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**THE BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2**

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD CONCERNING
THE MISSION, GOALS AND VALUES OF THE BOARD REGARDING
RIO GRANDE WATER QUALITY**

WHEREAS, the Buckman Direct Diversion Board (“BDDDB”) was formed in 2005 pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement executed by the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) delegated to the BDDDB all powers necessary to plan for, finance, design and construct the Buckman Direct Diversion Project (“Project”) and to operate and manage the Project in all aspects;

WHEREAS, the JPA states that “the Board may adopt By-Laws, Rules and Regulations as it deems necessary to conduct their affairs consistent with this Agreement.” JPA, Article 5;

WHEREAS, the BDDDB's core purpose is to provide the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County a safe and reliable source of drinking water that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements by diverting and treating surface water from the Rio Grande;

WHEREAS, the BDD Project, a critical component of regional Santa Fe conjunctive water resource management, diversifies the regional water supply under both normal and drought conditions, decreases reliance on non-sustainable groundwater pumping, and thereby allows for the provision of a regional drought reserve;

WHEREAS, the quality of water that is diverted is of paramount importance and priority to the BDDDB;

WHEREAS, the BDDDB seeks to monitor, protect, and positively affect the water quality of the Rio Grande and its tributaries to ensure that the BDD Project continues to produce safe drinking water for the Santa Fe service area; and

WHEREAS, the BDDDB's proactive water quality initiatives also provide for wise management of the costs and the technical challenges of treating Rio Grande water at the BDD Water Treatment Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD that the BDDDB hereby adopts the following goals and values with respect to its water quality objectives:

- 1) Focus resources on specific Rio Grande segments and their tributaries that have the greatest potential to affect the water quality at the BDD Project intake.
- 2) Foster the BDDDB’s engagement with key partners, stakeholders and regulators including the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Los Alamos County, and the New Mexico Environment Department.
- 3) Monitor and ensure adequate surveillance of the Rio Grande and its tributaries to promptly identify and address possible sources of pollution, contamination, and treatment challenges.

1 4) Maintain the capacity to substantively address unforeseen water quality issues as
2 they might arise, including those related to pollution, contamination, fire, climate change, and
3 drought.

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5 5) Manage public funds responsibly, fairly, and with integrity to continuously
6 improve and enhance the value of our service to the public.

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8 6) Support federal, state, regional, and local efforts to manage the water quality of the
9 Rio Grande.

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11 7) Foster public confidence through clarity, honesty, and transparency, particularly
12 with respect to communication of Rio Grande water quality sampling and monitoring; and

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14 8) Sustain the highest possible water quality of the Rio Grande above and at the BDD
15 intake, by appropriately monitoring BDD source waters that may be affected by upstream
16 discharges, climate change, fire and drought.

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18 9) Implement its water quality work by:

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20 i. In the first calendar quarter of each year, review the prior year's water quality
21 issues and BDDB actions.

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23 ii. In the first calendar quarter of each year, receive a staff presentation of anticipated
24 water quality issues for the current calendar year so the BDDB may prioritize its
25 engagement with those issues.

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27 iii. Periodically receive updates at appropriate milestones or when new issues arise,
28 such as new permit applications, new litigation, policy initiatives of other
29 stakeholders, or requests from the public.

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32 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 1 day of December, 2022.

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36 Carol Romero-Wirth
37 Chairperson

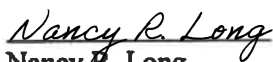
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42 Kristine Bustos-Mihelcic
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1-31-2023

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52 BDDB Counsel

01/31/2023
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