



# Truckee River Flood Project

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## **COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTS FLOOD PROJECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HOME ELEVATION AT MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

**Reno, Nevada. May 27, 2010.** Washoe County Commissioners adopted the proposed ordinance to establish a financial assistance program to property owners in selected areas to make those properties resistant to flood damage at the second reading of the proposed ordinance May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Residents established a strong presence at the meeting with all those that spoke on behalf of the ordinance in favor of the approval.

The ordinance is authorized by Assembly Bill 54 from the 2009 Legislature, and establishes a voluntary financial assistance program through which property owners that live within established flood boundaries and meet certain requirements can elevate or relocate their homes.

The first phase of the program has an initial budget of \$2 million, with the total cost for the program estimated at approximately \$10 million. The program is funded through the Flood Project's 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax.

By offering a voluntary program through which homeowners can work directly with contractors, the Flood Project estimates it could save more than \$40 million as compared to the construction of floodwalls and levees to protect the same properties from flood damage.

Director Duerr reports, "This approval is significant in creating a winning outcome for the community, protection from flooding and less dollars spent in the process."

Jay Aldean, Flood Project Deputy Director and Project Manager predicts a late summer start to construction for the first phase of the project. Additional information and a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

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