

Utility Manager's Report
December 15, 2021

1. I would like to thank staff for their emergency response due to the windstorm that impacted the region. Several trees fell throughout our community and many in very difficult locations to access which lengthen the times to repair lines and restore power. See pictures at end of report. We plan to do a debrief to discuss what we learned from this event.
2. The County continues to have an indoor mask mandate and has a weekly testing regime for unvaccinated employees to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Employees have been encouraged to receive the COVID booster and this year's flu shot.
3. I would like to welcome Heather Garcia as Deputy Utilities Manager for Finance and Administration and welcome back Cathy D'Anna in her new role as DPU's Public Relations Manager.
4. Attended the UAMPS Project Management Committee (PMC) Meeting regarding the CFPP. Election was held and Dave Burnett with Bringham City, UT was elected Chair of the PMC. The DOE funding continues to get obligated and eligible expenses are being reimbursed at 79%. Ineligible expenses are interest expenses and lobbying expenses; however, these costs are minor in comparison to the \$1.3 to \$1.4 Million per month expended for work on Standard Plant Design (SPD) and COLA preparation. LAC's subscription remains at 2.15-MW based on the investment cap of \$1.26 million.
5. For the PNM/Avangrid merger case (PRC Case Number 20-00222-UT) the Public Regulatory Commission denied the application. Avangrid could appeal this decision to the NM Supreme Court.
6. Westmoreland who supplies coal to the SJGS has restored their long wall coal mining operation and each day they are slowly adding to the coal reserve stockpile. Last month, there were at 24 days of coal in reserves and today the reserve stockpile is at 30 days.
7. The SJGS ownership group continued meeting with Farmington and Enchant in refining the term sheet. Once all these details are finalized, the term sheet will be brought back to BPU and Council for consideration.
8. Attended another presentation on the 50-year Water Plan being prepared by the Office of the State Engineer. The State Engineer is seeking participation in development of this plan. Aquifer storage was highlighted as an effective water management tool being demonstrated by the City of Albuquerque.

9. Sensus is onsite this week performing a multi-day training on the Sensus Analytics program with staff. Starting in January the customer portal will be tested and hopefully rolled out to our customers by March.
10. Held a Tyler 311 kick off meeting. Team members from each County Department have been identified to work on this project. The goal is to roll out its implementation by July 1, 2022. However, Tyler did indicate it may take longer since they are experiencing staffing shortages.
11. The San Juan Chama water right of 1200 Acre Feet (AF) only received an allotment of 785 AF due to the drought. The Rio De Chama Acequia Association, Inc. has purchased all of LAC's allotment at the established rate of \$60/AF. The water is being stored in El Vado's dead pool over this winter before being applied to beneficial use for next irrigation season.
12. LANL is requesting a relocation of the Pajarito water supply line by TA-50. Staff held a scoping meeting and site walk. Once DPU's on-call consultant prepares a design cost estimate, DPU will prepare an agreement with LANL to pay for this work. The relocation work is requested to be constructed later this summer.
13. Held a meeting with NNSA field office in regard to receiving reimbursement on the cost overruns on DP Lift Station related to encountering legacy waste. There were approximately \$274,580 in cost overruns to be reimbursed.
14. Held a half day meeting with DPU's asset management teams. The general theme is lack of material supplies, cost escalations, and concern with staff turnover because of planned retirements.





