



AGENDA

BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD
SEPTEMBER 02, 2021 AT 4:00 PM
ATTEND VIRTUALLY



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of minutes from the August 5, 2021 Buckman Direct Diversion Board Meeting
7. **PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - a. Monthly update on the BDD Operations. (Randy Sugrue, BDD Operations Superintendent, rcsugrue@santafenm.gov, 955-4501)
 - b. Report from the Facilities Manager. (Verbal)(Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager, rrcarpenter@santafenm.gov, 955-4507)
 - c. Presentation of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project Auditor Report on completed "Financial Statements and Supplemental Information" for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (Andres Gamez, Engagement Director, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Accounting Supervisor)



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8. ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT

- a. Request for Approval of letter from BDD Board Concerning Los Alamos National Laboratory Consent Order Public Participation (Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager, rrcarpenter@santafenm.gov, 955-4507; Kyle Harwood, BDD legal counsel, kyle@egolflaw.com, James Bearzi, Glorieta Geoscience Inc. james@glorietageo.com, 983-1625)
- b. Approval of direction to staff to submit comments to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding "Request for Recommendations: Waters of the United States" (Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager, rrcarpenter@santafenm.gov, 955-4507 and Kyle Harwood, Counsel, kyle@egolflaw.com, 986-9641).

9. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION

10. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

11. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 4:00 PM

12. ADJOURN

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MINUTES OF THE
THE CITY OF SANTA FE & SANTA FE COUNTY
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting of the Santa Fe County & City Buckman Direct Diversion Board meeting was called to order by Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Public Health Emergency Order issued by the State of New Mexico, and pursuant to the New Mexico Attorney General's Open Government Division Advisory during COVID-19, public entities are authorized to conduct virtual meetings. All votes were conducted by roll call.

[For clarity purposes, repetitive identification and confirmations of those on the line and their audibility have been eliminated and/or condensed in this transcript.]

2. ROLL CALL: Roll was called and the following members were present:

BDD Board Members Present:

Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair
Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler
J.C. Helms, Citizen Member
Tom Egelhoff, Las Campanas [non-voting]

Member(s) Excused:

None

BDD Board Alternate Members Present:

None were present

Others Present:

Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager
Nancy Long, BDD Legal Counsel
Kyle Harwood, BDD Legal Counsel
Bernardine Padilla, BDD Public Relations Coordinator
Randy Sugrue, BDD Operations Superintendent
Jamie-Rae Diaz, City Administrative Assistant
Jason Valencia, BDD Maintenance Supervisor
Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Financial Manager
Monique Maes, BDD Contract Administrator
Jesse Roach, City Water Division Director

Others Present (cont.):

Sara Smith, County Constituent Liaison
Marcos Martinez, City Assistant Attorney
James Bearzi, Glorieta Geoscience
Jay Lazarus, Glorieta Geoscience
John Evans, Department of Energy

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there any changes to the agenda from staff?
RICK CARPENTER (BDD Facilities Manager): , there are not.

Upon motion by Councilor Vigil Coppler and second by Mr. Helms, the agenda was unanimously [5-0] roll call vote.

4. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Hansen asked for public comments and Jamie-Rae Diaz confirmed no one got in touch with her to speak.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Are there any items requested to be pulled off? If not, what is the pleasure of the Board?

COUNCILOR VIGIL COPPLER: Move to approve.

MR. HELMS: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I have a motion from Councilor Vigil Coppler and a second from JC Helms.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. **Request for Approval for Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Southwest, Inc. in the amount of \$253,833.30 plus NM GRT to install new pump**
- b. **Request for approval to re-authorize forward unexpended funds approved by the BDDB from the BDD Major Repair and Replacement Fund from FY2021 to FY2022**
- c. **Request for approval to carry forward \$310,000 of unexpended funds from the FY2021 Operating Budget to the FY2022 Operating Budget to be utilized as authorized by the BDD**
- d. **Request for approval of purchase with Malloy to purchase a replacement truck out of the Major Repair and Replacement Fund in the amount of \$75,402.00**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **July 1, 2021 Buckman Direct Diversion Board Meeting**

There were no changes offered and Mr. Helms moved to approve. Councilor Vigil Coppler and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

7. PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Monthly Update on BDD Operations

CHAIR HANSEN: Randy Sugrue.

RANDY SUGRUE (Operations Superintendent): Thank you, and members of the Board. My operations report for operations in the month of July 2021: BDD diverted approximately 8.21 million gallons per day. Drinking water deliveries at our Booster Stations 4A/5A averaged 7.63 million gallons per day. Our raw water delivery to Las Campanas through our booster 2A was about .46 million gallons per day. And our onsite treated and non-treated water storage was about .12 million gallons per day. BDD was providing approximately 65 percent of water supply to the regional City - County distribution system. Item 3, our year-to-date diversion projections from a couple of weeks ago, was over 250 million gallons per day; however, due to the rainfall which we can all appreciate, storm events added quite a bit of turbidity to the Rio Grande for the past couple of weeks, so we were actually almost exactly on the 10 year average for July. We diverted 177 million gallons for the month of July due to those storm events in the river. Rainfall, of course, results in a little bit lower demand in the system so our production was somewhat lower as well.

On page 2, item 4, regional demand summary, the demand for the month of July was approximately 11.9 million gallons per day. The Rio Grande flows measured at Otowi was about 450 cubic feet per second on average. I believe this morning it was nearly twice that. So the stormwater flows have made for quite a variable flow above our diversion. The Canyon water treatment reservoir storage situation had an update since this report was published. This morning, McClure Reservoir was about 31.1 percent full. Nichols Reservoir, 58.2 percent full for a combined storage capacity of about 35.72 percent of total capacity. And due to storm activity, the Santa Fe River inflow above McClure Reservoir was 7.2 million gallons.

Back to my report, our graph is essentially correct. For early July that was its most recent update. Heron Reservoir – this is our City – SJC water, San Juan-Chama water was a little bit less than 8,000 acre-feet. Abiquiu – another approximately 6,000 acre-feet – I’m sorry, about 5,000 acre-feet for a total at the time of about 12,885 acre-feet in storage. Our project San Juan-Chama allotment for the year I believe came in over just 60 percent but we do maintain from previous years a substantial storage of more SJC water as needed. Our ENSO summary mid-July 2021, is a projection of neutral conditions for the remainder of the year. And then we have our monthly totals the final on page 3 for the month of July. I stand for any questions or comments.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there any questions or comments from the Board? I want to thank you for putting the reservoir storage on our water overview, thank you very much. Tom.

TOM EGELHOFF: Randy, I was wondering. I know we all enjoy the monsoon storms and the added flow in the river but do you see – from my perspective, I know we can’t divert when the turbidity is high, so the extra flows seems to go by

without being able to divert. What's the advantage to the diverters if the added flows can't be diverted? Is it more that we save the San Juan-Chama water for later in the season? I was just curious about that. Whether maybe Albuquerque hasn't diverted and they're able to postpone diversions. It just seems like the added flow in the river is unavailable.

MR. SUGRUE: It is kind of bonus water and good for the health of system, the reservoirs and the river. Rick, do you have from your experience a better overview of how that stormwater contributes to the system?

MR. CARPENTER: Sure, I was going to jump in on that. Tom, you've asked a pretty complicated question. When flows go up of course turbidity goes up so it's good and bad. As far as how the BDD calls for water and how much it calls for water and whether or not we're able to divert it, that is the subject of an ongoing, as recently as this week, discussions on what the policy should be, what the accounting should be and whether we can recover some of that water that we call for and that flows on by because we can't divert because of turbidity. So it's a pretty complicated issue. It's not just a BDD issue. There are other agencies that are involved and we are managing it pretty well. We've got a system in place that we're thinking about – is there a better way to do things? Especially, if we get into critical low flows later in the year. We've got to be very precise and we've got to keep very accurate records.

We are pretty efficient. The system has been handled down through the years and we've worked with BOR and the State on how to manage that and how account for it. So I think that answers your question. If I didn't quite get to it, please let me know.

MR. EGELHOFF: No, that's fine. It's kind of mixed feelings for me because I know it's adding water to the system but really not to what – it doesn't seem to have much advantage to the BDD when a) you can't take the water you called for and, b) you can't take advantage of the extra flows in the river.

MR. SUGRUE: Yes, it's a mixed blessing. It doesn't increase storage in the reservoirs, again and in times of – as drought goes on that extra water in the reservoirs does make our SJC water somewhat more available because the stormwater flows can act as carrier water to bring water to us but the turbidity and debris in the river are problematic.

MR. EGELHOFF: Thanks.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Tom and thank you Randy. Do you have anything else?

MR. SUGRUE: No, thank you so much for your time.

7. b. Report from the Facilities Manager

MR. CARPENTER: Thank you, . Good afternoon, members of the Board. Tom, your last question was part of my update. So we are actively meeting and strategizing on how to manage the calls for water that we make during these high turbidity events but also if that is exacerbated by low flows when we don't have thunderstorms and how deal with that physically at the diversion but also how we account for and what our policy should be. So we're working on getting that much more precise because it's something that is probably going to be paid a lot of attention to this year with all the activity around the river.

Staff is working on that but we still have a very good system in place right now for diverting water that we need to divert and accounting for it. So that's one update.

Another update is some good news. We are an RFP that is finally ready for prime time on access control systems for the BDD. That may sound a little bit simplistic at first but it's very complicated. It's very technical and it's pretty costly. I can't talk about what we think what the cost is going to end up being because we don't have the bids yet but the RFP is ready to go. We're routing it to purchasing and hopefully we're going to hit the street with that very soon. This project because of its cost in some cases and other reasons it has just been hard to get a scope of work developed. It has been delayed for several years and we're just not going to do that anymore. So I'll update the Board on the progress that we have with this and it ranges all the way from the river and how to get into and out of and monitor access as data logging for all of our facilities, all of our systems including security gates for example and our internal lines and the software that goes on with that is very – first of all, it is very proprietary, but it's detailed and very technical. So this will be a big deal and I'll let the Board know as we make progress on this because it's a big project.

Lastly, there was a job fair this past Saturday that was held with a lot of City divisions and sections, especially the water division and wastewater even attended on Saturday and BDD was able to staff that. We had a lot of interest in several of our current openings and openings that will be advertised in the future and have really good prospects that came out of that job fair. So that's one example of the proactive nature that we have these days on filling our vacancies. Bernardine Padilla was actually heading that up and so kudos for her for doing that and we have a lot of follow-up to do but it yielded a lot of results and I wanted to report that to the Board as well.

I think that's my report, Madam Chair, and I would be happy to answer questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. The complicated project on access controls and whatnot, can you remind me if we have that in budget and how we've budgeted for that or what it would fall under?

MR. CARPENTER: Yes, Commissioner and Madam Chair, it is budgeted. My report would have been entirely different if it hadn't have been. It's in the budget. It is a line item in the budget and unless the bids come in way higher than we're expecting, and I don't think that they will, then the financial end of that is not going to be an issue.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Where is it?

MR. CARPENTER: I'm not sure I understand your question, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: When I go look at the budget what line item should I look under to find it? What's it titled?

MR. CARPENTER: Oh, I don't have the budget in front of me but I would be happy to research that this evening or tomorrow morning and mail that to you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Oh sure. I just figured I'd go look for it and struggle and I thought I could ask and thought maybe you'd have it off the top of your head.

MR. CARPENTER: I'll save you some work, I'll send it to you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Cool, thanks.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Any other questions from the Board?

ANTOINETTE ARMIJO-ROUGEMONT (Financial Manager): I would just like to add, Madam Chair, that that is under service contracts. It was budgeted under service contracts.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks, Antoinette.

MS. ARMIJO-ROUGEMONT: Sure.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Anybody else have any other questions for Rick?

7. c. Report on August 3, 2021 Fiscal Services Audit Committee (FSAC)

MS. ARMIJO-ROUGEMONT: Yes, Madam Chair, we held a Fiscal Services Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd at 4 o'clock. In attendance was myself, Chair Hansen, Councilor Romero-Wirth, Tom Egelhoff from Las Campanas, Rick Carpenter, BDD's Facilities Manager, Jess Roach, Water Division Director. We reviewed the following items: replacement of the pump with Southwest, re-authorize unexpended funds from the BDD Major Repair and Replacement Fund, request approval to carry forward \$310,000 of the unexpended funds from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 22 and request the approval to replace the maintenance truck. So we covered all four items and answered questions. And that's the end of my report. If anybody has any questions, I'll stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Any questions from the Board? Seeing none, thank you, Antoinette, and thank you for a good meeting on the Fiscal Services Audit committee.

7. d. Update on Wild Earth Guardians Notice of Intent to Sue (US Fish & Wildlife, US Bureau of Reclamation, State of NM, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District) for violations of the Endangered Species Act

KYLE HARWOOD (BDD Counsel): Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll jump in unless you had anything to start with Rick?

MR. CARPENTER: I don't, but I'll fill in as needed.

MR. HARWOOD: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. So as the Board knows the Wild Earth Guardians filed a Notice of Intent to Sue at the beginning of June. The way that a lawsuit may be brought under this particular federal statute is that the plaintiff needs to go ahead and give notice to the agencies and then there's a 60 day window before they're permitted to file a lawsuit under the statute. That was filed in early June, as I mentioned, and it received some media coverage. The calculated end date of that 60 day notice of intent period actually runs on Monday. If the Wild Earth Guardians is going to proceed with the lawsuit we will see it after Monday.

It is important to note that the Board is not listed as a party with this contemplated lawsuit would be brought against. It is brought against the enumerated parties that are in caption. I'll go ahead and just show a screen real quick. Give me one second to make sure I've got the right document up. Can you all see that? Hopefully. This is the June 9th letter. It did go to the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation with Interior, the Secretary herself, Fish and Wildlife Service, State Engineer, Interstate Stream Commission, the Rio Grande Conservancy District and another officer at the Fish and Wildlife Service.

So scrolling down here to a highlighted paragraph that I want to bring to the Board's attention. This is probably the part of the lawsuit that relates most directly to BDD project operations. This is where Wild Earth Guardians expresses concern about complaints of the Endangered Species Act regarding the state's administration, distribution and regulation of water in the Middle Rio Grande. This is obviously also picking up MRGCD's activities which as we all know is below Cochiti. So there's a couple of concepts in this middle sentence in the highlight there. But that is the reason why we're monitoring the case. As many of you might know, there's a long history of minnow litigation on the Rio Grande regarding the minnow. Let me just bring your attention also these other two highlighted sentences in the NOI. An assertion here that the state has and continues to authorize diversions and depletions within the Middle Rio Grande, that the state thereafter fails to properly regulate. This is Wild Earth Guardian's assertion and will be hotly and vigorously contested by many of the parties that are listed in this NOI.

And then here is just sort of a summary of what Wild Earth Guardians is requesting, which is a reinitiation. Reinitiation is a term of art under ESA, the Endangered Species Act, that would, if reinitiation was started, that would effectively set aside the current biological opinion that regulates the management and recovery of the minnow and it would start a new process.

Bottom line for those of you who may not be remembering, the current biological opinion that we operate under now took many years to develop and is commonly considered by many of the parties involved with minnow activities to be successful. Obviously, others may have their own opinion, as Wild Earth Guardians does, and also just to mention by way of context that this Board agreed to join in the executive committee of the collaborative program agreed to welcome this Board as an executive member some two years ago. And so Rick Carpenter and I continue to be involved in that Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program. The meetings have become much less frequent of recent years but I think it's very important that the BDD Board is present at those continued discussions about the minnow because it does have the potential to affect how water is managed on the Rio Grande.

So our recommendation, again, is just to continue to monitor this. We did mention this to the Board back in June briefly and wanted to make sure we had it as an agenda item. It's in the open session for, given that the BDD Board is not a named party in this matter and with that I'd be happy to stand for any questions. I'm obviously not getting into any details in my summary report. This is mostly just to let you all know that this is going on.

As one final comment before I quit talking, the State of New Mexico does intend to provide a written response to this Notice of Intent to Sue. I believe they are planning on getting it out the door next week and that should be a very interesting part of the story and I'd be happy to forward it on to Board members and present on it at a future Board meeting if you'd like.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Kyle. Are there any questions from the Board?

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, Councilor Romero-Wirth.

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Kyle, can you send us that letter? Is it real, real long?

MR. HARWOOD: The packet is pretty significant. The –

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Just the letter.

MR. HARWOOD: Sure. It's a 57-page cover letter and the Notice of Intent to Sue with exhibits and I'd be happy to forward it on to the Board.

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Okay. Maybe it's not necessary. I just thought if the cover letter wasn't too long it might be interesting.

MR. HARWOOD: It's absolutely fascinating reading, all 57 pages of it, Councilor. Since we're not paying to reproduce it or paying stamps I will, if it's okay to send you the PDF and you can read the parts of interest. If that's okay.

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. Any other questions? Anybody else want a copy of the letter? Send it to me also, Kyle.

MR. HARWOOD: If it's okay, Madam Chair. I will go ahead and just send it to the Board so that folks have it if they are interested.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. That sounds great.

7. e. Update on NM Environment Department v. US Department of Energy, Case 1:21-cv-00278-KG-JFR

MR. HARWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. This also is a matter that we brought to the Board's attention back at the March BDD Board meeting when NMED initially filed its complaint regarding the consent order with Los Alamos, and we offered, and the Board indicated it would like to receive updates at that presentation in March. Since March, the defendant has moved the case from state court to federal court, so that was accomplished in May, I believe, of this year, so a month or two after we initially reported about the filing of the case. And at this point in the Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico there is an order setting a settlement conference mid-November, about a week before Thanksgiving, and so we are monitoring this case as a non-party and are hoping that those settlement discussions yield – are productive for both parties, both the State of New Mexico and the lab.

So again, this is an update that we offer that you asked us to bring you later in the year as things unfolded, and so that's really all the update I have. As a non-party we are monitoring it and obviously very interested in the outcome whether or not involved in the proceeding. So I guess I'll end there and ask if there are any questions from the Board.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So Kyle, I have a question. One of the things that concerns me is that I know that James Bearzi and I have been sitting on this Technical Working Group for quite some time. Of course, this has not been mentioned but what also has never been mentioned at the Technical Working Group is that there are drums up on the hill that can explode as reported in the paper from the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board. And so that is concerning to me.

MR. HARWOOD: I understand, Madam Chair. Mr. Bearzi, I believe you're logged in. Did you want to add anything to the discussion?

JAMES BEARZI (Glorieta Geoscience): No. Maybe just a tiny bit of touching the top of the weeds. The lawsuit is really about under the 2016 Consent Order, if there's a dispute between the Environment Department and the Department of Energy it goes to arbitration and then if they can't agree then there's really no remedy except a lawsuit. And the Environment Department did not believe that the Department of Energy

had established yearly targets and milestones under the consent order, correctly and in good faith and so on and so forth. So that's – the lawsuit is really about the consent order.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Right. But James, have you ever heard in any of these meetings at the Technical Working Group or anywhere about these drums that could explode at any moment, so to speak. At least that's how it was reported in the paper that if they're moved they could explode?

MR. BEARZI: No, Madam Chair. I have not.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I just wanted to make sure I didn't miss something. Thank you.

MR. HARWOOD: Madam Chair, we can certainly make an inquiry along a number of avenues if you would like.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's just concerning that that information is not shared, about having waste on the hill that cannot be moved and that it's so explosive. It seems to me another reason why there needs to be a site-wide environmental impact statement.

MR. HARWOOD: Right. And of course, that's another initiative that the Board has joined others in in requesting a site-wide environmental impact statement for the LANL campus, which is adjacent to but not directly related to this lawsuit. It might be easiest, Madam Chair – Rick and I and James of course all have contact with the LANL staff on a number of topics and we plan on bringing you an update on our MOU negotiations here in the near future, without me digging through the media if you or Ms. Smith have a copy of that article it might be fairly easy to get an update back to you and the Board on that particular reference. Unless you'd like to handle it some other way. We're available. We've got obviously a strong communication with the lab on a number of issues.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Well, we'll find that article.

MR. HARWOOD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Is there any other questions or comments from the Board on these topics for Kyle? Okay, seeing none, I'm going to move on to Matters from the Board.

9. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Are there any Matters from the Board? I have one matter that I want to read into the record. I want to say for the record and our minutes that the only matter discussed during the executive session at our last Board meeting on July 1, 2021 was the matter as stated in the motion to go into executive session and no action was taken.

Is there any other comments from the Board?

10. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURN

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. In accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H)(7), discussion pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in**

which the BDD Board is or may become a participant, specifically in the matter of proposed amendments to Standards for Interstate and Interstream Waters, 20.6.4 NMAC, Water Quality Control Commission No. 20-51 (R); and formal protest of Application RG-00485-S-6 and -S-7; RG-00486, RG-00486-S, RG-00486-S-2, S-3, and S-4; RG-00487, RG-00487-S, S-2, S-3 and S-4; RG-00488, SP-01503 and SP-01802, 01802, amended, 0108-B and -C for permit to divert 679 acre-feet per year for uses at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Municipal and Industrial Uses, Office of State Engineer Hearing Unit.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, I believe we have another executive session, so I want to go to Nancy Long.

MS. LONG: Yes, . If you could please ask for a motion to adjourn the open meeting and go into executive session in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) for discussion pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the BDD Board is or may become a participant, specifically in the matter of proposed amendments to standards for interstate and interstream waters before the Water Quality Control Commission, and for the matter regarding the permit to divert 679 acre-feet per year for uses at Los Alamos National Laboratory, which is pending before the Office of State Engineer as herein described in the caption for executive session

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: So moved.

MR. HELMS: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I have a motion from Councilor Romero-Wirth and a second from J.C. Helms.

The motion to adjourn and go into executive session passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Chair Hansen	Aye
Councilor Romero-Wirth	Aye
Mr. J.C. Helms	Aye
Councilor Vigil Coppler	Aye

[The Board adjourned and met in executive session at 4:40 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hansen declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Anna Hansen, Board Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

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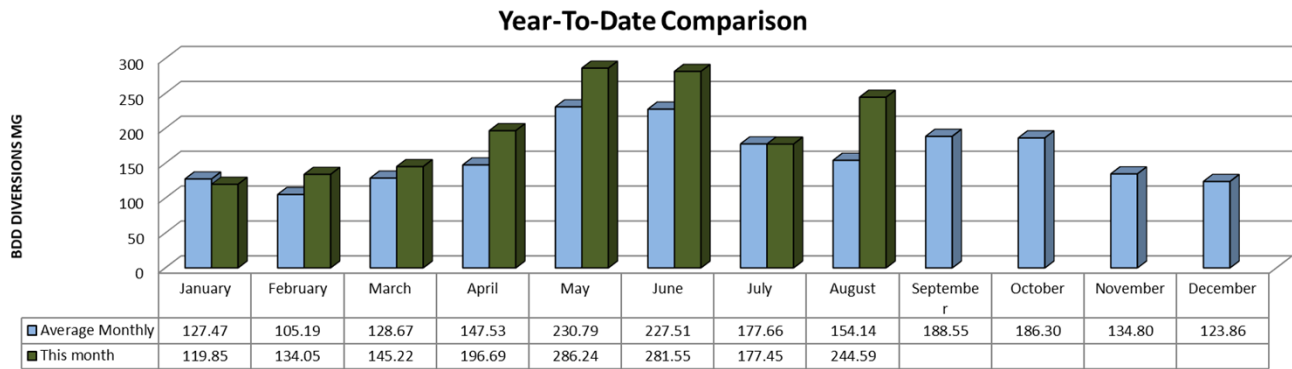
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Date: September 2, 2021
To: Buckman Direct Diversion Board
From: Randy Sugrue, BDD Operations Superintendent
Subject: Update on BDD Operations for the Month of August 2021

ITEM:

1. This memorandum is to update the Buckman Direct Diversion Board (BDDDB) on BDD operations during the month of August 2021. The BDD diversions and deliveries have averaged, in Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) as follows:
 - a. Raw water diversions: 7.89 MGD.
 - b. Drinking water deliveries through Booster Station 4A/5A: 7.37 MGD.
 - c. Raw water delivery to Las Campanas at BS2A: 0.39 MGD.
 - d. Onsite treated and non-treated water storage: 0.13 MGD Average.
2. The BDD is providing approximately 70% percent of the water supply to the City and County for the month.
3. The BDD year-to-date diversions are depicted below:



4. Regional Demand/Drought Summary and Storage-see page 2.



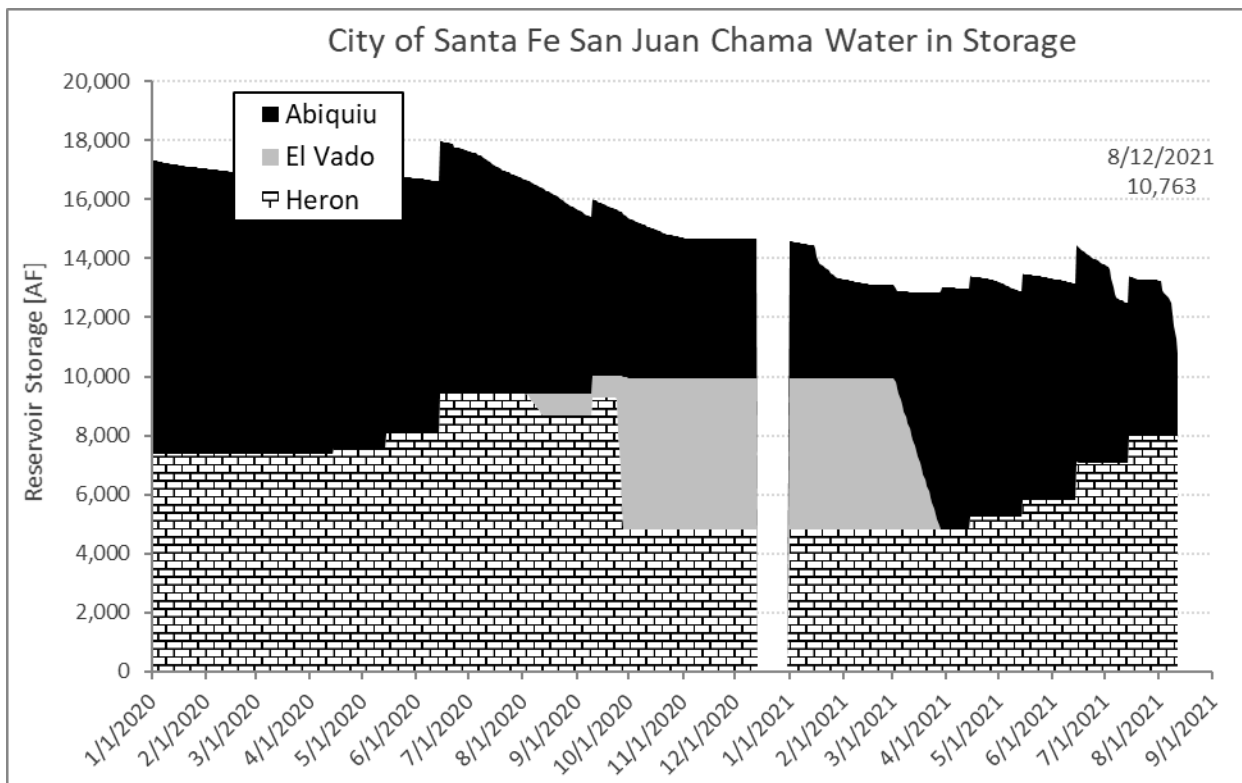
Regional Water Overview

Daily metered regional water demand for the month of August 2021 is approximately 11.3 MGD.

Rio Grande flows for August 2021 averaged approximately 500 CFS (cubic feet per second.)

CRWTP reservoir storage: Nichols: 61.2%/McClure: 34.3% (38.8% combined) Watershed Inflow: 4.4 MGD

City/County/LC Storage- as updated by partners.



ENSO Summary

August 16, 2021

ENSO-neutral conditions are present.*

Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-below average across most of the Pacific Ocean.

ENSO-neutral is favored for the remainder of summer (~60% chance in the July-September season), with La Niña possibly emerging during the August-October season and lasting through the 2021-22 winter (~70% chance during November-January).



Buckman Direct Diversion Monthly SJC and Native Diversions

Aug-21 In Acre-Foot							
Month	Total SJC + Native Rights	SP-4842 RG Native COUNTY	SD-03418 RG Native LAS CAMPANAS	SJC Call Total	SP-2847-E SJC Call CITY	SP-2847-N-A SJC Call LAS CAMPANAS	All Partners Conveyance Losses
JAN	371.899	35.469	0.000	336.429	336.429	0.000	3.456
FEB	414.249	197.198	0.000	217.051	217.051	0.000	2.229
MAR	446.227	446.227	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
APR	605.636	487.703	0.000	117.933	117.933	0.000	1.195
MAY	883.588	498.922	0.000	384.666	384.666	0.000	2.477
JUN	870.963	294.271	0.000	576.692	576.692	0.000	3.555
JUL	551.063	-28.611	0.000	579.674	579.674	0.000	2.767
AUG	761.820	0.000	0.000	761.820	761.820	0.000	3.643
SEP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OCT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NOV	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DEC	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOTAL	4,905.445	1,931.179	0.000	2,974.267	2,974.267	0.000	19.321

In Million Gallons

Month	Native COUNTY	Native Las Campanas	SJC TOTAL	SJC CITY	SJC Las Campanas	All Partners Diversions
JAN	11.554	0.000	108.306	108.306	0.000	119.860
FEB	64.234	0.000	69.875	69.875	0.000	134.109
MAR	145.351	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	145.351
APR	158.861	0.000	37.971	37.971	0.000	196.832
MAY	162.515	0.000	123.871	123.871	0.000	286.387
JUN	95.854	0.000	185.788	185.788	0.000	281.642
JUL	-9.320	0.000	186.765	186.765	0.000	177.445
AUG	0.000	0.000	248.150	248.150	0.000	248.150
SEP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
OCT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NOV	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DEC	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TOTAL	629.048	0.000	960.726	960.726	0.000	1,589.775



Buckman Direct Diversion Monthly SJC and Native Diversions

Dec-20							
In Acre-Feet							
Month	Total SJC + Native Rights	SP-4842 RG Native COUNTY	SD-03418 RG Native LAS CAMPANAS	SJC Call Total	SP-2847-E SJC Call CITY	SP-2847-N-A SJC Call LAS CAMPANAS	All Partners Conveyance Losses
JAN	438.797	134.433	0.000	304.364	298.249	6.115	2.759
FEB	396.508	218.194	0.000	178.314	178.314	0.000	1.679
MAR	357.764	185.598	0.000	172.165	172.165	0.000	1.621
APR	372.408	187.945	0.000	184.463	122.188	62.275	1.737
MAY	641.374	529.897	0.000	111.477	111.477	0.000	0.889
JUN	637.220	509.818	0.000	127.402	1.618	125.784	1.017
JUL	784.520	0.000	0.000	784.520	784.520	0.000	3.663
AUG	886.856	12.503	0.000	874.354	839.919	34.435	4.214
SEP	762.357	0.000	0.000	762.357	682.674	79.683	3.556
OCT	593.109	0.000	0.000	593.109	539.638	53.472	5.845
NOV	390.743	353.481	0.000	37.261	37.261	0.000	0.345
DEC	392.394	355.317	0.000	37.077	37.077	0.000	0.377
TOTAL	6,654.050	2,487.186	0.000	4,166.864	3,805.100	361.764	27.701

In Million Gallons

Month	Native COUNTY	Native Las Campanas	SJC TOTAL	SJC CITY	SJC Las Campanas	All Partners Diversions
JAN	43.789	0.000	98.103	96.304	1.975	141.892
FEB	71.073	0.000	57.454	57.454	0.000	128.527
MAR	60.456	0.000	55.473	55.473	0.000	115.928
APR	61.220	0.000	59.435	39.440	20.101	120.655
MAY	172.605	0.000	35.812	35.812	0.000	208.417
JUN	166.065	0.000	40.927	0.520	40.407	206.992
JUL	0.000	0.000	252.754	252.754	0.000	252.754
AUG	4.073	0.000	281.681	271.072	11.113	285.754
SEP	0.000	0.000	245.686	219.960	25.726	245.686
OCT	0.000	0.000	191.019	174.109	17.252	191.019
NOV	115.140	0.000	12.008	12.008	0.000	127.148
DEC	115.738	0.000	11.937	11.937	0.000	127.676
TOTAL	810.158	0.000	1,342.289	1,226.843	116.574	2,152.447



Dec-19		In Acre-Feet					
Month	Total SJC + Native Rights	SP-4842 RG Native COUNTY	SD-03418 RG Native LAS CAMPANAS	SJC Call Total	SP-2847-E SJC Call CITY	SP-2847-N-A SJC Call LAS CAMPANAS	All Partners Conveyance Losses
JAN	327.677	56.671	0.000	271.007	271.007	0.000	2.483
FEB	278.357	71.266	0.000	207.090	207.090	0.000	1.908
MAR	134.335	88.610	0.000	45.725	45.725	0.000	3.498
APR	126.924	114.750	0.000	12.175	12.175	0.000	0.110
MAY	550.285	550.285	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
JUN	546.222	546.222	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
JUL	649.014	23.285	0.000	625.729	519.383	106.345	2.907
AUG	422.340	17.075	0.000	405.265	318.606	86.659	1.912
SEP	518.606	169.956	0.000	348.650	261.901	86.749	1.564
OCT	531.254	15.373	0.000	515.881	477.452	38.429	4.676
NOV	325.023	42.180	0.000	282.843	280.865	1.978	2.936
DEC	334.880	48.808	0.000	286.071	286.071	0.000	2.893
TOTAL	4,744.916	1,744.482	0.000	3,000.434	2,680.275	320.160	24.886

In Million Gallons

Month	Native COUNTY	Native Las Campanas	SJC TOTAL	SJC CITY	SJC Las Campanas	All Partners Diversions
JAN	18.460	0.000	87.342	87.342	0.000	105.802
FEB	23.214	0.000	66.739	66.739	0.000	89.953
MAR	28.863	0.000	13.735	13.735	0.000	42.598
APR	37.378	0.000	3.924	3.924	0.000	41.302
MAY	179.246	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	179.246
JUN	177.923	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	177.923
JUL	7.585	0.000	201.598	167.635	34.262	209.183
AUG	5.562	0.000	130.586	102.846	27.974	136.148
SEP	55.360	0.000	112.401	84.384	28.017	167.762
OCT	5.008	0.000	166.279	154.168	12.409	171.287
NOV	13.739	0.000	91.045	90.407	0.638	104.785
DEC	15.899	0.000	92.109	92.109	0.000	108.008
TOTAL	568.235	0.000	965.760	863.292	103.299	1,533.995



Buckman Direct Diversion Monthly SJC and Native Diversions

Dec-18							
In Acre-Feet							
Month	Total SJC + Native Rights	SP-4842 RG Native COUNTY	SD-03418 RG Native LAS CAMPANAS	SJC Call Total	SP-2847-E SJC Call CITY	SP-2847-N-A SJC Call LAS CAMPANAS	All Partners Conveyance Losses
JAN	383.578	77.954	0.000	305.624	305.624	0.000	2.708
FEB	343.467	75.227	0.000	268.240	268.240	0.000	2.415
MAR	363.780	267.512	0.000	96.268	96.268	0.000	4.036
APR	662.407	569.253	0.000	93.154	93.154	0.000	3.898
MAY	941.240	209.538	0.000	731.702	615.366	116.336	8.171
JUN	912.903	30.894	0.000	882.009	740.070	141.939	8.707
JUL	905.897	0.000	0.000	905.897	816.188	89.709	4.255
AUG	678.383	1.466	0.000	676.917	676.917	0.000	6.087
SEP	694.411	0.000	0.000	694.411	694.411	0.000	6.404
OCT	608.789	0.000	0.000	608.789	599.228	9.560	5.805
NOV	404.616	82.390	0.000	322.226	316.641	5.585	3.196
DEC	369.186	2.966	0.000	366.220	366.220	0.000	3.392
TOTAL	7,268.656	1,317.200	0.000	5,951.456	5,588.327	363.129	59.073

In Acre-Feet

Month	Native COUNTY	Native Las Campanas	SJC TOTAL	SJC CITY	SJC Las Campanas	All Partners Diversions
JAN	77.954	0.000	302.916	302.916	0.000	380.870
FEB	75.227	0.000	265.825	265.825	0.000	341.052
MAR	267.512	0.000	92.231	92.231	0.000	359.744
APR	569.253	0.000	89.256	89.256	0.000	658.509
MAY	209.538	0.000	723.531	608.494	115.037	933.069
JUN	30.894	0.000	873.302	732.764	140.538	904.196
JUL	0.000	0.000	900.737	811.539	89.198	900.737
AUG	1.466	0.000	670.830	670.830	0.000	672.295
SEP	0.000	0.000	688.007	688.007	0.000	688.007
OCT	0.000	0.000	602.984	593.515	9.469	602.984
NOV	82.390	0.000	319.030	313.500	5.530	401.420
DEC	2.966	0.000	362.829	362.829	0.000	365.794
TOTAL	1,317.200	0.000	5,891.477	5,531.706	359.772	7,208.677



Date: August 23, 2021
To: Buckman Direct Diversion Board
Via: Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager /s/
From: Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Accounting Supervisor
Subject: Presentation of the BDD Annual Financial Report

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Presentation of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project Auditor Report on completed "Financial Statements and Supplemental Information" for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (Andres Gamez, Engagement Director, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Accounting Supervisor)

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Under the Project Management and Fiscal Services Agreement (PMFSA) Article 7. Fiscal Agent Responsibilities, states:

"After the end of each fiscal year, and in accordance with the New Mexico state audit rule, provide copies of audited financial statements to the City, the County, and Las Campanas, showing assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, equity balances and budget comparisons for the BDD Project fund on an annual basis for the prior fiscal year in accordance with GAAP and GASB, complete the Management's discussion and Analysis (MDA) for the annual financial report, and provide upon request, a monthly general ledger report. The Project Manager shall be allowed to recommend that its auditors produce the financial statements, dependent on staff availability and the complexity of the reporting requirements."

On July 28, 2021 a report of independent certified accountants was issued by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP for the business-type activities of the Buckman direct Diversion Project Water Treatment Facility Operations as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The Buckman Direct Diversions a single purpose government entity and has only business type activities. In the statement of net position, activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are reflected on the full accrual, economic resource basis.

The presentation of the financial statements includes consolidation of all activity of the following enterprise funds:

- ❖ BDD Operating Fund
- ❖ BDD Emergency Reserve Fund
- ❖ BDD Major Repair and Replacement Fund



The auditors have disclosed the following audit finding: late submission of audit report. This is a repeat finding and the auditors have issued an unmodified report.

The Financial Statements and Supplementary Information are available on our website.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



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WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
OFFICIAL ROSTER
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

JoAnne Vigil Coppler	Chairperson of the BDD Board, Santa Fe City Councilor
Anna Hansen (Vice Chair)	Commissioner, Santa Fe County
Carol Romero Wirth	Councilor, City of Santa Fe
Anna Hamilton	Commissioner, Santa Fe County
Henry Roybal	Commissioner, Santa Fe County Alternate
Mr. J.C. Helms	Member At-Large
Mr. Peter Ives	Member Alternate At-Large
Sig Lindell	Councilor, City of Santa Fe Alternate
Mr. Tom Egelhoff	Las Campanas, nonvoting member
Ken Kirk	Las Campanas, Alternate

FISCAL AGENT ADMINISTRATION

Debra Harris-Garmendia	Controller, City of Santa Fe
Mary McCoy	Finance Director, City of Santa Fe

BUCKMAN ADMINISTRATION

Rick Carpenter	Facility Manager, Buckman
Mackie Romero	Fiscal Manager and Business Administrator, Buckman



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board Members

Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Las Campanas,
Buckman Direct Diversion Project
Water Treatment Facility Operations, and
Mr. Brian S. Colón, Esq., New Mexico State Auditor
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activity of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project Water Treatment Facility Operations (Buckman) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Buckman's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to Buckman's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Buckman's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Board Members
Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Las Campanas,
Buckman Direct Diversion Project
Water Treatment Facility Operations, and
Mr. Brian S. Colón, Esq., New Mexico State Auditor

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activity of Buckman as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Buckman's basic financial statements. The Schedules listed under Supplementary Information in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Supplementary Information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Board Members
Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Las Campanas,
Buckman Direct Diversion Project
Water Treatment Facility Operations, and
Mr. Brian S. Colón, Esq., New Mexico State Auditor

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 12, 2021, on our consideration of Buckman's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Buckman's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Buckman's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP".

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 12, 2021

**BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

Management's discussion and analysis (MDA) of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project – Water Treatment Facility Operations is designed to provide an overview of Buckman Direct Diversion's financial activity for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Under a joint powers agreement dated January 15, 2005 for the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD), the City of Santa Fe (City) joined Santa Fe County (County) to design and construct the Buckman Direct Diversion Project in order to divert surface water from the Rio Grande River to the independent water systems of the City and the County. Other project participants include the Las Campanas Water and Sewer Cooperative and the Club at Las Campanas (Las Campanas Entities). Construction of the facility was completed by the end of December 31, 2010. Operations of the facility commenced on May 2, 2011. Operations are fully funded by the City, County, and Las Campanas Entities who are billed pursuant to the Facility Operations and Procedures Agreement (FOPA) dated October 16, 2006.

The BDD operates pursuant to the Facility Operations and Procedures Agreement for the Buckman Direct Diversion Project between the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and Las Campanas Entities with the City of Santa Fe acting as fiscal agent, per the Project Management and Fiscal Services Agreement (PMFSA). A board of directors has been established and delegated all powers necessary to oversee both the management and operations of the BDD. The board is comprised of two members of the governing body of the City (along with an alternate), two members of the governing body of the County (along with one alternate), one non-voting member of the Las Campanas Entities (along with one alternate) and one citizen member at large (along with one alternate) appointed by a majority vote of the four other voting members.

Financial Highlights

- In 2020, the Buckman Direct Diversion provided 1,758,640,000 gallons of water to the project partners.
- The Buckman Direct Diversion Board authorized \$434,411 of funding from restricted cash of the Major Repair and Replacement Fund to fund the continuation of rebuilding pumps at the Raw Water Lift Station facility.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction of the BDD's basic financial statements. The BDD's financial statements are comprised of basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements and other information. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

The BDD operates under the accrual basis of accounting, required for State and Local Governments' enterprise operations. The BDD's operating fund utilizes cost codes to track expenditures for proper allocation and billing to the City, County, and Las Campanas Entities.

**BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

Proprietary Fund

The BDD operates as proprietary fund for regional water supply with all operating costs covered by reimbursements to the City, County, and Las Campanas Entities. Proprietary funds are used for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise. The intent of the BDD Board of Directors is to ensure the costs (expenses) of providing services, in this case, regional water supply on a continuing basis be financed or recovered through billings.

Proprietary financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the BDD's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

Budgets

The BDD's annual operating budget is adopted on annual basis and includes annual contributions to the Emergency Reserve Fund and Major Repair and Replacement fund based on yearly targeted balances. The annual budget is recommended by the BDD Board to be approved by the governing bodies of our participating partners. Once the budget has been approved by the governing bodies the budget is formally adopted by the BDD Board. The annual operating budget is budgeted by major category; any adjustments between major categories must be approved by the BDD Board.

The budget is prepared on another comprehensive basis of accounting other than the accrual basis required by GAAP.

There were no major changes to the fiscal year 2020 annual operating budget in comparison to the final fiscal year 2019 annual operating budget.

**BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2020**

Statement of Net Position

The statement of net position presents information on all of Buckman Direct Diversion's assets, liabilities, and net position

The following table provides condensed financial information related to BDD's net assets as of June 30, 2020 as compared to June 30, 2019.

**Statement of Net Position
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019**

	2020	2019	Amount Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets	\$ 10,199,042	\$ 6,378,148	\$ 3,820,894	60 %
Capital Assets, Net	8,780,775	8,532,670	248,105	3
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,979,817</u>	<u>\$ 14,910,818</u>	<u>\$ 4,068,999</u>	27
LIABILITIES	\$ 5,641,752	\$ 2,001,976	\$ 3,639,776	182
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,780,775	8,532,670	248,105	3
Restricted for:				
Emergency Reserves	2,086,267	2,063,495	22,772	1
Major Repair and Replacement Reserves	1,398,857	1,795,496	(396,639)	(22)
Unrestricted	<u>1,072,166</u>	<u>517,181</u>	<u>554,985</u>	107
Total Net Position	<u>13,338,065</u>	<u>12,908,842</u>	<u>429,223</u>	3
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 18,979,817</u>	<u>\$ 14,910,818</u>	<u>\$ 4,068,999</u>	27

The statement of net position reports comparison activity of the current and previous fiscal years of operations. The change of current assets and current liabilities is due to an increase of accounts receivable, as it relates to amounts due from the participating partners. The capital assets held by BDD represent a portion of the original construction cost of the BDD Project, excluding assets reported on the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County's financial statements. All new assets purchased by BDD are reported as capital assets.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The following table provides condensed financial information related to BDD's changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2020 as compared to the year ended June 30, 2019.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019**

	2020	2019	Amount Change	% Change
OPERATING REVENUES				
Reimbursements:				
City of Santa Fe	\$ 6,126,826	\$ 5,690,084	\$ 436,742	8 %
Santa Fe County	2,393,899	2,301,644	92,255	4
Las Campanas Entities	626,096	227,195	398,901	176
PNM Solar Rebates	78,076	151,462	(73,386)	(48)
Conservation Fee	12,481	63,830	(51,349)	-
Grants-Federal	57,385	95,024	(37,639)	(40)
Total Operating Revenues	<u>9,294,763</u>	<u>8,529,239</u>	<u>765,524</u>	9
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Buckman Direct Diversion Project Operations	8,476,588	8,091,426	385,162	5
Habitat Restoration and Compliance	-	23,860	(23,860)	(100)
Major Repairs	434,411	116,934	317,477	272
Emergencies	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,910,999</u>	<u>8,232,220</u>	<u>678,779</u>	8
OPERATING INCOME	383,764	297,019	86,745	29
NONOPERATING REVENUES				
Gain (Loss) of Capital Assets	(2,323)	-	(2,323)	(100)
Investment Income	47,782	217	47,565	21919
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	429,223	297,236	131,987	44
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>12,908,842</u>	<u>12,611,606</u>	<u>297,236</u>	2
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 13,338,065</u>	<u>\$ 12,908,842</u>	<u>\$ 429,223</u>	3

The BDD's revenues include reimbursements from the City, the County, and Las Campanas Entities for fixed, variable and project wide costs, which are billed pursuant to the percentage allocations detailed in the Facility Operations and Procedures Agreement and the water delivered to each partner.

Operating expenses consists of salaries, utilities, chemicals, other operating costs, materials and supplies and a fiscal agent fee. Expenses should approximate revenues as all operating costs are billed to the partners.

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BDD has received federal funding from the Department of Energy for the BDD Location Sampling program. BDD also receives PNM Solar Rebate revenue for over production of our solar photovoltaic system at our water treatment plant location. The revenue received is used to support a portion of BDD solar expenses.

The BDD has restricted cash held for specific purposes related to the BDD's emergency reserve fund policy and repair and replacement fund policy. All expenditures must be authorized by the BDD Board and must meet criteria as established per the policy.

Partner Reimbursements/Restricted Cash

Participating partners are billed monthly, quarterly, and pre-billed for reimbursement or prepayment of all operating costs per the BDD Working Capital & Billing Policy. In order to secure resources assuring BDD's ability to cover major repairs and replacement of system equipment, BDD has established an annual partner contribution to be fully funded by the end of each fiscal year.

The following table shows the balances outstanding from each partner or partner credit balance as of June 30, 2020. Application of any credits to outstanding accounts receivable must be approved by the partners.

	City of Santa Fe	Santa Fe County	Las Campanas Club	Las Campanas CoOp	Total
Partner Receivables	\$ 2,750,588	\$ 3,334,136	\$ 414,482	\$ 34,983	\$ 6,534,189
Partner Credits	(263,470)	(283,543)	(22,273)	(4,851)	(574,137)
Net Total	<u>\$ 2,487,118</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,593</u>	<u>\$ 392,209</u>	<u>\$ 30,132</u>	<u>\$ 5,960,052</u>

The BDD expects to fully collect all outstanding receivables and refund or apply any partner credits.

Items Expected to Have a Significant Effect for Fiscal Year 2020

The Buckman Direct Diversion is expected to operate successfully and will continue to adaptively manage water deliveries to meet changes in partner demands. The ability to meet partner demand can be affected by circumstances beyond the control of the BDD. The BDD will not operate when suspended solids concentrations in the Rio Grande exceed a threshold value or when the Los Alamos National Laboratory Early Notification System indicates the Rio Grande may be influenced by runoff from Los Alamos Canyon. During periods of inability to fulfill water delivery orders, the City will supply both its own and in accordance with the County/City Water Resource Agreement, the County's potable water demands from stored drinking water and its other sources of water supply.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Total capital assets, net of depreciation, for BDD make up 57% of BDD's total assets. Refer to Note 6 for information about capital assets.

Total compensated absences at June 30, 2020 are \$158,817 and expected to be paid within one year.

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Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of BDD's finances for those interested in government enterprise finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Buckman Direct Diversion, 341 Caja Del Rio Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87506, BDD also maintains a website at www.bddproject.org.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020**

ASSETS	<u>Business-Type Activity</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash, Investments, and Cash Equivalents	\$ -
Restricted Cash:	
Emergencies	2,086,267
Major Repair and Replacement	1,398,857
Partner's Accounts Receivable:	
City of Santa Fe	2,750,588
Santa Fe County	3,334,136
Las Campanas Club	414,482
Las Campanas Coop	34,983
Interest Receivable	2,172
Prepaid Expenses	10,000
Other Receivable (includes Pass-through grant)	59,955
Chemical Inventory	107,602
Total Current Assets	<u>10,199,042</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Capital Assets	11,091,991
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,311,216)</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>8,780,775</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 18,979,817</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash Overdraft	\$ 2,587,042
Partner's Credit Balances:	
City of Santa Fe	263,470
Santa Fe County	283,543
Las Campanas Club	22,273
Las Campanas Coop	4,851
Accounts Payable	1,021,921
Intergovernmental Payable	1,458,652
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,641,752</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,780,775
Restricted for:	
Emergency Reserves	2,086,267
Major Repair and Replacement Reserves	1,398,857
Unrestricted	1,072,166
Total Net Position	<u>13,338,065</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 18,979,817</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Business-Type Activity</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Reimbursements:	
City of Santa Fe	\$ 6,126,826
Santa Fe County	2,393,899
Las Campanas Club	555,580
Las Campanas Coop	70,516
Utility Reimbursements	78,076
Conservation Fee	12,481
Grants-Federal	57,385
Total Operating Revenues	<u>9,294,763</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Buckman Direct Diversion Project Operations	8,476,588
Major Repairs	434,411
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,910,999</u>
OPERATING INCOME	383,764
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Investment Income	47,782
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets	<u>(2,323)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>45,459</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	429,223
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>12,908,842</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 13,338,065</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Business-Type Activity
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Partners and PNM	\$ 4,554,288
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(7,937,291)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(3,383,003)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from sale of Capital Assets	15,000
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(516,201)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Investment Income	47,782
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,836,422)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	4,734,504
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 898,082
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating Income	\$ 383,764
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	250,773
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase in Partner's Accounts Receivable	(5,377,170)
Increase in Partner's Credit Balances	331,475
Decrease in Other Receivables	305,220
Decrease in Chemical Inventory	1,676
Increase in Accounts Payable	289,381
Increase in Intergovernmental Payable	431,878
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (3,383,003)

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NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

Under a joint powers agreement for the Buckman Direct Diversion Project dated January 11, 2005 (JPA), the City of Santa Fe (City) joined Santa Fe County (County) to design and construct the Buckman Direct Diversion Project in order to divert surface water from the Rio Grande River to the independent water systems of the City and County to reduce reliance on over-taxed ground water resources. Operations of the Buckman Direct Diversion Water Treatment Facility (Buckman) commenced May 15, 2011. The Buckman site is located 15 miles northwest of Santa Fe, approximately three miles downstream from where Route 3 crosses the Rio Grande River at the Otowi Bridge. Buckman is considered under the provisions of the Joint Powers Act to be an entity separate from the individual parties named in the JPA as prescribed by State Statute Section II I-5(B) NMSA 1978. The City and County each own 50% of the diversion facilities of Buckman and have established a board to oversee the planning, procurement, financing, permitting, design, and construction of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project as well as the operations and management of Buckman. The board is comprised of two members of the governing body of the City of Santa Fe, two members of the governing body of Santa Fe County Commissioners, and one citizen member at large appointed by a majority vote of the four other members. Other project participants include Las Campanas Limited Partnership (which includes the Las Campanas Club and Las Campanas CoOp), who retains no ownership interest in Buckman but pays for its proportional share of that system (diversion structure, sediment pond, and related infrastructure) it actually uses. The City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and Las Campanas Limited Partnership are referred to in these financial statements as the user partners. Buckman Direct Diversion Project is jointly owned by the City of Santa Fe and the County of Santa Fe. Construction of the facility was completed in December 2010 and the project was completed under the terms of the construction contract on May 15, 2011, which is the approximate date upon which operations commenced.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of Buckman is presented to assist in the understanding of the Buckman financial statements. The financial statements and notes are the representation of Buckman's management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The financial statements of Buckman have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applies to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. In evaluating how to define Buckman for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Reporting Entity (Continued)

Buckman does not have any component units required to be reported under the GASB codification.

Enterprise Fund Financial Statements

Buckman is a single purpose government entity and has only business-type activities. In the statement of net position, activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are reflected on the full accrual, economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Buckman's net position is reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounts of Buckman are organized on the basis of a proprietary or enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business or where the board has decided that the determination of revenues earned, costs incurred, and/or net income is necessary for management accountability. Enterprise funds are accounted for on the flow of economic resources, measurement focus, and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. In fiscal year 2019, Buckman received a grant award from the U.S. Department of Energy for water quality monitoring activities. Expenditures totaling \$57,385 were incurred against the grant during fiscal year 2020.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of Buckman's enterprise fund is reimbursements from user partners for the cost of operations. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Buckman reports the following enterprise fund:

The Buckman Direct Diversion Project Operations Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the Buckman Regional Water Treatment Plant and other Buckman related facilities and reimbursements from user partners.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is Buckman's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position (Continued)

Cash, Investments, and Cash Equivalents

Cash is pooled into one common account maintained by the City of Santa Fe, Buckman's fiscal agent, in order to maximize investment opportunities. Buckman's monies deposited in the pooled cash account have equity therein, and interest earned on any of the investment of these monies is allocated based upon relative equity at month-end. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be a share of the City's pooled cash and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Please refer to the City of Santa Fe's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 for a complete description of permissible investments and risk disclosures concerning cash investments.

Partner's Accounts Receivables/Partner's Credit Balances

A prebilling precedes the month of billing on an estimated basis for cash flow purposes based on the monthly approved budget. Outstanding amounts owed to Buckman from prebilling activities are reported as Partner's Accounts Receivable in the statement of net position. Revenue from the user partners is recognized each month based on the monthly expenses that have been incurred. A final billing is made based on actual costs and expenses incurred for fixed, variable, and project-wide costs. Amounts paid by partners in excess of final invoiced amounts are recorded as partner's credit balances in the statement of net position and used to offset future billings.

Chemical Inventory

Chemical inventory recorded in Buckman's enterprise fund is stated at the lower of cost of market and totals \$107,602 at June 30, 2020. The cost of consumption is billed to each individual partner monthly, and is determined using the average cost method.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. The fiscal agent's (City of Santa Fe) policy is to capitalize all assets with a cost of \$5,000 or greater. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects as they are constructed. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and Structures	50
Equipment and Machinery	7
Vehicles	8
Data Processing Equipment	3

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures including the useful lives of depreciable assets and the estimated usage of leave balances by employees. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Minimum Restricted Net Position Policies

The Emergency reserve and Repair and Replacement reserve are reserve funds that were required by the Facilities Operations and Procedures Agreement and approved by the board on February 3, 2011. Both the Emergency reserve and the Repair and Replacement reserve are to be funded through specific contributions from the user partners and utilized for specified purposes. The Emergency reserve target balance is \$2,000,000 and was funded over a two-year period and fully funded at June 30, 2014. For the Repair and Replacement reserve, Buckman approved \$626,706 in annual partner contributions for fiscal year 2020. During fiscal year 2020, \$434,411 was utilized for combined emergency and repair purposes.

The board approved the Emergency Fund Reserve policy and the Major Repair and Replacement Fund policy on February 3, 2011.

Equity Classifications

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Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net Investment in Capital Assets - Net position invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted Net Position - Consist of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors/partners, or laws or regulation of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Buckman's restricted net position balances are a result of the Emergency Fund Policy and Major Repair and Replacement Fund Policy, described below:

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position (Continued)

Emergency Reserve Fund Policy

In order to secure resources assuring Buckman's timely response to emergencies, which could potentially threaten, reduce, or eliminate Buckman's capacity to meet its customers' demands, Buckman established an accumulation target amount of \$2,000,000 to fund the emergency reserve fund. While insurance may provide reimbursement of costs associated with some emergency situations, the Emergency Reserve Fund will provide an immediate infusion of the fund that are necessary to address the situation without having to first solicit funding from the partners. The total amount funded at June 30, 2020 was \$2,086,267.

Major Repair and Replacement Fund Policy

In accordance with the Buckman's intergovernmental agreements and in order to secure resources assuring Buckman's ability to cover the repair and replacement cost of capital assets already in existence within Buckman, this policy ensures funding is available to repair or replace capital equipment when the capital equipment has reached the end of its effective useful life. Buckman established an accumulation target of \$411,812 in annual contributions, in 2017 the board approved an increase of \$214,894 for a total annual contribution of \$626,706 to be fully funded by the end of each fiscal year. The total amount funded as of June 30, 2020 was \$1,398,857.

- c. Unrestricted Net Position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

NOTE 3 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Buckman's annual operating budget for the enterprise fund is adopted on a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles (Non-U.S. GAAP basis). Depreciation is not budgeted for the enterprise fund. The budget includes both the proposed City and County portions and requires approval from both the City Council and the Santa Fe County Commission. The budget must also be approved by Buckman's board. The budget and any adjustments are subject to the regular budget requirements and calendar cycles of the City and the County. Budgetary control is at the fund level for the enterprise fund. Encumbrances (purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of resources) outstanding at year-end are carried forward to the new fiscal year and do not constitute expenses or liabilities because the commitments will be re-appropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

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NOTE 4 CASH, INVESTMENTS, AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Buckman does not have a separate bank account. At June 30, 2020, Buckman had cash, investments, and cash equivalents totaling \$898,082, which represents Buckman's portion in cash and investment pooled accounts maintained by the City of Santa Fe. The City invests its pooled cash into U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements, municipal bonds, certificates of deposit, the State Treasurer's investment pool, and U.S. Government security mutual funds. Please refer to the comprehensive annual financial report for the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the disclosure information regarding the custodial credit risk and other risks that may apply. The report may be obtained from the City by contacting the assistant finance director at 200 Lincoln Avenue, P.O. Box 909 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0909.

NOTE 5 PARTNERS' ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/PARTNERS' CREDIT BALANCES

The following table shows the balances outstanding from each partner or partner credit balance as of June 30, 2020.

Partners' Accounts Receivable					
	City of Santa Fe	Santa Fe County	Las Campanas	Las Campanas CoOp	Total
Buckman Operations	<u>\$ 2,750,588</u>	<u>\$ 3,334,136</u>	<u>\$ 414,482</u>	<u>\$ 34,983</u>	<u>\$ 6,534,189</u>
Partners' Credit Balances					
	City of Santa Fe	Santa Fe County	Las Campanas	Las Campanas CoOp	Total
Buckman Operations	<u>\$ 263,470</u>	<u>\$ 283,543</u>	<u>\$ 22,273</u>	<u>\$ 4,851</u>	<u>\$ 574,137</u>

No allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded, as Buckman expects to fully collect all outstanding receivables.

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NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance <u>June 30, 2019</u>	Additions	Deletions / Adjustments	Ending Balance <u>June 30, 2020</u>
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Construction in Process	\$ 951,377	\$ 434,411	\$ -	\$ 1,385,788
Total Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	951,377	434,411	-	1,385,788
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Structures	8,737,383	-	-	8,737,383
Equipment and Machinery	308,876	41,650	(20,492)	330,034
Vehicles	557,217	-	(42,660)	514,557
Data Processing Equipment	84,089	40,140	-	124,229
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	9,687,565	81,790	(63,152)	9,706,203
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Structures	1,397,982	174,748	-	1,572,730
Equipment and Machinery	181,701	29,888	(3,169)	208,420
Vehicles	453,084	38,099	(42,660)	448,523
Data Processing Equipment	73,505	8,038	-	81,543
Total Accumulated Depreciation	2,106,272	250,773	(45,829)	2,311,216
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	7,581,293	(168,983)	(17,323)	7,394,987
Total Capital Assets	\$ 8,532,670	\$ 265,428	\$ (17,323)	\$ 8,780,775

Because of the joint venture agreement between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, the following amounts are recorded in the City's and County's financial statements and are therefore removed from BDD's financial statements. However, they are assets utilized and purchased solely for BDD.

	Buildings and Structures	Equipment and Machinery	Total
City of Santa Fe	\$ 115,440,642	\$ 4,842,162	\$ 120,282,804
Santa Fe County	101,372,507	-	101,372,507
			221,655,311
Accumulated Depreciation	(38,973,090)	(4,140,948)	(43,114,038)
			\$ 178,541,273

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NOTE 7 ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

1. Buckman is economically dependent on three entities: City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and Las Campanas (the user partners). These entities account for 100% of its funding for the period ending June 30, 2020.
2. See Note 5 for outstanding balances owed from user partners and credit balances outstanding as of June 30, 2020.

The City of Santa Fe as fiscal agent for the Buckman Direct Diversion Project receives a fee of 4.5% of the annual operating budget of the project. The City of Santa Fe received \$320,644 fees for services as fiscal agent and a reimbursement of personnel costs of \$2,953,487 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement Section 23, Buckman is required to carry insurance coverage separate and apart from the partner's respective insurance policies. Buckman carries public liability insurance coverage (including directors and officers coverage) consistent with its responsibilities as a public entity under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-1-1 with combined single limits of \$1,000,000. Buckman carries a public liability commercial insurance policy with occurrence-based coverage against losses arising out of all operations conducted on the premises, contractual liability coverage, crime, automobile, directors' and officers' coverage, and other appropriate coverages. Buckman carries commercial property insurance on all of Buckman's buildings, structures, equipment, improvements, and vehicles to protect itself from losses arising from fire, earthquake, and flood disasters. Buckman also has commercial insurance for potential losses arising from excess liability and failures to supply materials needed to operate Buckman facilities.

Buckman staff, as employees of the City of Santa Fe, participate in the Santa Fe Health Fund and the Workers' Compensation Fund, which are self-insured programs administered by the fiscal agent. Buckman makes pro rata payments to the City based on actuarial estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior year and current year claims and to establish a reserve for catastrophic losses. Health claims are handled by a professional third-party claims administrator. The fiscal agent maintains specific stop loss coverage for individual claims in excess of \$200,000 with a \$1,000,000 statutory limit. Workers' compensation claims are handled by a professional, third-party claims administrator. Buckman maintains specific stop loss coverage for individual claims in excess of \$500,000 with a \$1,000,000 statutory limit. There was no reduction in amount of coverage for 2020.

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NOTE 9 PROJECT MANAGER/FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT

In November 2007, the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) board entered into an agreement with the City of Santa Fe to act in the capacity as project manager and fiscal agent for the board. Duties of the City include:

Project Manager

- Carry out the directives and policies of the BDD board, make recommendations to the BDD board related to the Project; provide support staff for BDD board meetings; contract with independent legal counsel selected by the BDD board; contract with specialized legal counsel as needed to support design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project; and, as directed by the BDD board, implement the Project during design and construction and, following completion of construction, manage, operate, and maintain the Project;
- Seek and apply for funding (except for funding to be provided by the City and the County pursuant to the Project agreements) in the form of grants, loans or loan guarantees, or other funding sources as may be deemed appropriate by the BDD board, for the Project as directed by the BDD board and manage any such grants, loans or loan guarantees;
- Administer all amounts loaned, granted, or contributed by the City, the County, or Las Campanas in connection with the Project, and respond to related audits as may be necessary;
- Prepare and submit to the BDD board, the City, the County, and Las Campanas no later than December 15 of each fiscal year, an annual operating budget, which shall include annual and five-year projected operations, maintenance, replacement and reserve (OMR&R) costs, including a five-year schedule with the Project manager's proposed facilities and equipment major maintenance and replacement costs, proposed allocation of costs among the City, the County, and Las Campanas as provided in the Facilities Operations and Procedures Agreement (FOPA), a facilities and equipment major repair and replacement fund, and an emergency reserve fund;
- Develop and implement prior to initial operation a cost accounting system to apportion the total fixed and variable cost of OMR&R to the City, the County, and Las Campanas in accordance with the cost sharing provisions of the FOPA;
- Develop a document retention and protection policy for adoption by the BOD board;
- Act as fiscal agent for the Project;
- Provide all necessary staff, materials, and supplies necessary to operate and maintain the Project consistent with BDD board funding;

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NOTE 9 PROJECT MANAGER/FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

Project Manager (Continued)

- Recruit, hire and train staff for the Project according to the BDD board's approved staffing plan as it may be amended from time to time and arrange for state drinking water certification for such staff in advance of operation of the Project, so that certified staff is available to operate the Project when the Project becomes operational, and as set forth in each proposed budget the costs of the staff apportioned according to the respective benefit to the City and the Project.
- Once an annual operating budget is approved by the BDD board, implement the budget, adhere strictly to the budget, and make recommendations for necessary budget adjustments throughout the fiscal year, and contract for an annual independent audit, consistent with GMP and GASB and with the New Mexico Audit Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 12-6-1-, et seq., and 2.2.2. NMAC, et seq., as amended, and report the results of the audit to the BDD board;
- Prepare and submit to the BDD board for approval all documentation to be used for procurement in the Project including, but not limited to, documents related to design, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project, including, without limitation, requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, and contracts in amounts greater than \$60,000;
- Develop all procurement documents in accordance with the City's purchasing manual and present same to the BDD board;
- Consult with staff of the City, the County, and Las Campanas regarding the planning and design and OMR&R of the Project;
- In consultation with the BDD board, apply for, manage, and maintain, including the preparation and submittal of all required compliance reports, all necessary permits for the operation of the Project, including, without limitation, those permits, easements, and rights-of-way held in the name of the BDD board, and those permits required to be obtained by the BDD board pursuant to Section 6 of the FOPA;
- Maintain communication with the BDD board, the City, the County, and Las Campanas, primarily via monthly BDD board meetings, and keep these entities informed of important matters as may be necessary in the interim between monthly BOD board meetings;
- As directed by the BDD board, act as liaison for the BDD board and represent the BDD board in Project matters involving tribal governments, state and federal government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations;
- Perform other duties as assigned by the BDD board consistent with funding and the Project agreements;

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NOTE 9 PROJECT MANAGER/FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

Project Manager (Continued)

- Maintain segregated books and records consistent with U.S. GAAP to account for all separate funding sources, including, without limitation, funds provided by the City, the County, or Las Campanas in support of construction or subsequent OMR&R of the Project and funds secured by the board pursuant to grants or loans from funding agencies;
- After the end of each fiscal year, provide copies of financial statements to the City, the County, and Las Campanas, showing the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, equity balances, and budget comparisons for the Project fund on an annual basis for the prior fiscal year in accordance with GMP and GASB, complete the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA) for the annual financial report, and provide upon request, a monthly general ledger report; and
- Procure, contract, and pay for as budgeted an annual independent audit, consistent with U.S. GAAP and GASB and with the New Mexico Audit Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 12-6-1-, et seq., and NMAC, et seq., as amended, and report the results of the audit to the BDD board.

NOTE 10 FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

In the normal course, of operations, Buckman receives grant funds from federal and state agencies. Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Management believes any liability resulting from these audits would be immaterial.

SCHEDULE I

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
BUDGET (NON-U.S. GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS) AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Non-U.S. GAAP Budgetary Basis	Variances Favorable (Unfavorable) Final to Actual
	Original	Final		
OPERATING REVENUES				
City of Santa Fe	\$ 6,792,035	\$ 6,792,035	\$ 6,126,826	\$ (665,209)
Santa Fe County	2,173,905	2,173,905	2,393,899	219,994
Las Campanas Entities	449,469	449,469	626,096	176,627
PNM Solar Rebates	120,000	120,000	78,076	(41,924)
Conservation Fee	-	-	12,481	12,481
Federal Revenue	96,000	96,000	57,385	(38,615)
Total Operating Revenues	9,631,409	9,631,409	9,294,763	(336,646)
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Reimbursement of Personnel Services	3,578,370	3,578,370	2,953,487	624,883
Electricity	1,200,000	970,000	869,406	100,594
Chemicals	336,000	336,000	371,375	(35,375)
Solids	120,000	120,000	46,647	73,353
Materials and Supplies	1,012,639	802,054	461,595	340,459
Other Operating Costs	3,128,756	3,569,341	3,637,072	(67,731)
Fiscal Agent Fee	320,644	320,644	320,644	-
Total Operating Expenses	9,696,409	9,696,409	8,660,226	1,036,183
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Investment Income	-	-	47,782	47,782
Budgeted Fund Balance	65,000	65,000	-	(65,000)
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	(2,323)	(2,323)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	65,000	65,000	45,459	(19,541)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	679,996	\$ 679,996
ADJUSTMENTS FOR U.S. GAAP BASIS (NONBUDGETED ITEMS)				
Depreciation			250,773	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION			429,223	
Net Position - Beginning of Year			12,908,842	
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR			\$ 13,338,065	

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED NET POSITION BY PARTNER
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

Emergency Reserves:

	Balance June 30, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2020
Restricted Net Position				
City of Santa Fe	\$ 1,347,979	\$ 14,876	\$ -	\$ 1,362,855
Santa Fe County	480,965	5,308	-	486,273
Las Campanas Entities	234,551	2,588	-	237,139
Restricted Net Position	<u>\$ 2,063,495</u>	<u>\$ 22,772</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,086,267</u>

Major Repair and Replacement Reserves:

Restricted Net Position				
City of Santa Fe	\$ 1,280,678	\$ 26,942	\$ (308,837)	\$ 998,783
Santa Fe County	445,305	9,368	(108,476)	346,197
Las Campanas Entities	69,513	1,462	(17,098)	53,877
Restricted Net Position	<u>\$ 1,795,496</u>	<u>\$ 37,772</u>	<u>\$ (434,411)</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,857</u>

Combined

Restricted Net Position				
City of Santa Fe	\$ 2,628,657	\$ 41,818	\$ (308,837)	\$ 2,361,638
Santa Fe County	926,270	14,676	(108,476)	832,470
Las Campanas Entities	304,064	4,050	(17,098)	291,016
Restricted Net Position	<u>\$ 3,858,991</u>	<u>\$ 60,544</u>	<u>\$ (434,411)</u>	<u>\$ 3,485,124</u>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board Members
Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe,
Las Campanas,
Buckman Direct Diversion Project
Water Treatment Facility Operations, and
Mr. Brian S. Colón, Esq., New Mexico State Auditor
Santa Fe, New Mexico

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of business-type activity of the Buckman Direct Diversion Project Water Treatment Facility Operations (Buckman), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Buckman's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 12, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Buckman's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Buckman's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Buckman's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Board Members
Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Las Campanas,
Buckman Direct Diversion Project
Water Treatment Facility Operations, and
Mr. Brian S. Colón, Esq., New Mexico State Auditor

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Buckman's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is listed as finding 2020-001 in the schedule of findings and responses.

Buckman's Response to Finding

Buckman's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Buckman's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Buckman's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Buckman's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 12, 2021

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
JUNE 30, 2020**

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS’ RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditors’ report issued	Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting	
a. Material weaknesses identified?	No
b. Significant deficiencies not considered to be material weaknesses?	None reported
c. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?	No

SECTION II – CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

2020-001 (Original Finding 2019-001) Late Submission of Audit Report (Other Non-Compliance)

Condition: Buckman's audit report for the year ended June 30, 2020 was not submitted as of the due date of December 15, 2020 because Buckman's fiscal agent did not perform a timely reconciliation of its financial records and Buckman's cash is included in the pooled cash accounts along with the fiscal agent.

Managements progress on repeat findings: BDD will work with the fiscal agent and the BDD Board to establish processes that will assist with the separation of BDD from the City of Santa Fe.

Criteria: Audit reports not received on or before the due date are considered to be in non-compliance with the requirements of Subsection A of Section 2.2.2.9 NMAC.

Cause: Due to the delays in Buckman's fiscal agent timely reconciliation of its financials records, this directly affected Buckman's financial audit readiness.

Effect: Buckman's financial audit was not submitted by the statutory deadline.

Recommendation: We recommend that Buckman continue to work with its fiscal agent to ensure that both entities are completing monthly reconciliations to ensure timely year-end fiscal year close out and reconciliations for audit readiness.

Management's Response: The BDD agrees that this audit was not in compliance with the requirements of Section 2.2.2.9.A of the State Audit Rule. The BDD financial staff will continue to work with its fiscal agent the City of Santa Fe, to ensure that monthly reconciliations are completed timely in preparedness for the year-end fiscal close.

SECTION III – STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

2019-001 Late Submission of Audit Report (Other Non-Compliance) - Repeated

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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EXIT CONFERENCE
JUNE 30, 2020**

EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 6, 2021. The following were in attendance:

Buckman Direct Diversion Project

Anna Hansen, BDDDB Chair

Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Accounting Supervisor

City of Santa Fe

Alexis Lotero, Acting Finance Director

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Raul Anaya, CPA, CFE, CGFM, Engagement Principal

Andres Gamez, CPA, Engagement Director

AUDITOR PREPARED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP prepared the U.S. GAAP-basis financial statements and footnotes of Buckman from the original books and records provided to them by the management of Buckman. The responsibility for the financial statements remains with Buckman.

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Buckman Direct Diversion

341 Caja del Rio Santa Fe, NM 87506

September 02, 2021

James Kenney
Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONSENT ORDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dear Secretary Kenney:

On behalf of the Buckman Direct Diversion Board (Board), we want to thank you for meeting with Chair Hansen on August 17, 2021, to discuss a number of Board priorities where our interests overlap with those of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). One key issue we touched on was the Board's desire for more public participation and opportunity for input on a range of environmental activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). That is the subject of this letter.

As you know, the Board is the governing body for the Buckman Direct Diversion. The Diversion is a single diversion point on the Rio Grande that the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and their limited partner, Las Campanas, share to divert their San Juan-Chama and native Rio Grande water rights. Diverted water is treated and introduced into the regional water system. The government entities are represented on the Board.

The Buckman Direct Diversion is on the Rio Grande, approximately 3 miles downstream of Otowi Bridge, a short distance downstream of the location of the confluence of Los Alamos Canyon and the Rio Grande. Because NMED is the primary regulatory agency that oversees and enforces requirements for investigation, characterization, and cleanup of dozens of contaminated sites in the Los Alamos Canyon watershed, the Board is therefore understandably concerned about the rigor of NMED's oversight of LANL's actions to protect human health and the environment, including the Buckman Direct Diversion intake structure and the residents and businesses that rely on the utility for their drinking water.

The Board has previously written to you about several overarching issues with the 2016 Consent Order that governs environmental restoration at LANL. We appreciate NMED's more recent efforts to enforce the Consent Order and strengthen NMED's ability to oversee and regulate environmental actions at LANL, which helps the Board continue to deliver clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to its customers.

As we discussed, while robust public participation is crucial to development and implementation of environmental policy, it is severely limited under the Consent Order. In fact, modification of the Consent Order itself is expressly excluded from public notification (see Consent Order section VII.G), a provision that could not exist if corrective action was conducted under the aegis of the LANL Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP). Public notification of completion of work at contaminated sites (also known as Solid Waste Management Units, or “SWMUs,” and Areas of Concern, or “AOCs”) or other updates to SWMU/AOC status is not required under the 2016 Consent Order. In fact, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors can avoid notifying the public at all until the Consent Order is wholly terminated (see Consent Order section VII.D). Finally, the Consent Order is based on a “campaign approach” which is in turn based on an “Annual Planning Process,” which is opaque to the public.

The Board asks that any modifications to the Consent Order, particularly if the parties negotiate a replacement Consent Order, and the Annual Planning Process incorporate some mechanism to require public participation. Not only should a draft Consent Order (renegotiated or otherwise) be subject to public notice and comment, DOE should be required to update the status of SWMU/AOCs and provide notification to the public. Modification of the Consent Order should be subject to public notice, meeting, and formal comment along the lines of modifications to HWFPs under 40 CFR 270.42. DOE should be required to develop, operate, and maintain an e-mail notification to interested parties about certain Consent Order activities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to visit with you. We find that our mutual interests are more aligned than not, and look forward to a continued dialog with NMED.

Respectfully,

Anna Hansen
Chair

Carol Romero-Wirth
Vice Chair

Anna Hamilton
Member

JoAnne Vigil Coppler
Member

JC Helms
Member



Date: August 25, 2021

To: Buckman Direct Diversion Board

From: Rick Carpenter, BDD Project Manager
Kyle Harwood, BDD Legal Counsel

Subject: Comments to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding "Request for Recommendations: Waters of the United States" (WOTUS)

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Staff and counsel for the Buckman Direct Diversion Board have been monitoring the ongoing legal and regulatory process regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The EPA has a comment period open until September 3rd, 2021.

We propose to draft an introduction explaining who and what the BDD Board is and present the following talking points for EPA's consideration.

- Prior rulemakings ensured that WOTUS included ephemeral streams
 - o Prior rulemakings (most crucially and most recently, the 2015 Obama-era Clean Water Rule) have recognized and established that ephemeral tributaries and many non-floodplain wetlands significantly improve the quality of downstream traditional navigable waters by transporting and filtering pollutants, trapping stormwater, and performing many other chemical, physical, and biological functions that benefit human health and the environment. These rulemakings codified these findings in part by ensuring the definition of WOTUS accounted for ephemeral streams and wetlands, therefore providing coverage under the CWA permitting programs.
- Los Alamos National Laboratory threatens the BDD via legacy contamination migration in ephemeral streams
 - o The Navigable Waters Protection Rule ("NWPA") has particularly affected the BDD drinking water utility, as it draws its intake water from a perennial stream (the Rio Grande) a mere three miles from a confluence with the ephemeral Los Alamos Canyon, whose watershed encompasses a large portion of Los Alamos National Laboratory ("LANL"). LANL has created a vast area of legacy toxic contamination, including metals, organic and inorganic compounds, and radionuclides. These contaminants reside in many locations, including in sediments in the Canyon bottom, that often are subject to floods that move the sediments and entrained contaminants downstream to the Rio Grande. Migration of these contaminants creates a clear and ongoing threat to BDD.
- Regulatory gap for NPDES permits with ephemeral receiving waters
 - o Also of concern to BDD is the significant gap created in regulation under the NWPR for individual and general permits (i.e., construction and industrial stormwater discharges) and CWA Section 404 dredge and fill permits in ephemeral streams and non-abutting wetlands. The federal rule-making authorities in fact concluded that the ephemeral exemption would likely change



circumstances in arid and semi-arid states where many streams are ephemeral, and CWA protections would be removed from the vast majority of waters in these states. All these impacts upstream of the BDD– including those at LANL – will inexorably migrate downstream, and in some cases concentrate forming deleterious cumulative impacts, at the BDD intake location.

- The State of New Mexico cannot fill the regulatory gap
 - o New Mexico is one of only three states without CWA permitting authority, and the only such state in the arid west. The CWA permitting program is the primary mechanism under the CWA for regulating and limiting discharges of pollutants into WOTUS. Because New Mexico lacks any permitting program for surface water discharges to ephemeral reaches, LANL contaminants can migrate unmonitored, thus threatening the BDD. At a minimum, such a threat could increase treatment costs borne by BDD ratepayers.

- BDD supports the "two-rule" process proposed by EPA
 - o BDD agrees that the pre-2020 rule should not only be reinstated, but that it also should be bolstered with regulatory or statutory changes that codify Supreme Court rulings and reduce the likelihood of rollbacks in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Board staff, counsel and consultants to prepare comments consistent with the talking points listed above and submit before the deadline.