



## FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE: September 10, 2010**

**DATE:** August 30, 2010  
**TO:** Flood Project Coordinating Committee Members  
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**SUBJECT: Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for August 2010**

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### **SUMMARY**

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

The most recent status report for June and July 2010 were presented to the Flood Project Coordinating Committee at their August 13, 2010 meeting.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Regional Collaboration**

**Corps Visit** – Senior Flood Project staff spent multiple days at the Corps Sacramento District office the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and again August 10<sup>th</sup>. They attended a number of meetings relative to Flood Project timeframes, Flood Project features, the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP), the National Economic Development Plan (NED) and a number of other important processes critical to the success of the Flood Project. Plans are to continue to participate in meetings in Sacramento on a regular basis to keep communication lines at an optimum level.

**JPA Update** – Director Duerr presented an update on forming the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Flood Project at the August 13<sup>th</sup> FPCC Meeting.

**SB175** – Director Duerr presented an update to Senate Bill 175 (aka AB 5) (Chapter 477, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*) and on the Formation of a Joint Powers Authority for the Truckee River Flood Management Project to the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission August 19<sup>th</sup> in Carson City. Members of the committee include: Assemblyman David P. Bobzien, Chair, Senator John J. Lee, Vice-Chair, Senator Mark E Amodei, Senator Bernice Mathews, Assemblyman Bernie Anderson, and Assemblyman Don Gustavson. The legislative members asked a wide variety of questions, commented on the legacy nature of the project and applauded the work to date.



L to R: Naomi Duerr, Project Director, Colonel Leady, Washoe County Mgr. Katy Simon

**Colonel Leady** – Colonel Leady, the newly installed Sacramento District Corps Commander, visited the Flood Project August 18<sup>th</sup>. A helicopter tour of the 50-mile project along with a luncheon for more than 50 stakeholders and legislators was well received by the Colonel and his staff. Another aspect of the visit included a ground tour by Danielle Henderson and Melissa Faigeles for the new Corps Public Affairs Officer (PAO) DeDe Cordell to bring her up to speed on the Flood Project. The Colonel promised Corps support and continued participation in the Project as a very high priority.

**Bank Stabilization** – Flood Project Staff met with key Corps personnel and a number of local agencies on bank stabilization as it relates to planned features of the Project August 19<sup>th</sup>. Bank stabilization practices, often referred to as bioengineering, are a nonstructural means of stabilizing banks from further accelerated erosion. These meetings are ongoing and an effort to ensure collaboration on this important effort.

### **TRAction Projects**

**Home Elevation Structural Engineers** – The Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) approved the “on-call” structural engineering service agreements for the Home Financial Assistance Program at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorized the Chairman to execute agreements between Washoe County and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc, Wood Rodgers, Inc., Summit Engineering Corporation and Tobey-Wade Consulting for on-call services on behalf of the Flood Project. These structural engineers can now begin work to determine eligibility for the homeowners that have applied for assistance to elevate their homes. Homeowner applications for assistance became available July 30<sup>th</sup> to homeowners in the Hidden Valley, Eastside Subdivision and Rosewood Lakes areas and more than fifteen have been received to date.

### **Meetings**

**Working Group** - Working Group met August 25<sup>th</sup> and discussed a variety of topics including an update on the JPA, Colonel Leady’s visit along with a Corps update, the Tracy Power Plant Ecosystem Restoration TRAction Project and the current status of the Southeast Connector was presented by Garth Oksol of the Regional Transportation Commission.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** - TAC met August 27<sup>th</sup> and discussed a variety of topics including an update on the Corps’ modeling efforts and project schedule, an update of the University of Nevada, Reno memorandum of understanding (MOU) in regards to the JPA, an update on the JPA, the Tracy Power Plant Ecosystem Restoration TRAction Project, North Truckee Drain TRAction Project agreement and Phase II of the hydrologic model contract with Manhard Engineering.

### **Awards**

**APWA** - At the August 24<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting, the Flood Project and Washoe County Public Works accepted the 2010 American Public Works Association (APWA) Environmental Project-of-the-Year award for the State of Nevada for projects less than \$5 million for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Floodwall/Levee TRAction Project. A similar presentation of the award was made at the Flood Project Coordinating Committee meeting August 13<sup>th</sup>. The APWA annually presents awards for the

Public Works Projects of the Year to recognize the partnership between the managing agency, the consultant / architect / engineer, and the contractor who complete public works projects.

**Outreach**

**EPSCoR Tour** – Flood Project staff along with Laura Edwards from the Desert Research Institute (DRI) spent Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, educating the Nevada Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) students about the Flood Project guided by an interdisciplinary question: “*How will climate change affect disturbance regimes like flooding?*” Included in the day was a tour of various Project elements as well as classroom presentations. The students consisting of K-12 Washoe County teachers will take this information and apply it in their school environment for the new school year.

**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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