



FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

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TO: Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members
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SUBJECT: Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for October 2009

SUMMARY

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

The most recent status report for September 2009 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their October 9, 2009 meeting.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Local Sponsors/Collaborative Efforts

Property Management - At the October 9th meeting, the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) approved staff recommendations for disposition of Truckee River Flood Project real property as follows: Within one year, demolish 125, 105, and 85 Edison Way properties; Maintain (up to three years) 195, 185 and 155 Edison Way properties, maintain the agricultural properties under lease or through a maintenance agreement, ; Continue with the evaluation of the Excel, Bristlecone and Cooperative Extension buildings with an analysis of these properties being brought back to the FPCC in the near future for further consideration.

Civil Air Patrol Lease – At the October 27th meeting, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Chairman to execute and deliver a lease for the property located at 185 North Edison Way, Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 15, and 16 to the Civil Air Patrol for their daily operations, training, and education for the next three years. The timeframe runs October 27, 2009 through October 31, 2012 with a consideration of \$1.00 per year rent. And payment of all operating expenses. The Flood Project Infrastructure Sales Tax (NRS 377B) will not be used to pay for the lease or operating expenses.

Recreation Plan – At the October 9th meeting, the FPCC approved an amendment to the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) to include the Recreation Plan as presented by Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager. This agenda item provided an update on recreation planning efforts related to

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the Truckee River Flood Management Project. Since March 2008, the local sponsors have been working with stakeholders and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to develop and refine a feasible, cost-sharable recreation plan for the Flood Project that will significantly enhance recreational opportunities (an original goal set forth by the Community Coalition) along the Truckee River for our community. Estimated costs for the recreation plan significantly dropped during this phase of plan development from \$120 million for the conceptual plan to \$46 million for the feasibility level plan.

Home Elevation Project Tour – Director Duerr and senior staff members visited Tehama, California on October 16th to view and discuss the home elevation program currently underway in this Northern California community. Under this program, 38 homes have already been elevated with a few others still “in the works.” Photos of the Tehama project are posted on the Flood Project website at www.truckeeflood.us

Working Group – The Working Group met October 28th and discussed a variety of subjects including a presentation by Paul Urban on the proposed amendment to the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) to include fish passage, floodplain acquisition, flood proofing/home elevation, bank stabilization and bridge elements. This amendment will be presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at the November 13th meeting as a possible action item. Other topics included an update by Deputy Director Jay Aldean on the home elevation program planned for the Eastside Subdivision and Hidden Valley area. Members were provided with the latest Corps schedule which Mr. Aldean reported contained no changes from the previous version. Future meetings for the 2009 year will be on an as needed basis. The updated National Economic Development Plan (NED) is expected late this year and will need input from the Working Group so a meeting will be scheduled according to the timeframe associated with the delivery of that information from the Corps.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – The TAC met Thursday October 29th, and discussed a variety of topics. Of note, a new Vice Chair, Wayne Seidel of Sparks, was elected to replace Neil Mann of Reno who has left the city. Additional discussion included the possible drafting of strategies to vet the information on the NED that is expected from the Corps in late December. Other informational items included an update on formation of a Joint Powers Authority for the Flood Project, update on the proposed NRS 377B plan, and a presentation on the amendment to the LPP to include Fish Passage, Floodplain Acquisition, Non-structural project elements (such as floodproofing, home elevation, relocation and buyout), Bank Stabilization and Bridge Improvements. Any action items will be carried forward to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee for review and approval.

Support a Healthy Economy

NRS 377B Plan – At the October 9th meeting, the FPCC discussed the proposed second amendment to NRS377B regarding Flood Project expenditures from proceeds of the 1/8% Infrastructure Sales Tax first adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in November 1998. The second amendment expands the project list on which infrastructure tax money may be spent, updates cost estimates and financing methods, and makes certain administrative changes. A public hearing on the proposed plan took place on October 13th in the Washoe County Commission Chambers. Next steps include a second discussion and possible approval at the November FPCC meeting, followed by a second public hearing at the December 8, 2009 FPCC meeting.

Outreach

International Right of Way Association (IRWA) - Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager was the invited guest speaker for the October 21st meeting of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA). Ms. Henderson's presentation included an overview of the Flood Project encapsulating current projects, future projects and plans for the restructuring of the Flood Project based on 2009 legislative changes related to funding.

Truckee River Symposium – The Flood Project was an in-kind sponsor of the 2009 Truckee River Symposium taking place November 3-5 at the Desert Research Institute. The conference is an bi-annual event hosted by the Nevada Water Resources Association. Flood Project personnel will be staffing a booth, making technical presentations, and conducting a tour of the Truckee River Flood Project. More information can be found at www.nvwra.org

Washington D.C. Trip October 21st and 22nd – FPCC Chair Bob Larkin, Vice-Chair Ron Smith and Director Duerr met with the Offices of Senator Harry Reid, , Senator John Ensign, Congresswoman Dina Titus, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, and Congressman Dean Heller, staff with the Energy and Water Appropriations Committee, Ken Zwickl, Senior Planner, Civil Works Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tommy Williams, Program Examiner for the Office of Management and Budget and Terry Breyman, Associate Director for Natural Resources, Council on Environmental Quality. The Flood Project is seeking \$10 million in funding for General Investigations to complete the General Re-evaluation Report (GRR) and initiate design work for the project in FY 2011.

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.