



FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 9, 2009

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TO: Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members

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SUBJECT: Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for September 2009

SUMMARY

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

The most recent status report for August 2009 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their September 11, 2009 meeting.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

TRAction Projects



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Ribbon-Cutting– An official Ribbon Cutting celebrating the completion of the 1200 linear feet (LF) earthen levee and 1100 LF concrete cantilevered floodwall took place September 24th. A first for the Flood Project, this **flood damage reduction project** brought out more than 75 interested stakeholders, partners and legislative representatives along with a fair share of media. Local Channels 2 and 8 filmed the festivities along with published articles by the Sparks Tribune and the Reno Gazette Journal. Heartfelt speeches and Native American performances marked a

day to remember for all. Additional photos can be viewed on the www.truckeeflood.us site.

Lower Mustang Ranch Ecosystem Restoration – The Lower Mustang Ranch project construction period has begun! An official groundbreaking invitation is in the works for October. After an extensive bidding process, The Nature Conservancy has contracted with Q & D

Construction, Inc. to manage the preparation, plant material salvage, excavation of the meander and wetlands, construction of riffles, and filling of the abandoned channel. These activities are expected to last until December 2009.

Hidden Valley/Eastside Subdivision TRAction Project Meeting – Flood Project staff and County staff met with 70+ residents of Hidden Valley and Eastside Subdivision on September 2, 2009, 6-8 pm at the Hidden Valley Elementary School. The meeting focused on a possible home elevation project and resulted in a two-page list of homeowners volunteering to be first to be “elevated” should this program become available. The residents also had the opportunity to ask questions, review the steps that have been taken to date, and the process that is still ahead prior to any final flood damage reduction solutions being implemented.

Local Sponsors/Collaborative Efforts

Working Group – The Working Group met Wednesday, September 30th and discussed a variety of topics including Property Management, the NRS Chapter 377B Plan Update, Recreation Plan, TRAction Projects, and the Corps Project Schedule. The Working Group approved the Recreation Plan as presented be included in the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) along with an approval to accept staff recommendations concerning the properties currently owned by the Flood Project.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – TAC met Friday, September 25th and discussed a variety of topics including Flood Funding Study Update, update on meeting regarding the forming of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Revision to the NRS 377B Plan, Property Management Analysis and Recommendations, Amendment of the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) to include the Recreation Plan, and the Corps’ project report and schedule update. Actions included approval of the Recreation Plan as presented to be included in the LPP along with an approval to accept staff recommendations concerning the properties currently owned by the Flood Project. The recommendations were as follows: Demolish 85, 105 and 125 Edison Way primarily due to their location in the floodway; utilize to the highest and best use 155,185,195 Edison and continue to work with the current and future tenants; continue to study the highest and best use for the Bristlecone, Excel and Cooperative Extension buildings including research tenant possibilities, historical aspects of the properties, alternate energy sources, etc.; Continue to have the agricultural pieces of property owned by the Flood Project operating in the same agricultural capacity. These action items will be carried forward to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee for review and approval.

Recreation Plan – Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager presented the Flood Project Recreation Plan to the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission September 1st. The presentation is one of many that have been made to update local jurisdictions on the progress and status of the plan in relation to the overall Flood Project.

Civil Air Patrol Lease – At the September 11th meeting, the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) approved a lease for space at 185 Edison Way to the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol on a month-to-month basis until September 30, 2012 with no rent, and with the tenant providing in-kind services and paying all utilities and costs of occupancy. Staff was directed to finalize a lease agreement with the Civil Air Patrol and forward to the Washoe County Board of County Commission for their consent.

Washington D.C. Visit – Plans are underway for FPCC Chairman Bob Larkin, Vice-Chair Ron Smith along with Director Duerr to visit Washington D.C. in October. The purpose of the visit is to

reiterate and highlight the Truckee River Flood Project with legislators and congressional decision makers.

Outreach

Website – The Town Hall meeting held in the Commission Chambers on August 10th has been added to the Flood Project website. It includes audience questions and live video by Director Duerr of the answers associated with them. The link on www.truckeeeflood.us follows:
http://truckeeeflood.us/292/town_hall_meeting.html

Floodplain Management Association (FMA) Conference – Paul Urban, Flood Project Manager was a presenter at the annual FMA conference September 8-11 in San Jose California. The topic was financing strategies in Floodplain Management, an in-depth discussion on solutions for funding local and regional projects. The conference focused on Investing in Floodplains for Future Generations, Innovation in Land Use Strategies, Green Infrastructure, Technologies and Community-Based Partnerships.

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.