



FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2010

DATE: September 28, 2010
TO: Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members
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SUBJECT: Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for September 2010

SUMMARY

A status report on the activities related to the Truckee River Flood Management Project for the month of September 2010 is provided herein.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The most recent status report for August 2010 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their September 10, 2010 meeting.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

JPA

Numerous meetings were held this month to finalize development of a new Interlocal Agreement to support formation of a new Flood Management Authority. The JPA Oversight group completed its task of developing a draft of the agreement and forwarded the draft to the Managers for review. The Managers also completed their review of the draft and forwarded it on to the FPCC for review. The current draft of the Interlocal Agreement totals some 70+ pages and addresses the planning, financing, operating and maintenance of the Flood Project. The agreement is scheduled for consideration at the October FPCC meeting, and is expected to be reviewed by the participating jurisdictions during the month of October. Final consideration and possible approval of the agreement is scheduled for the November 8 Joint Meeting. A Town Hall meeting scheduled for October 4 will provide enhanced public input into the evolving agreement.

TRAction Projects

Tracy Power Plant Ecosystem Restoration TRAction Project – At the September 10th Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) meeting, the Board unanimously approved the Tracy Power Plant Ecosystem Restoration Project as a TRAction Project approving funding for The Nature Conservancy for planning and design of the Project. The next step is to move the agreement forward to the County Commissioners for consent.



North Truckee Drain – The start of construction for the North Truckee Drain TRAction Project was celebrated September 15th. Flood Project staff and Board, community and media enjoyed great visual evidence of the scope of this Project by viewing the placement of 10'X6" cement culverts in the ground at the Sparks Blvd. exit ramp area. Media included Channel 2 (KTVN), Sparks Tribune and the Reno Gazette Journal.

Corps Collaboration

Manager's Meeting – Staff continued to improve collaboration with the Corps by attending a 3.5 hour long meeting with some 15 Corps managers at all levels in the organization. A number of complicated issues were addressed including the mitigation needs of Rainbow Bend (with Rainbow Bend/Storey County reps on the phone), the possibility of accelerating the schedule, TRAction Projects, the evolving Recreation Plan, Corps modeling issues, and the like. These meetings provide a unique forum to resolve technical and policy issues associated with the flood project.

Regional Collaboration

Senator Ensign Tour – The Sheriff's RAVEN helicopter and pilot was again provided to escort an elected official on an aerial tour of the Flood Project September 1st. Thanks to this important collaboration with the Sheriff, Flood Project staff was able to host Senator Ensign on a tour that included all 50 miles of the proposed Project from the Downtown Reno reach to Pyramid Lake. These tours enable the recipients to better understand the enormity and breadth of the more than 50 features associated with the Flood Project giving them the opportunity to share this information and support the Project in a more comprehensive way.

Corps Geotechnical Tour - The Sheriff's RAVEN helicopter and pilot was also used to escort a number of Corps staff on an aerial tour of the Flood Project on September 30. Geotechnical staff toured the flood project for the better part of the last week of September, by both ground and air in support of preparing a detailed geotechnical report on the project.

Outreach

Flood Storage Mitigation Ordinance – This month, Director Duerr and other senior Flood Project staff attended or presented valuable information to a number of groups in the Truckee Meadows concerning the Flood Storage Mitigation Ordinance. They are as follows:

Reno City Planning Commission – September 1

Washoe County Planning Commission – September 7

Reno City Council Meeting (First Reading) – September 22

Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Meeting – September 23

JPA Update – Director Duerr spoke to the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) September 8th focusing primarily on the Flood Project, the upcoming JPA, and the possible fees and why Incline Village is included.

The Flood Project is also planning a public Town Hall meeting on October 4th to answer questions and relay information about the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The planned location is the County Commission Chambers on 9th and Wells with additional information forthcoming as details are determined.

Additional presentations on the JPA are planned for October including the AGC, ABC, DIA, BANN, Chambers of Commerce, APWA, and TRPA.

Hydrologic Model Discussion – Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) Board members, Director Duerr and other senior staff met with Builders Association of Northern Nevada (BANN) Executive Director Mike Dillon and other members of their organization on September 16th. The meeting's focus was to address concerns related to the hydrologic model that would be used in conjunction with review of new developments for the Reno, Sparks and Washoe County jurisdictions.

Flood Project 101 – Director Duerr has included a number presentations on the overall Flood Project on her September agenda. They include:

Reno Host Lions Club Presentation – September 16

McDonald Carano Law Firm – September 21

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties – September 23

Ecosystem Restoration – The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLRT) hosted the monthly ad-hoc ecosystem group on a tour of several proposed and constructed PLPT restoration projects September 23rd including:

- The proposed Numana Fish Hatchery Streambank Protection and Wetland Improvement Project
- The Aleck Streambank Restoration Project (funded in part by the Truckee River Fund)
- The newly improved Marble Bluff Dam Fishway and/ or the proposed Jitterbug Canyon Restoration Project

The group consists of numerous stakeholders, Flood Project Natural Resource personnel and a variety of organizations with interests in the restoration efforts that are planned or underway in our area.

Balloon Races – Eric Scheetz, Engineer represented the Flood Project at the Annual Balloon Races September 11th. A booth space was made available at no cost thanks to Eric's affiliation with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Flood Project information was distributed to numerous local residents and a wide variety of questions were answered resulting in a clearer understanding of the Flood Project's role in the community.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Exercise – The Flood Project participated in the September 22nd EOC exercise. EOC exercises are intended to create awareness of the emergency situation and to demonstrate access to emergency policies, procedures and contacts by first responders in the community.

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.

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