

## **Biographical Sketches of Town Hall Presenters**

### **Rick Carpenter**

Rick, who has approximately 18 years of professional water resources experience, currently serves as Senior Water Resources Coordinator for the City of Santa Fe's water division, a position he has held for about 5 years. He was the project manager for the City's recently completed 12-million-dollar Buckman Wells project, and he is currently the project manager for the Buckman Direct Diversion project. Prior to the City of Santa Fe, Rick was the Principal Water Resources Specialist for the City of San Diego. He also worked as a water resources Project Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Rick has a bachelor's degree in political science from San Diego State University and a Professional Certificate in Urban Planning and Development from the University of California at San Diego. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Physical Geography with an emphasis in water resources from the University of New Mexico and is defending his thesis this September.

### **Robert M. Gallegos**

Robert has 17 years of experience in technical and management positions with the New Mexico Environment Department's Drinking Water program. He is currently an Environmental Specialist with the Public Utilities Department of the City of Santa Fe, where he provides assistance to the City's water, wastewater and solid waste programs. Robert services on the New Mexico Municipal League's Environmental Quality Association, which tracks and comments on environmental issues impacting municipalities. He also serves on the Northern New Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board, which provides assistance and makes recommendations to the Department of Energy on environmental cleanup issues at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Robert holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in biology from New Mexico State University.

### **Norm Gaume, P.E.**

A Native New Mexican, Norm has lived along the Rio Grande for most of his life. He is a licensed engineer specializing in water resources and water utility management and has been working on the BDD Project under contract to the City of Santa Fe and the Buckman Direct Diversion project Board for the past several years. Norm was director of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and engineering-adviser to New Mexico's Rio Grande Compact Commissioner from 1997 to 2002. Prior to that time, he was director of the City of

Albuquerque's Water Resources Division and Operations Manager of the Albuquerque Drinking Water Utility.

Norm holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical and civil engineering, respectively, from New Mexico State University.

**Dr. Kerry Howe**

Dr. Kerry Howe has more than 20 years of experience in environmental engineering, including 12 years working for a national environmental engineering consulting firm. He is currently an associate professor in civil engineering at the University of New Mexico, where he teaches courses in water treatment technologies and does research in water treatment and membrane technologies. He is the co-author of a leading textbook on water treatment, a registered professional engineer, and a board certified environmental engineer.

Dr. Howe was hired by the BDD Board to perform an independent assessment of the effectiveness of the proposed City/County Water Treatment Plant. He holds Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and PhD degrees in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin, the University of Texas, and the University of Illinois, respectively.