

Truckee River Flood Management Project

TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 26, 2010
10:00 AM

MINUTES

Dan St. John, Chair
Wayne Seidel, Vice Chair

Technical Advisory Committee Members

	RENO	SPARKS	WASHOE COUNTY
VOTING	Susan Schlerf Kyle West John Flansberg	Neil Krutz Wayne Seidel- <i>Vice Chair</i> TBD	Adrian Freund Dan St. John - <i>Chair</i> John Sherman
ALTERNATES	Auro Majumdar (Alt)	TBD (Alt)	Kimble Corbridge (Alt)
NON-VOTING	Water Resources	TBD	
	University of Nevada Reno	Kevin Piper	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Determination of a Quorum **10:09am**

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Dan St. John at 10:09 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Washoe County Central Conference Room at 1001 E 9th Street, Building C, Reno, Nevada.

Committee Members Present: Chair Dan St. John, Vice Chair Wayne Seidel, Susan Schlerf, Kyle West, John Flansberg, Auro Majumdar, Neil Krutz and John Sherman.

Flood Staff Present: Naomi Duerr, Director; Jay Aldean, Deputy Director; Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager; Paul Urban, Project Manager; Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Lisa Diebler, Pat Winans and Greg Salter, Deputy District Attorney.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wayne Seidel moved to approve to agenda, Susan Schlerf seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Provisional Minutes of TAC Meeting of January 12, 2010 and February 5, 2010 –

Neil Krutz moved to approve, Kyle West seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to three minutes per person

Chair St. John opened the meeting to public comment; there was no one present to comment.

6. FY 10-11 PROPOSED BUDGET

10:11am

Director Naomi Duerr gave a presentation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 10-11 proposed budget and asked the committee for specific areas to focus on for future presentations. Director Duerr provided a cash flow sheet not included in the original agenda packet that was discussed in detail at the board retreat.

As for revenue sources, Director Duerr said she expects one of the public safety bonds to be paid off in this fiscal year. Duerr said based on input from the various committees and John Sherman, the Project could initiate another bond sale to receive more money up front for capital projects and use revenues for repayment. Director Duerr said she had not discussed this idea with Sherman, but was hoping to initiate fees in the next fiscal year. John Flansberg said he believed the bond idea could work as long as it went toward projects that are shovel-ready to put people to work immediately.

Director Duerr went over the details for the FY 10-11 budget, including primary activities such as the setting up of the JPA, finalizing flood plans with the Corps of Engineers, establishing and implementing fees, implementing TRAction projects, acquiring land, relocating people, implementing the flood warning system, and operating and maintaining the levees and other project infrastructure.

Susan Schlerf asked for more detail on line items.

Director Duerr provided information on land acquisition and relocation performed to date as compared to what is proposed for the next fiscal year. Ms. Duerr said staff expect to complete the acquisition of 35 and 65 Edison Way in this fiscal year, and have slated 1-2 acquisitions budgeted at approximately \$1 million for next year. The UNR acquisition would be further out; the Project is currently working on the MOU with UNR to acquire the land needed to build the project, but don't have the money to do so at this time or next year. Director Duerr also spoke about the list of approved and ongoing TRAction projects.

A few additional operating issues were discussed which include budgeting for O&M on projects that have been constructed, the need for infrastructure replacement reserves, initiating monitoring, picking-up overhead costs for the first time, completing the hydrological model and operating the flood warning system.

A discussion ensued between Director Duerr and Chair St. John about replacement reserves; Mr. St. John suggested using the words "repair and replacement".

Director Duerr concluded her presentation saying the Project is holding the line and cutting back on expenses where possible.

A discussion ensued among Chair St. John, Director Duerr and Jay Aldean about prioritizing funds toward construction instead of the other items such as land purchases, river monitoring and the

hydrologic model. Chair St. John questioned the priority given to purchasing land versus putting projects on the ground to get people to work. Chair St. John suggested reserving the funds for something beneficial and less risky. Ms. Duerr noted that land acquisition is something the Project is required to do as part of working with the Corps of Engineers, whereas TRAction projects are elements we choose to do. Staff have sought to find a balance between the two, budgeting close to \$5 million for project construction and \$1 million for land acquisition. Additionally, each construction project requires some land or right of way acquisition in order to complete the construction.

Aldean spoke about project monitoring and its need as a tool to demonstrate compliance with project goals by establishing a baseline for demonstrating project success or failure.

Paul Urban explained the hydrology model will function as a tool not to limit development, but rather to make sure the Flood Project functions as designed after development takes place. It is important to get started with the model now, while development is at a low so that the model is in place as a tool when development picks up.

Neil Krutz said the hydrologic modeling effort is integral to the work being done to establish the JPA, adding that having an appropriate tool in place from the outset is an absolute must to avoid having developers use their own tools. It puts the Project in a much better stance with its investors.

Susan Schlerf asked for a more detailed budget. Director Duerr explained the Flood Project budget has more detail than most budgets in the County at this point in the budget development process, but that more detail would become available over the next two weeks. Traditionally the TAC has focused their review on the infrastructure component of the budget (projects and land acquisition) which was presented in quite a bit of detail at both the current and previous TAC meetings as well as at the Retreat. Ms. Duerr offered to provide more detail in the budget presentation to the TAC next year. The March Finance and FPCC meetings in two weeks will include a more detailed budget presentation as well.

Chair St. John suggested the committee accept the budget presentation and approve the budgetary goals embedded in the presentation with the provision that the Committee receive a detailed budget when it becomes available, to include the semantic change of the words "repair and replacement."

Susan Schlerf motioned to accept. Neil Krutz seconded the motion to approve the presentation to include an amendment stating that the TAC did not feel there was sufficient information to render an opinion on the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CORPS PRINCIPALS AND GUIDELINES

11:27am

Director Duerr provided a report on the proposed revisions to the US Army Corps of Engineers' "Principals and Guidelines" that govern administration and performance of Corps' projects. The item had been reviewed at the FPCC Board Retreat. Duerr explained to the Committee that they had been provided with a 25-page document on the Principles and Guidelines two weeks earlier with the FPCC Board Retreat package. Comments on the proposed Principles and Guidelines are due by March 3rd.

**Chair St. John stepped out of the room at 11:28am. Wayne Seidel stepped in as Vice Chair.*

**Chair St. John returned at 11:31am.*

A discussion ensued among committee members about recommendations, echoing Ms. Duerr's concerns over the proposed exclusion of data more than five years old. Presently, the Corps is reevaluating economics every three years.

Kyle West motioned to accept the report. Wayne Seidel seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

8. REVIEW FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA 11:40am

No comments

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Chair St. John recommended a staff presentation further explaining the hydrology model currently being developed, how it would be used to regulate development, and what it could mean for changes in ordinances, as future agenda items for the FPCC.

John Flansberg motioned to accept, Wayne Seidel seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chair St. John adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

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