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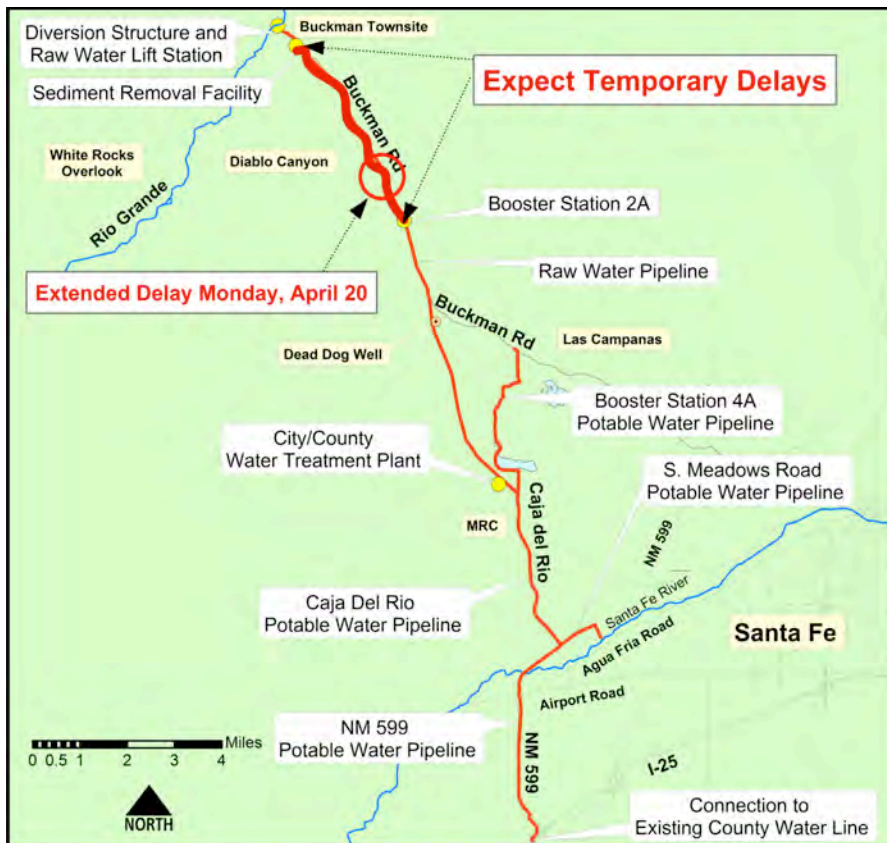
NEWS RELEASE

BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT **TEMPORARY CLOSURES AND DELAYS ON BUCKMAN ROAD APRIL 20 – MAY 15, 2009;** **MOTORISTS ASKED TO SEEK ALTERNATE ROUTES IF POSSIBLE**

April 20 to May 15, 2009 (weather permitting) – Temporary and extended delays lasting from a few minutes to a several hours will be required from April 20 to May 15, 2009 to allow crews to lay pipeline on (Old) Buckman Road (CR-77) between Dead Dog Well (near the old green windmill) and the old Buckman Town Site.

“Extended delays will occur during the week of April 20 through April 24 during regular construction hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. These delays are needed because crews are laying pipe across the road or within the roadway in locations that would affect vehicle traffic. **Monday, April 20, traffic will be delayed for several hours at a time.**” said Ray Selvy, general manager for the BDD contractor. **The area of delays the week of April 20th is shown in the circled area on the map below.**

Selvy encouraged motorists to give themselves plenty of time to reach their destinations if they are traveling on Buckman Road and to use extra caution when driving in the construction area. “We are trying to minimize inconveniences to the traveling public. However, for the safety of the public and construction crews, we will have to block the roadway for up to several hours at a time on occasion. Signs will be posted at the intersection of Buckman Road and Las Campanas Drive when there are delays. We will also have flaggers on hand to help direct traffic when there are lane restrictions” Selvy explained.



For more information, visit www.bddproject.org and click on the “BDD Construction-Construction Impacts”. **For daily updates, call Elizabeth Anderson at 505-301-8195 or Barbara Crockett at 505-239-4772 or Patti Watson at 1-800-687-3417.**

About the Buckman Direct Diversion Project - the BDD Project will provide a sustainable way for the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County to access surface water supplies by diverting San Juan-Chama Project water and native Rio Grande water to reduce their reliance on over-taxed ground water resources. Design and construction on the BDD began in September 2008 and is expected to be completed, with the project operational, by March 2011. Estimated cost for design and construction of the project is approximately \$216.3 million.