

*Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

## 2024 - A Year In Review

December is always the month to look back on the year and consider the things we've accomplished, things we could do differently, and things we need to focus on for the future. SEC is no different.

This year has provided a plethora of learning experiences and opportunities for SEC. We started several large projects that are directed to the upgrading of the infrastructure of the power grid serving our members.

During the first half of the year, we kicked off the planning and hiring of contractors for projects that are designed to improve the reliability of our system.

During the second half of the year, SEC started construction with these contractors, on a new substation in Magdalena, and a 69,000 volt transmission line from Socorro to Magdalena.

Some projects have been done in conjunction with other organizations, such as Continental Divide Electric Cooperative in bringing Red Bolt Broadband Fiber internet to the Magdalena area.

As with any construction, things don't always go as planned. We have had some issues with blinks and power outages concerning the new 69,000 volt line.

We have learned what is causing them, and we are doing everything we can to ensure they are kept to a minimum. Once the new line is completed, all these blinks and outages should be a thing of the past.

We would like to thank our members who support us and hope that they know that we are doing our best to provide reliable and affordable electricity.



Above is the new Magdalena Substation construction.

SEC has also experienced several organizational changes, with the General Manager leaving in September and the new CEO/GM, Manuel Gonzales, starting in January. The line superintendent also left, and one of our long-time journeyman linemen, Jason Otero, stepped up into the role. With these new leaders coming on-board and the completion of projects we all look forward to the future of SEC.



Above is the new 69 kV line that spans from Socorro to Magdalena.

**Your Socorro Electric Cooperative is closed January 1, 2025 for the New Year Holiday.  
We hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.**



# A Different Kind of Tree Trimming Happens Year-Round at SEC

Tree trimming is a tradition that happens in many homes every year around this time. Christmas Trees are brought in and trimmed with decorations. Here at Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC), we do a different type of tree trimming.

We have a full-time contractor who goes throughout our service territory and cuts trees out of the way of our power lines.

Windy Tree LLC. has been a contractor of SEC since early 2023, and we have contracted with them through mid-2026. Windy Tree has been trimming the trees throughout our 11,000 sq. mile service territory.

This year, Windy Tree started in the City of Socorro, trimming all the trees within the city limits that were growing within the six-foot clearance of our power lines.

Once Windy Tree finished trimming the trees in the City, they moved west to the state line with Arizona and worked their way east and south.

Windy Tree has made its way through our enormous service territory throughout 2024 and will continue to ensure the trees do not interfere with Socorro Electric Cooperative's distribution or transmission lines.

This Christmas, as you're trimming your trees with all of the adornments, rest assured: SEC, in conjunction with Windy Tree, LLC, are working hard so that the lights in your home and the lights on your tree will not be interrupted by trees blowing into the power lines.

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### PAYING YOUR BILL

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### REPORTING AN OUTAGE

Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call

**575-835-0560, 800-351-7575 or  
855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

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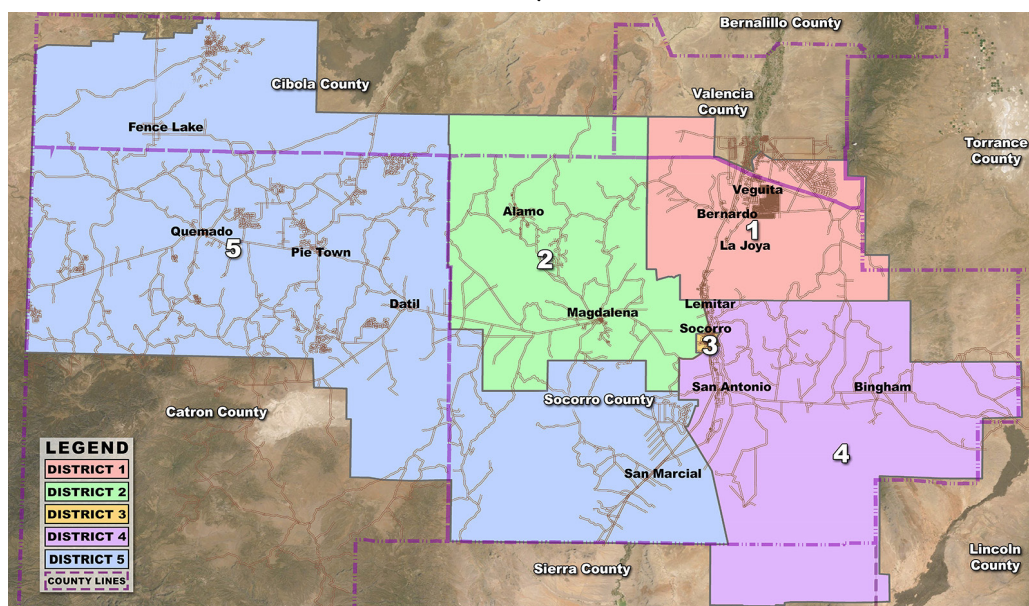
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## Do You Want To Be on the Board of Trustees for SEC?

Be on the lookout in the January Enchantment Magazine for instructions to declare your candidacy for SEC's Districts #1, #4, and #5 board seats. You must physically live in the districts to be considered for candidacy.



## Vegetation Management Update

Crews working to trim trees and vegetation in rights-of-way are currently in the following areas and are expected to remain there for the next few weeks.

### • Polvadera and San Acacia areas

SEC reminds members that you may see vehicles and crew members from Windy Tree cutting trees near existing power lines. Vehicles will be marked with their company name and an SEC contractor placard.

## November 2024 Board Report...

- Board reviewed and approved policies 116, 120, 121, 123, and 126.
- Received departmental reports from staff and recommendations from board committees.
- Board approved the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets.

All board agendas, minutes, and videos can be found on our website at:

[www.socorroelectric.com/board/resources](http://www.socorroelectric.com/board/resources)