



Construction Has Begun On the Buckman Direct Diversion Project

Recently, the Joint Venture Team of CH2M Hill/Western Summit Constructors began construction on the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) project. The BDD project will divert water from the Rio Grande at a site about 4 miles below the Otowi Bridge and pipe it to a new City/County Water Treatment Plant. (Note: The Plant is for City and County water customers only; Las Campanas will build a separate plant for its residents.) From there, the treated water will be delivered to City/County customers through new pipelines. Las Campanas is sharing in the diversion structure, raw water lift station and part of the transmission pipeline, but will build its own transmission pipeline(s).

In general, construction crews will work from **7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday**, although longer work hours may be required on occasion for emergencies or in response to weather conditions. ***The map and information on the back of this notice list the planned construction activities for the BDD during the next three months. Construction dates are approximate and may vary due to unexpected circumstances or weather conditions.***

Why is the BDD needed now?

The Buckman Direct Diversion is needed now because the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County do not have enough drinking water, and Las Campanas needs its own supply of drinking water. The water this region *does* have could be dramatically reduced by circumstances we cannot control – such as a prolonged drought or a fire in the watershed. The longer we wait the less certain we are of maintaining a reliable supply of drinking water under all conditions. Also, by adding another source of drinking water, we can allow the aquifer which supplies our groundwater wells to rest.

When will construction be done?

Construction of the BDD is expected to last through spring 2011.

Do I need to worry about not having water or power during construction?

No power interruptions are needed. If crews do need to shut off your water for a planned activity, they will notify you in advance.

Where should I go if I have questions or want more information?

You can visit the Buckman Direct Diversion project website (www.bddproject.org) for more information. If you have questions that are not answered or would like to discuss concerns with someone, please contact:

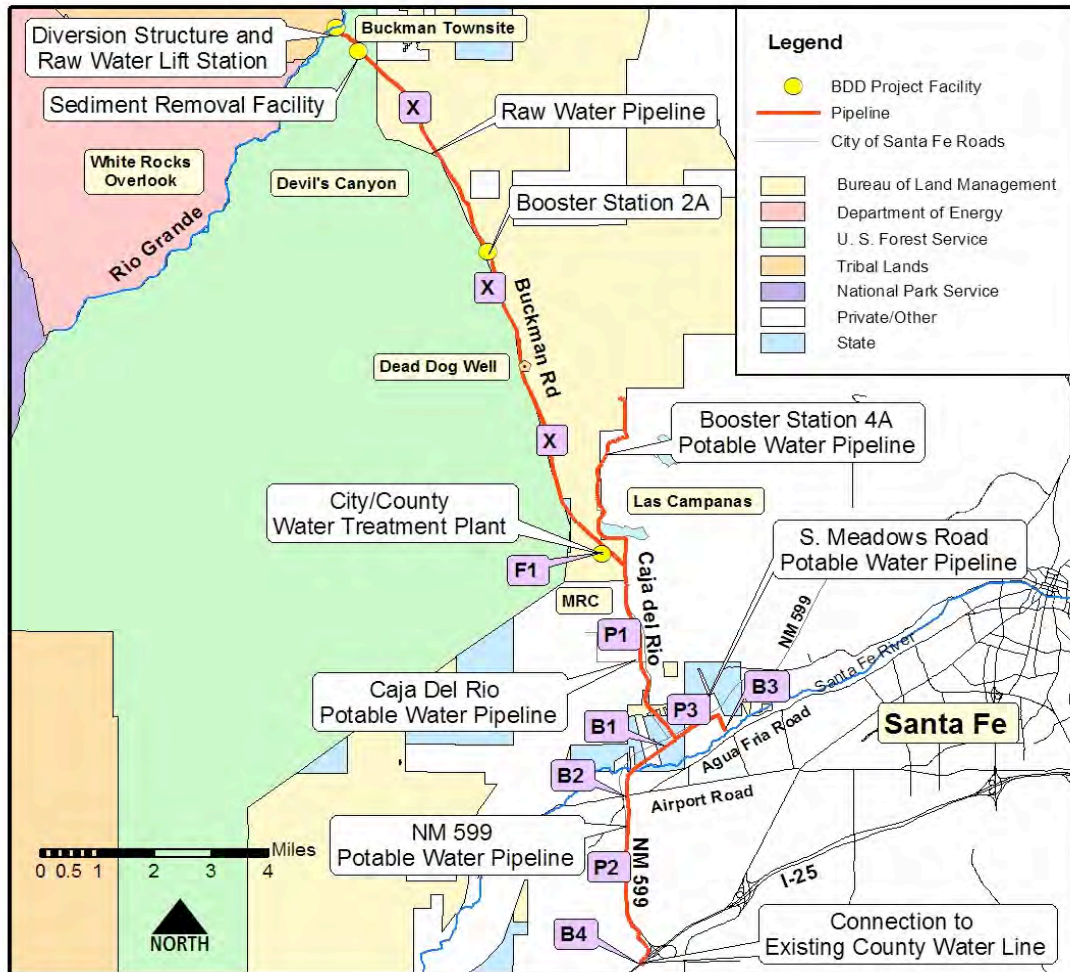
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For a map of the project and planned construction phases, please see the back of this flier.



Planned Construction Phases for the BDD – November 2008-January 2009:

P1 – Pipeline installation from the Water Treatment Plant Site & Caja del Rio Road to NM 599 Frontage Road – From October 2008 through January 2009.

P2 – Pipeline installation from NM 599 Frontage Road & Airport Road to intersection of NM 599 and I-25 – From December 2008 through February 2009.

P3 – Pipeline installation from Caja Del Rio Road & NM 599 Frontage Road to intersection of NM 599 Frontage Road and South Meadows Road – From January through March 2009.

F1 – Water Treatment Plant Construction – From October 2008 through February 2011.

B1 – Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 Frontage Road & Cattle Crossing – From early through mid-to-late November 2008.

B2 – Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 & Airport Road – In mid November 2008. NOTE: Some lane restrictions and traffic impacts may be required.

B3 – Tunneling for Pipeline at NM 599 & South Meadows Road – In mid-to-late November 2008.

B4 – Tunneling at NM 599 & I-25 – In late November. NOTE: Some lane restrictions and traffic impacts may be required.

Also, from October 2008 through January 2009, crews may be clearing vegetation (trees, shrubs and grasses) in the affected construction areas (marked with an X) as needed. These sites will be restored after construction is completed.