



## **Flood Project E-Update** **August 31, 2007**

### **Improve Public Safety, Health and Security**

**Flood Expo** – Flood Project staff members held the first planning meetings for this year's Flood Expo slated for November. This will be the third annual Flood Expo sponsored by the Flood Project. Working with state, local and federal agencies, staff is outlining a strategy for the theme, date, and location of this annual public safety fair. Preliminary plans are to hold the event at Rancho San Rafael on **November 7 from 2-7 p.m.** Mark your calendars! Last year's event drew 500 attendees.

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony TRAction Project** – Flood staff met with County Public Works staff to confirm Public Works will manage and construct the RSIC Levee Project. This will be the first flood project element to be constructed. A follow-up meeting with RSIC, Wal-Mart, Public Works and the flood Project is planned for mid-September. A construction bid request is planned to be issued in October.

**Sparks' North Truckee Drain TRAction Project** - Significant progress was made this week on the Sparks North Truckee Drain TRAction Agreement. The agreement is now slated to be considered by the BCC in late September.

### **Improve Regional Collaboration**

**Working Group** –The Working Group met August 29 and discussed the outcome of the Reno City Council's decision on critical flood pool mitigation and made some recommendations of their own. These recommendations were forwarded on the Technical Advisory Committee (see below) and will be discussed at the September 14 FPCC meeting. The Working Group also discussed the flood project EIS and decided that rather than early review of the entire EIS, what they are really seeking is assurance that the Living River Plan is accurately portrayed in the EIS. A special meeting will be requested with the Corps to review the components of the Living River Plan in the EIS draft. The Working Group also selected a new second alternate for the FPCC meetings (Burnham Moffatt) and a 7-member Design Committee to oversee development of the Aesthetic Design Standards Manual. The committee will interview and select a consultant to facilitate development of the manual.

**Technical Advisory Committee** - The TAC met August 31 and devoted most of the meeting to discussing floodplain mitigation strategies. They will be forwarding a proposal to the FPCC to enhance the regulations for building in Critical Flood Zone #1. Flood storage within the 4000-5000 acres of CFZ#1 is a key component of the flood project. CFZ#1 generally includes the area along Steamboat Creek, UNR Farms, and the Rosewood Lakes Golf course south to South Meadows Parkway.

**Regional Flood Management Association Conference** – Naomi Duerr and Paul Urban will both be presenting talks on the flood project at next week's FMA conference at South Lake Tahoe (**September 4-6**). One presentation will cover some of the project's success stories and the other developing collaborative partnerships and the TRAction projects. As part of the conference, Mimi Fujii-Strickler and Paul Urban will also lead a **field trip covering Flood Project highlights on Friday, September 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**, lunch included. Everyone is invited so if you would like to join the field trip, please call Peggy Drumm at 850-7454. For conference info see link: <http://www.floodplain.org/>

**Truckee River Conference** – The bi-annual Truckee River Conference sponsored by the Nevada Water Resources Association will be held **October 16-18** at the Grand Sierra Resort. Mimi Fujii-Strickler is on the planning committee and Naomi Duerr will be moderating a session on Truckee River flooding. See link for registration info: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=141488>

**ASPFM Conference** – Flood Project staff will be assisting with the annual conference of the National Association of State Floodplain Managers, which will be held in Reno-Sparks next **May 2008**. Flood Project staff will provide outreach strategies to support this effort, will be providing presentations and will also be conducting field tours.

### **Funding**

**Lockwood Funding Agreement** – Flood Project staff discussed coordination of funding for the Lockwood restoration site with Washoe County Parks and Open Space staff. A follow-up meeting was held with Public Works. The Lockwood restoration effort is one of 11 restoration projects in the East Truckee Canyon sponsored under the Flood Project's Truckee River Restoration initiative. Approximately \$2 million will be provided by the Flood Project's 1/8 cent sales tax and \$2 million by the Washoe County Open Space Q-1 Bond Funds. The funding agreement is expected to be reviewed by the FPCC and the BCC in November.

### **Excellent Public Service**

**Debrief on Celebrate the Living River** – Flood Project staff held a debriefing on the Living River Celebration that took place on August 16. Staff noted things that went well at this year's event and compiled a list of strategies to improve future events