



Construction Update – September-December 2009 Buckman Direct Diversion Project

CH2M Hill/Western Summit Constructors began construction on the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) project in September 2008. The BDD project will divert water from the Rio Grande and pipe the water to a new City/County Water Treatment Plant west of Caja del Rio Road and north of the Municipal Recreation Center (MRC). From there, treated water will be delivered to City/County customers through new pipelines along Caja Del Rio Road, NM 599, and South Meadows Road.

In general, construction crews will work from **7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday**, although longer work hours or weekend work 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 project in the next few months.***

Pipeline Revegetation Activities:

- As sections of the pipeline construction are completed, the disturbed areas are graded to restore land contours, the ground is tilled to prepare the soil and is seeded with a seed mixture approved by the Forest Service and BLM.
- The seeded areas will be monitored for seed and weed growth. An Integrated Weed Management Plan has been implemented by the Design-Build (DB) Contractor to manage infestations of noxious weed species. Some weed growth is expected during the first few growing seasons until the native grasses and plants are established. Noxious weeds will eventually be replaced by mature, native plantings. If necessary, revegetated areas will be re-seeded and/or weeds will be removed by hand pulling, mowing, tilling/disking, cutting, and/or spot-applications of herbicide.

Why is the BDD project needed now?

The BDD project is needed 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 recharge (refill) so that it can be used as a drought reserve.

When will construction be done?

Construction of the BDD project 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 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 BDD project website (www.bddproject.org) for more information. If you have questions or would like to discuss concerns regarding the project, please contact:

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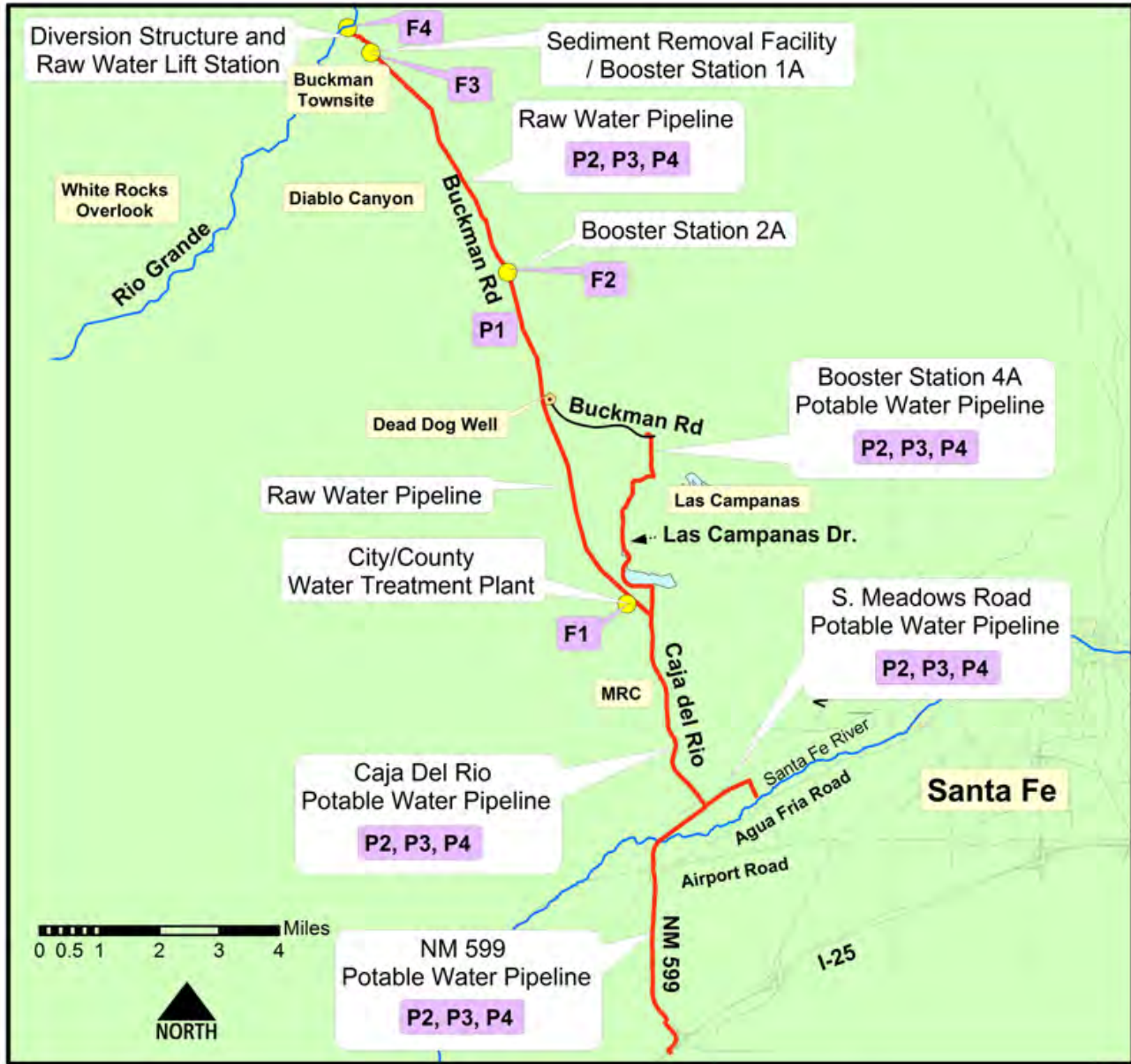
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For a map of the project and planned construction phases, please see the back of this flier.

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Planned Construction Phases (weather permitting) for the BDD project – September through December 2009*:

- P1** – PNM crews will continue installing new power feeders along the entire Buckman Road Corridor (expected through October 2009).
- P2** – Crews will continue restoring and revegetating areas where pipelines have been completed (See front page.)
- P3** – Crews will continue installing pipeline-related accessories along the new pipelines.
- P4** – Crews will continue testing pipelines for leaks. Water may be discharged to arroyos if necessary.
- F1** – Crews will continue working on the Water Treatment Plant (expected through February 2011).
- F2** – Crews will continue working on Booster Station 2A. Expect local area congestion for deliveries, off-loading, and general material handling in this area.
- F3** – Crews will continue working on the Sediment Removal Facility / Booster Station 1A. Expect local area congestion for deliveries, off-loading, and general material handling in this area.
- F4** – Crews will continue working on the Diversion Structure and Raw Water Lift Station. Construction activities impede normal river access in the area near the construction site, which is fenced and off-limits to the public. Vehicle traffic is temporarily re-routed, and access to the river is available both upstream and downstream of the construction site. Expect local area congestion for deliveries, off-loading, and general material handling in this area.

* Construction dates are approximate and may vary due to unexpected circumstances or weather conditions.