



FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

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TO: Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members

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

SUMMARY

A status report on the activities related to the Truckee River Flood Management Project for the month of May 2009 is provided herein.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The most recent status report for March 2009 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their April 10, 2009 meeting.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Legislative Issues

Senate Bill 175 (SB 175) – The Senate Government Affairs Committee voted May 27th to remove water sustainability from SB 175. Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie got the Assembly to approve SB175 after attaching language on the water sustainability issue that was approved by voters last fall. The Senate did not concur with the amended SB 175 on May 28th and the bill was returned to the Assembly. The Assembly then approved SB 175 with out the water sustainability amendment on June 1st and it was sent to the Governor the same day.

Assembly Bill 54 (AB 54) was signed by the Governor on Friday, May 29, 2009. AB 54 is a joint bill between the Truckee River Flood Project and the Washoe County Department of Water Resources. Section 3 of the bill authorizes implementation of a floodproofing and home elevation program in Washoe County including the ability to authorize grants and loans from flood project funds. The full text of the bill is available at http://leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/Bills/AB/AB54_EN.pdf

Fiscal Issues

Property Management – Flood Project staff continues to review, update and complete an assessment of Flood Project properties. An inventory of vacated units, income projections, property conditions, and future property management plans are all part of this comprehensive review of the properties.

TRAction Projects

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) - Large sections of the floodwall are now visible as the concrete forms are removed. The floodwall is a neutral earth tone color with various relief patterns (visit www.truckeeflood.us to view) with the pouring and curing process expected to continue for the next few weeks. The earthen levee, located to the west of the floodwall, has been constructed and is currently undergoing a bank stabilization process with revetment blocks for surface erosion protection.

Rainbow Bend - Rainbow Bend - Flood Project Deputy Director Jay Aldean, Project Manager Paul Urban, and Engineer Eric Scheetz held two Town Hall meetings for the Rainbow Bend Homeowners May 14th and 21st to discuss the potential future TRAction project designs and considerations for the area. These meetings were question and answer sessions designed to elicit feedback from the homeowners.

Local Sponsors/Collaborative Efforts

Homeless Shelter - The Washoe County Commissioners approved a contract with the Truckee River Flood Project and the City of Reno for a temporary overflow homeless shelter at the May 27th meeting. The overflow shelter, that accommodates single men, is located in a property acquired by the Truckee River Flood Project at 85 North Edison Way, Units 7, 8 and 9. The contract amendment retroactively approves an extension of use back to April 1, 2009 and will run through April 30, 2010, and if requested by the City of Reno by March 30, 2010, the term shall be automatically extended until April 30, 2011.

Corps Visit - Ada Benavides, Deputy Chief of the Regional Integration Team responsible for coordinating projects in the South Pacific Division and Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works for the Corps, both headquartered in Washington DC were in Reno on May 21st for a first hand visit of the Flood Project. A Flood Project river tour was the highlight of the visit with a Flood Project briefing starting the day's activities. An informal question and answer lunch session was the culmination of the visit with elected officials, Flood Project board members, stakeholders and Corps officials also joining the briefing, tour and lunch.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) - The Flood Project Technical Advisory Committee met on June 1st and discussed a number of topics. The TAC policies and procedures were discussed with the members approving a revised version. The members received an update on the legislative bills AB 54 and SB175 with discussion regarding the potential impacts of each bill. Also provided to the group were an update on the Flood Project Recreation Plan and a comprehensive report on the Flood Project properties and management plans.

Working Group - The May Working Group was rescheduled for June 3rd and included an update on legislative bills AB 54 and SB 175. Other topics presented and discussed were the comprehensive Flood Project property management currently underway and a Recreation Plan update. A tour of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony followed the meeting. Another tour of the site is

being scheduled in approximately two weeks as a number of members were unable to attend the tour that followed this meeting.

Outreach

Reno River Festival - Eric Scheetz, Flood Project Engineer and Susie Kapahee, Public Information Officer represented the Flood Project at the Reno River Festival May 8-10. More than 40,000 people were in attendance for this second annual event. Information to the community included the Downtown Bridges TRAction project, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony TRAction Project and current river restoration projects. The booth was at no cost thanks to a sharing of space with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Staff Development

Staff Development - Flood Project staff attended a one-day workshop titled “Truckee River Restoration and Construction Site Permitting Handbook” hosted by Kennedy/Jenks Engineering firm. Topics included restoration case studies, monitoring techniques, a regulator panel and other information relevant to the Flood Project.

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.