



## **Flood Project E-Update** **August 23, 2007**

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

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Levee** – Flood Project staff met with members of the RSIC Planning Department to discuss engineering levee design, strategies for construction management, and the interlocal agreement to fund the project. The funding agreement is expected to go to the October 23 BCC meeting. **County Public Works staff have agreed to project manage construction of the levee in the place of Colony or Wal-Mart staff.** Meetings to work out the details will take place over the next two months. The project is expected to go out for bid in late October 2007, with construction to start in December.

**Hidden Valley TRAction Project** –The 4<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Working Group meeting was held as part of a series of meetings with homeowners in Hidden Valley regarding the proposed TRAction project. The major points discussed at this meeting included the proposed design, location of floodwalls and levees, and the need for extra height for risk and uncertainty. A final design of the project is anticipated early this fall. The project is sponsored by Washoe County.

**Flood Storage Mitigation Requirements** – At their August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Reno City Council reviewed the analysis conducted by Wood-Rogers on flood storage mitigation issues. The Reno City Council opted to leave the flood storage mitigation ratio “as is”, that is 1-to-1 (mitigation-fill), and recommended the Flood Project’s Technical Advisory Committee and Working Group continue to study this issue, but did not approve \$25,000 to assist in fund the study as recommended by Reno staff.

**Regional Hydrologic Criteria and Drainage Design Manual** – Project Manager Paul Urban continued to meet with Regional Water Planning Staff regarding the Regional Hydrologic Manual. This work effort is about two-thirds complete.

### **Improve Regional Collaboration**

**Living River Celebration** – The Flood Project celebrated its second year of accomplishment and recognized those whose efforts helped the project achieve this year’s goals. The event drew a crowd of almost 200 attendees and featured speeches

from dignitaries and project partners, including Col. Thomas Chapman, incoming director of the Army Corps' Sacramento Office, State Senator Bill Raggio, and Arlen Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

Officials and other dignitaries speaking at this event included FPCC Chair, Jessica Sferrazza, FPCC Vice Chair Bob Larkin and Sparks Mayor Geno Martini. Other officials in attendance included State Assembly Members Bonnie Parnell and David Bobzien, and FPCC members Dan Gustin and David Humke.

Award winners included:

**Flood Fighter's Spirit Award** - Rhett Milne and Gary Barbato of the National Weather Service for their efforts in flood awareness

**Community Service Award** - Kim Rhodemyre for her role in gathering almost 1500 petition signatures in support of the flood project.

**Partner's Award** - Col. Ron Light of the Corps for continued Corps commitment to the project

**Legacy Award** - Gov. Jim Gibbons, Sen. Bill Raggio, Assembly members Barbara Buckley and Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Allen Biaggi, Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and FPCC Chair Jessica Sferrazza and FPCC Vice Chair Bob Larkin for their work in obtaining \$5 million in state funds for Truckee River restoration.

### **Excellent Public Service**

**Local Media** -- Reporters from KRNV-News 4 and the Reno Gazette-Journal covered the "Living River" event. The story aired on KRNV's evening news on August 16<sup>th</sup> and the August 17<sup>th</sup> morning news. An article written by reporter Jeff DeLong appeared in the Gazette-Journal on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Regional Media** -- The reprint of the Gazette-Journal's article also appeared on a daily e-newsletter entitled "California Water News," which is produced and distributed by California's Department of Water Resources and is distributed to hundreds of recipients throughout California and Nevada.

**National Coverage** -- "The Bond Buyer" magazine, a daily newspaper and web publication focusing on public finance issues, ran a 2-page article (1,000 words) in their August 22<sup>nd</sup> edition regarding revenue sources to fund the flood project and possible bonding opportunities. The "Bond Buyer's" web site receives about 2,300 hits a day, the average visit to the site is about eight minutes.