



## FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE: September 11, 2009**

**DATE:** September 2, 2009

**TO:** Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members

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

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### SUMMARY

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

### PREVIOUS ACTION

The most recent status report for June and July 2009 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their August 14, 2009 meeting.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### TRAction Projects

**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. on the site preparation, plant material salvage, excavation of the meander and wetlands, construction of riffles and filling of the abandoned channel with these activities expected to last until December 2009.

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony** – Work on the 1200 linear feet (LF) earthen levee and 1100 LF concrete cantilevered floodwall are near completion with landscaping “finishing touches” currently taking place. Look for a date in the near future to celebrate this momentous ***first flood damage reduction project completion!***

**Rainbow Bend Raised Parkway** – The Request for Proposal (RFP) is out for the design of the raised parkway in the Rainbow Bend Community. Connie Butts of the Canyon General Improvement District (GID) is the contact person for the project with the Truckee River Flood Project as the funding agency. The Canyon GID recently sent a letter to the flood project indicating

they are pulling the TRAction Project data sheet and plan to start over with a new project application form. For more information, visit [http://truckeeflood.us/279/rainbow\\_bend\\_raised\\_parkway\\_design.html](http://truckeeflood.us/279/rainbow_bend_raised_parkway_design.html)

**Hidden Valley/Eastside Subdivision TRAction Project Meeting** – Flood Project staff and County staff plan to meet with residents of Hidden Valley and Eastside Subdivision on September 2, 2009, 6-8 pm. Notification has been sent to all homeowners in the Hidden Valley/Eastside Subdivision TRAction Project area along with the neighboring parcels. The meeting will focus on the status of the project and future plans, and answer question homeowners may have. The Homeowners Association will also announce the meeting August 27<sup>th</sup> at their monthly meeting.

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

**Flood Project Tour** - Senator Ensign's Washington DC staff members were treated to a Flood Project tour Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Recognition of Flood Project Partners** - At the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the FPCC presented a certificate of appreciation to the Truckee Meadows Cooperative Weed Management Area in recognition of recent work performed to eradicate noxious weeds at the Flood Project property located at 101 S McCarran Blvd. (Bristlecone).

**UNR Farm Tour** – Flood Project Staff toured the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) Farms on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Piper of UNR led the tour with the new Provost, FPCC Board member Robert Dickens, and other UNR employees in attendance. The purpose of the tour was to review the area of the UNR Farms that will be affected by Flood Project improvements, how the current footprint of the area could change, and how the flood project improvements could be mitigated. This tour was the next step in developing a Memorandum of Agreement with the UNR as anticipated in the Flood Project Cooperative Agreement.

**Working Group** – Working Group met Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and discussed a variety of topics including Property Management, NRS Chapter 377B Plan Update, TRAction Projects, Website and the Corps Project Schedule. Discussion included flood zones and mapping with clarification on what that means and how it is used in relation to the Flood Project properties. A date was discussed for the Lower Mustang Ranch Groundbreaking and for a ribbon-cutting at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony TRAction Project. The new Flood Project “construction projects” website section was presented and Deputy Director Aldean let the Working Group know that the newest Corps schedule was “in-hand” and would be reviewed and added to the website in the very near future.

**Recreation Plan** – Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager presented the Flood Project Recreation Plan to the Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission August 26<sup>th</sup> in the Sparks City Council Chambers. 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.

## **Outreach**



**Town Hall Meeting** – Over 100 Washoe County business owners and homeowners took part in the first Flood Project Town Hall Meeting August 10, 2009 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Washoe County Commission Chambers. A brief presentation included recent legislation regarding formation of a standalone flood management agency utilizing a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) process, Flood Project elements, general construction schedule, potential job opportunities associated with the flood management project (both near-term and long-term), new website section on

flood contracting opportunities and the plan to implement a new rate structure to help pay for the flood management project. This was followed by a lively question and answer session with a commitment to the audience to relay additional information as it becomes available.

**Website** - A new section titled “Construction Projects” of the Truckee River Flood Project website is now available. The section includes projects that are out for bid or proposal, current projects, future projects, and completed projects. Members of the construction community requested access to the information in order to recognize potential future jobs and stakeholders in the Flood Project were interested in the overall progress of the 50 mile “Living River Plan.” Visit [www.truckeeflood.us](http://www.truckeeflood.us) for more information.

**Flood Project Outreach** - Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager, presented an overview of the Flood Project August 6<sup>th</sup> to the Great Basin Institute summer research program students at the University of Nevada, Reno. This was part of a series of talks and workshops for a group of students conducting mentored research on natural resource issues in the Tahoe-Pyramid watershed.

## **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.