



Truckee River Flood Project

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WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES THE TRANSFER OF THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM FROM WATER RESOURCES TO THE FLOOD PROJECT AT THEIR JUNE 22, 2010 MEETING

Reno, Nevada. June 23, 2010. At the June 22nd meeting, Washoe County Commissioners approved the transfer of the Flood Warning System from the Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR) to the Truckee River Flood Management Department effective July 1, 2010. The transfer also includes Senior Hydrogeologist, Ed Evans along with the responsibilities of funding, managing, operations and maintenance of the Flood Warning System.

The Flood Warning System is composed of a series of stream gages and monitoring equipment designed to provide critical storm and weather information to various agencies in northern Nevada for the purpose of supporting emergency preparations in advance of devastating floods in the Truckee River basin. It consists of a network of twenty-three (23) precipitation gages and five (5) staff gages designed to:

- Monitor flood potential in the watershed;
- Monitor summer thunderstorm activity;
- Support emergency flood response planning;
- Archive historical weather data;
- Provide data for engineering and resource planning studies and,
- Improve agency coordination.

The System is currently managed by the Washoe County Department of Water Resources and remained with DWR when the Truckee River Flood Management Department (Flood Project) was separated from DWR in 2005 because the department was an operating entity and, at that time, the scope and authority of the Flood Project was focused primarily on planning. Since then, the Flood Project has become a well-established organization with a wider array of responsibilities including the integration of the regional flood management functions under the Flood Project.

It is estimated that Washoe County will save approximately \$90,000 in general fund dollars due to the transfer with the cities of Reno and Sparks expected to save similar amounts.

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