

Another Co-op trustee resigns

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During the Socorro Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees monthly meeting held on Jan. 27, District 3 Trustee Melissa Amaro submitted her resignation, effective immediately, to the SEC Board of Trustees.

The Board unanimously accepted Amaro's resignation.

She is the second trustee to resign in the past few months. Former Trustee Charlie Wagner resigned late last year.

In her letter of resignation Amaro cited the time and days of the monthly meetings which cause her to use her allotted personal leave time from her workplace.

"It is with great regret that I am resigning from the board as of today Jan. 27, 2016. Due to the monthly meetings that are held during my work day at 2 p.m., I am using all my annual leave from work," the letter stated. "Another factor in my decision is the new bylaws that have been adopted to affect me as a former employee to limit my involvement and voice on the board. Which I feel limits me to fulfill my duties as a Trustee and is not fair to the consumers.

I do however plan on coming back to run for Trustee when these limitations no longer affect me, and I can sit on the board equal to all the others."

Amaro thanked the members who voted for her as well as the Board of Trustees for "giving me the opportunity to sit on the Board. I have learned a great deal."

Amaro served on the SEC Board for 2 years as District 3 Trustee that included the City of Socorro.

The SEC Board of Trustees will be accepting names of members who reside within District 3 boundaries that are interested in filling the vacant position for the remainder of term on the Board of Trustees.

Those who wish to be considered should contact SEC General Manager Joseph Herrera.