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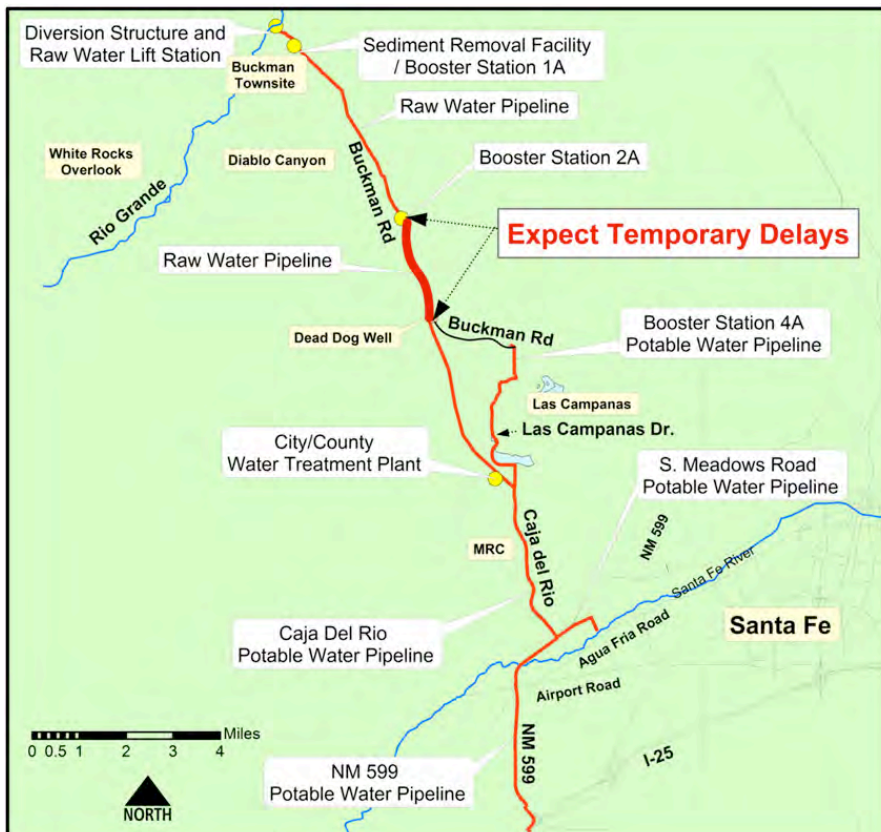
NEWS RELEASE

BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT **TEMPORARY DELAYS PLANNED ON BUCKMAN ROAD FROM JUNE 16-26, 2009**

June 16-26, 2009 – Crews will begin installing pipeline along Buckman Road from Booster Station 2A to Dead Dog Well (see map below). Traffic on (Old) Buckman Road (CR-77) between Dead Dog Well (near the old green windmill) and Booster Station 2A will be periodically restricted by blocking off one lane of the road. Flaggers will redirect traffic through the area in one direction at a time. **Motorists should expect brief temporary delays due to the redirection of traffic.**

“Temporary delays will occur periodically from **June 16 to June 26** during the regular construction hours of **7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday**. These delays are needed to maintain public safety while crews are laying pipe within the roadway in locations that could affect vehicle traffic.” said Ray Selvy, general manager for the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) Project contractor. **The area of brief temporary delays is shown in the bolded area on the map below.**

Selvy encouraged motorists to give themselves additional 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 but also need to maintain safety for motorists as well as for members of the construction crew. Signs will be posted where there are delays and, as we indicated earlier, we will 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 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.