



## FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE: January 21, 2009**

**DATE:** January 6, 2009  
**TO:** Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members  
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**SUBJECT:** Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for December 2008

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### **SUMMARY**

A status report on the activities related to the Truckee River Flood Management Project for the month of December 2008 is provided herein.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

The most recent status report for October and November 2008 was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the December 9, 2008 meeting.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Corps Activities**

**Schedule** - At the FPCC meeting December 12<sup>th</sup>, Roger Henderson, Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Project Manager reported that the Truckee River Flood Project schedule had changed. Roger noted that the previous schedule developed during the summer of 2008 lacked significant details for individual tasks and subtasks. He noted that the new schedule was developed with the participation of the full project team and is being used for project execution. The specific timeframe was not known yet and would require specific factors to be determined prior to reporting the new timeframe.

#### **Promote Financial Accountability**

Economic Stimulus Bill - Director Duerr submitted a Flood Project list of ready-to-go projects for consideration should an economic stimulus bill be approved which includes infrastructure projects. The list was provided to Senator Reid's Office, Washington D.C. lobbyist Mia O'Connell, and the Nevada Association of Counties for possible inclusion in the Corps' portion of the economic

stimulus bill. The total request is approximately \$240 million. The bill is a broad package expected to contain \$650 - \$850 billion of initiatives that Congress may act on in late January. Details of the plan and directions regarding eligibility are still being developed and should be available online in the near future.

### **TRAction Projects**

**Reno/Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Traction Project** - At the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of County Commissioners awarded the bid for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Traction Project Levee and Floodwall to Campbell Construction in the amount of \$2,715,000. This action authorized the Chairman to execute the contract documents and authorized the Flood Project Director to negotiate and execute amendments to existing easements and permits necessary to complete the project. A groundbreaking event is set for January 29.

### **Local Sponsors/Collaborative Efforts**

**Senator Ensign** - Senior Flood Project personnel met with Senator Ensign's Washington D.C staff along with staff from lobbyist Marcus Faust's office on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to brief them on the latest Flood project developments, including cost estimates and timelines as they currently stand with the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

**Working Group** - The December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting included a review of the "Living River Plan" project elements Map Book with notations that the Corps was still in the design phase on some of the project features, which could ultimately result in amendments to the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP). In addition, Director Duerr commented that the Corps had submitted correspondence in support of Critical Flood Zone #1 and the proposed Flood Mitigation Resolution for a revised ordinance. In reference to the November 14<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat and the FPCC Board's request for a "parallel track" project, Director Duerr discussed the staff's proposal to rescope the project as a "Value Engineering" study for the global Flood Project costs per direction received at the Retreat. Ms. Duerr then discussed the development of a list of "shovel ready" projects which are ready to go should Washoe County receive any of the economic stimulus money for infrastructure currently under development by President-elect Obama and Congress.

### **Outreach**

**Flood Awareness** - Flood Project Outreach and Public Information staff coordinated a Flood Awareness Campaign with Washoe County and the cities of Reno and Sparks "flood involved" personnel. The primary venue for this year's Flood Awareness is television broadcast with secondary elements of radio and print. Both paid and unpaid messages began December 27<sup>th</sup> and will run through February. These messages are in lieu of a Flood Expo and provide cost-saving measures from previous years. In addition, [www.floodawareness.com](http://www.floodawareness.com) will be updated on an ongoing basis to provide accurate easy-accessible information for the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) accept this status report on the Truckee River Flood Management Program.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the FPCC wish to implement the staff recommendation, a simple motion to approve the recommendation would suffice.

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