



## FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE: December 11, 2009**

**DATE:** November 25, 2009  
**TO:** Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members  
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**SUBJECT: Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for November 2009**

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### **SUMMARY**

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

The most recent status report for October 2009 was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their November 13, 2009 meeting.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Local Sponsors/Collaborative Efforts**

**Washington D.C. Trip October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** – FPCC Chair Bob Larkin, Vice-Chair Ron Smith and Director Duerr met with the Office of Senator Harry Reid, Senate E & W Development Appropriations Sub-Committee, Northern & Southern Congressional Delegates, Civil Works Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Office of Management and Budget and the Council on Environmental Quality. The Flood Project is seeking funding in the President's Budget to complete the General Re-evaluation Report (GRR) and the Environmental Impact Statement, and initiate design work for the project in FY 2011.

**Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) Update** – At the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) approved an amendment to the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) to include fish passage, floodplain acquisition, non-structural project elements (such as floodproofing, home elevation, buyout, financial assistance, model development, etc.), bank stabilization and bridge improvements. Both the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Working Group considered the proposals to amend the LPP and supported them at their October meetings.

**Working Group** – The Working Group met October 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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stabilization and bridge elements. This amendment was presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as a possible action item. Other topics included an update by Deputy Director Jay Aldean on the proposed home elevation program in the Eastside Subdivision and Hidden Valley area. Members were given the latest Corps schedule which Mr. Aldean reported contained no changes from the previous version. The updated National Economic Development Plan (NED) is expected late this year and will need input from the Working Group. A meeting will be scheduled according to the timeframe associated with the delivery of information from the Corps.

### **TRAction Projects**

**Lower Mustang Ranch TRAction Project** - The Flood Project is partnering once again with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and others to implement the Lower Mustang Ranch restoration project. The project is being constructed by TNC on federal lands managed by the BLM (the property was seized from Joe Conforti by the Internal Revenue Service and subsequently deeded to the BLM).

Similar to the 102 Ranch project, restoration of the Lower Mustang Ranch will include excavation of a new meandering river channel, construction of cobble riffles, and creation of wetland areas. Following major earthwork, about 280 acres of land will be revegetated with native riparian and upland plant species. A celebration is tentatively planned in Spring 2010 to commemorate this latest restoration effort.

### **Support a Healthy Economy**

**NRS 377B Plan Update** – At the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the FPCC approved forwarding to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for consent a second amendment to the infrastructure Sales Tax Expenditure Plan regarding the 1/8<sup>th</sup> percent infrastructure sales tax enacted pursuant to NRS 377B. The amendment expands the description of the projects for which the infrastructure tax may be used and updates the cost for the Flood Project and sources of financing for the project. The estimated local share of the cost is \$525 million.

### **Outreach**

**Truckee River Symposium** - The Flood Project was an in-kind sponsor of the 2009 Truckee River Symposium November 3-5 at the Desert Research Institute. The conference is an annual event hosted by the Nevada Water Resources Association. Flood Project personnel staffed a professional display booth with information on Flood Damage Reduction, Restoration and Recreation efforts; moderated a technical session on the Flood Project, and presented a technical session on the "Use of a Regional Hydrologic Model to Protect the Level of Protection of the Truckee River Flood Management Project and Monitor Hydrologic Changes Due to Land Use Changes". A tour of selected Flood Project features was also conducted by Flood Project staff.

**KUNR Radio Interview** - Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager was the featured speaker for the Nevada Newline radio hour November 20<sup>th</sup>. The program aired on KUNR (88.7) which is a weekly conversation of news and issues of importance across the state and around the region, including the economy, water, the environment and government. The focus was on restoration efforts of the Flood Project including the latest project at Mustang Ranch.

**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.