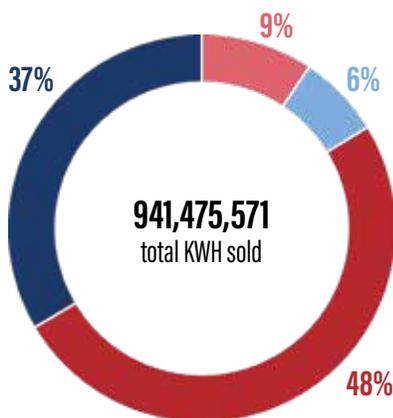
## Average Residential Retail Cost of Electricity

(2024 figures; CENTS/KWH)



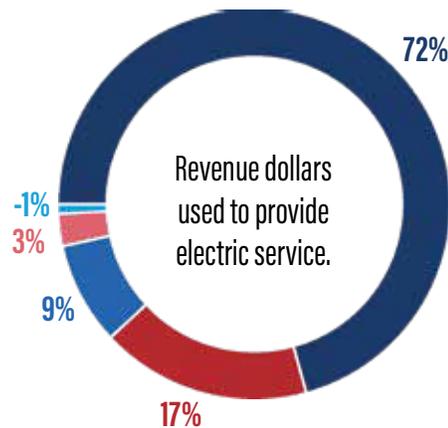
SOURCE: U.S. Energy Information Administration

## 2025 ENERGY SOLD



- Oil Related Services: 450,288,808 KWH
  - Commercial/Industrial: 350,795,503 KWH
  - Residential: 83,284,191 KWH
  - Irrigation: 54,824,517 KWH
- OTHER: Lighting (street & yard) & CVE Office: 2,282,552 KWH

## 2025 REVENUE DOLLARS



- Purchased Power
- Operations & Maintenance
- Depreciation
- Interest & Other Expenses
- Margins Allocated



# Concern for *Community*

Central Valley Electric Cooperative is more than just your power provider – we are community partners. Founded on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, CVE exists to serve our members. That local ownership shapes every decision, from keeping rates affordable to investing in reliable infrastructure that supports homes, farms, schools and businesses.

Because CVE is rooted in the communities we serve, we understand local needs. We support economic development, promote safety, and provide education and rebates to help members use energy more efficiently. CVE gives back through scholarships, sponsorships of local schools and youth organizations, volunteer efforts, and more.

At our core, CVE is guided by concern for our communities. Powering lives is the mission, but strengthening the places members call home is the purpose.

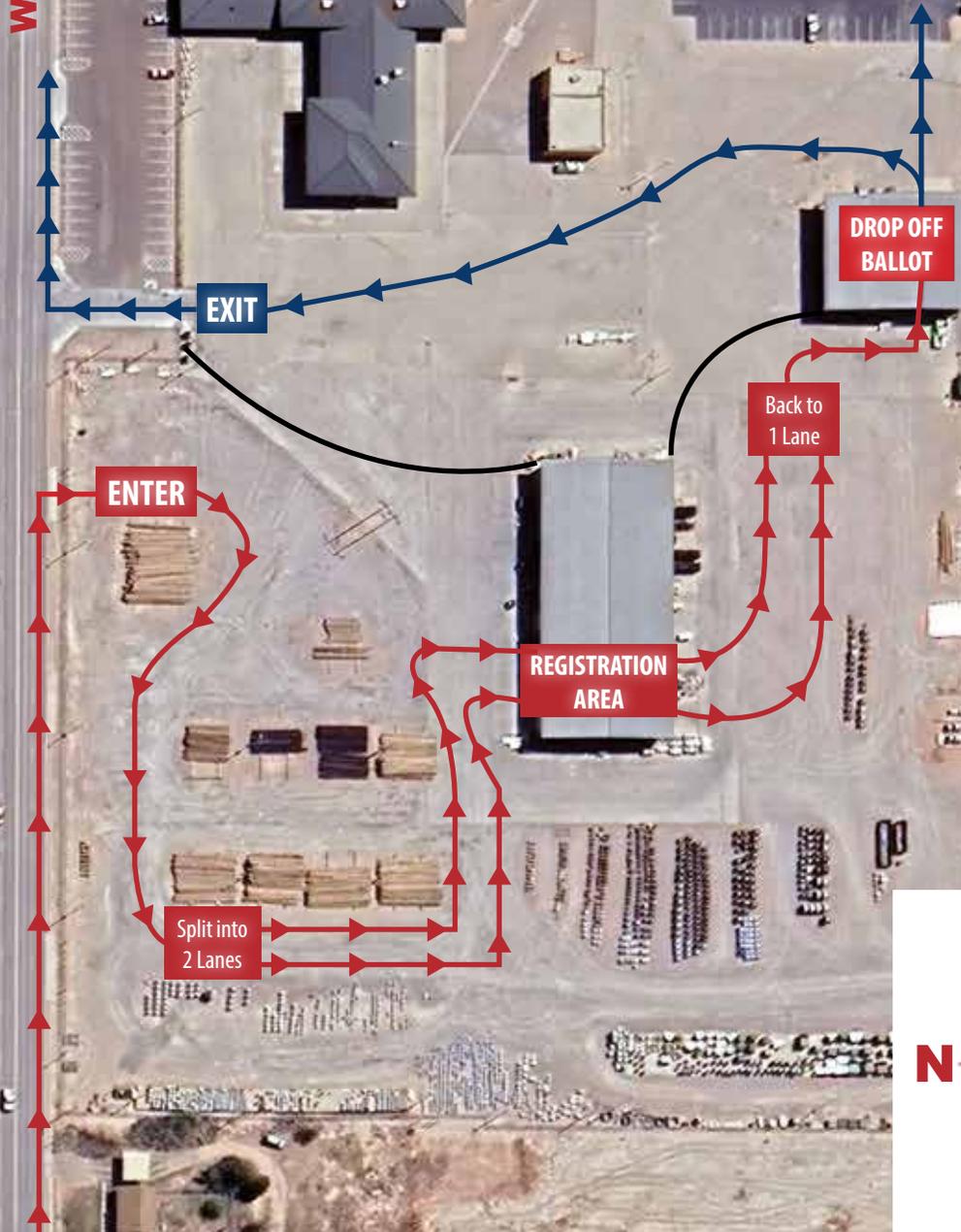


**N. 13th STREET**

You will enter from Richey Avenue traveling East (see map). You will be directed to one of two registration lines. After you register you will be directed to park so you can review the material and fill out your ballot. Once you complete your ballot you will be directed where to drop it off. After you drop off your ballot you can either exit the facility or go to our main building where there will be light refreshments (see map).

**\*We will have light refreshments in our main building.\***

**W. RICHEY AVE**



**Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

PO Box 230

Artesia, NM 88211-0230

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# **CVE Drive-Thru ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

## **CVE Headquarters**

corner of Richey Avenue and 13th Street, in Artesia  
see the inside back cover for a detailed map

Drive-Thru anytime between  
**9 AM & 12 PM** (noon)



first 200 registered members receive a  
\$50 gift card (one per membership)



**DOOR PRIZE ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for a door prize you must be an active member of CVE receiving service at least 14 days before the annual meeting, you must be registered at the meeting, and meet all rules stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting (pages 4 and 5). Door prizes will be drawn Monday, March 2, on Facebook Live at 10:00 a.m.

Truck awarded as is.  
Winner responsible for all taxes, title and licensing.