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Sparks council approves proposal for flood agency

Elected officials have taken a step toward forming a joint powers agreement to fund a \$1.6 billion flood control plan that officials say would be northern Nevada's largest public works project.

Officials say forming the JPA will add legal muscle to plans to raise fees and fund efforts to reduce the impact of flooding in the Truckee Meadows, restore the Truckee River ecosystem and improve recreational opportunities. They say the new agency would be similar to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

Flood project director Naomi Duerr told the Sparks Tribune that the next step in forming the Sparks joint powers authority will be for the flood control district board to approve a draft cooperative agreement for approval by Washoe County and the cities of Reno and Sparks.
