



Flood Project E-Update **November 29, 2007**

Preserve and Enhance Our Quality of Life

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony TRAction Project-Paul Urban, Project Manager met with Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) regarding responsibility during construction for potential changes. These changes include work scope, costs and easement requirements.

Hidden Valley TRAction Project-Paul Urban, Project Manager met with Washoe County Public Works and HDR Engineering to outline a strategy for project phases. The public input process has been started and the next series of stakeholders meetings will resume after the first of the year with a project design.

Lockwood Restoration Site-Flood Project staff met with Washoe County Parks to work on the roles and responsibilities for the operation and maintenance agreement for the restoration.

Southeast Connector -Paul Urban, Project Manager met with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Project Manager on the Southeast Connector road. This is the beginning of a coordinated effort to evaluate impacts of this road to the Flood Project. Paul also attended the November RTC Board meeting to answer questions about the Flood Project.

Low Impact Development-Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager attended a workshop on low impact development (LID) and ways to mimic the hydrology of a site after development. LID has potential for new and better ways of managing storm water runoff.

Improve Regional Collaboration

Working Group- The Working Group reviewed the draft Flood Zone Mitigation Ordinance revised by the City of Reno at their November 28th meeting. The group gave recommendations regarding the criteria they would like to see incorporated into the ordinance. The recommendations will be presented at the next Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and then to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) at their December 14th meeting.

Improve Government Efficiency and Financial Stability

Benefits Engineer Request for Qualifications (RFQ) - Flood Project staff met with the rating team to review and score the "Statements of Qualification" from the competing firms. Two firms were selected and invited to participate in an oral interview process in December. Firms will be selected by mid-December. The RFQ is an invitation to professional engineering consultants to perform engineering and economic analysis services for the "Truckee River Flood Funding Area Project". The project area will incorporate all of Washoe County and parts of Storey County.

Excel Building-Doug DuBois, Land Acquisition Manager met with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to explore the possible use of the Excel Building located at 5205 Mill Street by NDOW.

Improve Government Efficiency and Financial Stability (continued)

Aerial Survey-Paul Urban met with Washoe County Public Works and Information Technology to discuss aerial survey needs for the Flood Project.

Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)-Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager and Doug DuBois, Land Acquisition Manager attended the SNPLMA meeting in Carson City. This state program is a potential source of funding for land acquisition based on specific criteria relating to land that is contiguous with federally owned land. Round nine dates have passed and round ten dates have not been set.

Provide Excellent Public Services

Annual National Floodplain Mangers Conference (ASFPM)-The 2008 conference is scheduled for May18-23 and will be held at John Asquaga's Nugget. Flood Project Staff has begun work on the local hosting efforts for this important event.

Taking Seminar-Mimi Fujii Strickler, Outreach Manager is working on scheduling a Takings Seminar for January 10th or 11th. Notifications have been sent to potential participants to determine availability. The seminar is being designed to address "The Takings Doctrine and the No Adverse Impact Approach to Floodplain Management."

Develop our Workforce

The Flood Project is currently recruiting for a Licensed Engineer. The recruitment opened November 19th and will close on December 12th.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager attended training in Seattle. NEPA requires agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. This training focuses on the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that the Flood Project Staff is currently working on.