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Reno agrees to flood control board

The Reno City Council on Wednesday agreed to a schedule for creating a government agency to oversee a \$1 billion-plus Truckee River flood control project.

The Nevada Legislature this year authorized a joint powers authority for the flood control project, to include bridges and recreational projects in wide, bermed areas along the river.

Assuming the Sparks council and Washoe County commissioners agree, the next step would be a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at commission chambers, 1001 E. Ninth St.

The government, similar to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, would start in January and have the power to impose fees or rates on local property owners for project work next spring.

Council members agreed the new agency board should make decisions by a majority vote. The current flood control steering committee is required to make unanimous decisions.
