

Truckee River  Flood Management Project

**FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**September 10, 2010, 8:30 A.M.**

**Washoe County Commission Chambers**  
**1001 East Ninth Street**  
**Reno, Nevada**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL - Determination of a Quorum**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. A quorum was established.

**Voting Members Present:**

Ron Smith, Chair  
Dan Gustin, Vice-Chair (arrived at 8:34 a.m.)  
Robert Dickens  
David Humke  
Bob Larkin  
Geno Martini

**Voting Members Absent:**

Bob Cashell  
Ron Zurek

**Voting Alternates Present:**

Troy Miller

**Voting Alternates Absent:**

Jessica Sferrazza  
Kitty Jung  
Julia Ratti

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Franco Crivelli  
Steve Driscoll  
John Flansberg  
John Jackson  
Burnham Moffat  
Dean Schultz  
John Sherman (arrived at 8:38 a.m.)

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Shaun Carey  
Donna Dreska  
Dennis Miller  
Tom Minton  
Jill Olsen  
Wayne Seidel  
Katy Simon  
Dan St. John

**Non-Voting Alternates Present:**

David Childs

**Non-Voting Alternates Absent:**

Connie Butts  
Jeff Cronk  
Dennis Ghiglieri  
Susan Schlerf  
Todd Welty

**Staff Present:** Naomi Duerr, Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Paul Urban, Jay Aldean, Greg Salter, Susie Kapahee, Danielle Henderson, Laura Bayer, Eric Scheetz, Ed Evans, Melissa Faigeles, Kevin Gorges

Member Martini led the Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8:34 a.m.**

Chair Smith welcomed Members and guests. He invited announcements.

Director Duerr stated that items 5D and 5F were pulled from the agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – 8:34 a.m.**

Chair Smith called for public comments.

Mike Dillon, Executive Director for the Builder's Association of Northern Nevada (BANN), stated that he looks forward to working with staff and members of the committee on Item 5C in the future in providing input on the Joint Powers Authority (JPA), as well as Item 5F related to the hydrologic model. He thanked Members for the opportunity to comment.

Chair Smith called for further public comment and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

**4. MINUTES – 8:35 a.m.**

A. Approve Provisional Minutes of Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) Meeting of August 13, 2010.

**Member Gustin moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2010 FPCC meeting. Member Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

B. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY – Review Provisional Minutes of Finance Subcommittee Meeting of August 12, 2010.

**5. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS**

- A. CARMEN GROUP UPDATE – 8:36 a.m.** - Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Flood Project Supervisor, Truckee River Flood Project  
*Update on the Carmen Group's lobbyist activities. Possible action to accept the report and/or provide direction to staff on related lobbying matters.*

Mimi Fujii-Strickler reported that a wonderful helicopter tour of the Truckee River Flood Project was held for Senator Ensign the prior week. She stated that Director Duerr and Paul Urban served as the tour guides. She thanked the Washoe County Sheriff's Department for the use of their Raven helicopter and pilot for this tour, as well as for Colonel Leady's recent tour. She stated that she believed Senator Ensign learned a lot about the project from the tour and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

Director Duerr reiterated Ms. Fujii-Strickler's comments that the Senator stated he had never seen the entire extent of the Truckee River all the way to Pyramid Lake and was very impressed with the scope of the project. She stated that the Senator made no commitments during the tour; however, discussion occurred over the cost and the level of flood protection for all residents, as well as the projects completed to date. Chair Smith agreed that it was an eye-opener for Senator Ensign.

Ms. Fujii-Strickler stated that Mia O'Connell has been very busy in Washington, D.C. and along with staff from Senator Reid's office met with the Senate Appropriations Committee. She reported that the two were able to pursue the advance of construction funding for the Flood Project for the Fiscal Year appropriations. The Committee requested that Ms. O'Connell develop a fact sheet and work with the South Pacific Division to submit to Congress. She added that the hope is that the funding could be used for the North Truckee Drain. She summarized that Ms. O'Connell stated this is good news for the Flood Project and she will continue to work diligently with Senator Reid's staff.

Ms. Fujii-Strickler reported that Ms. O'Connell and Senator Reid's staff have been working on the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) bill. She stated that the WRDA committee is considering moving forward with a conditional letter of authorization based on the 2011 Chief's Report. She reported that Ms. O'Connell also continues to work with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA)'s office to ensure eligibility for such authorization. Ms. O'Connell also noted that would be no WRDA this year; however, the base will be built for next year.

Director Duerr reported that following the previous day's Finance Subcommittee (FSC) meeting, there was an opportunity to hear from the Corps regarding recent developments on the WRDA bill. She reiterated that Chair Smith and she recently visited Washington, D.C. and made good progress with moving the project forward. She explained that the Corps Headquarters acknowledged that they would consider shortening their timeframes for Headquarters' review. She added that Headquarters also requested from the Corps Project Manager a new schedule that would enable completion of some of the key components by 2011. She reported that the Project Manager, Beth Salyers, was available via telephone and would provide an update later. She clarified that no commitments have been made; however, steps are being taken to potentially make a conditional "interim" authorization possible.

Vice Chair Gustin stated that the encouraging news is that Headquarters is directing the Sacramento District to move forward. Director Duerr stated that is correct and staff are very encouraged.

**Member Gustin moved to accept the report. Member Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**B. UPDATE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO (UNR) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – 8:43 a.m. - Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project**

*Report on current status of the UNR MOU which addresses a process to be used to identify land for possible acquisition by the County for the Flood Project, and to coordinate uses and activities of that land with surrounding properties. Possible action to provide guidance to staff.*

Director Duerr reported that this week a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was provided to UNR via Member Dickens, which is specifically related to the transfer of land assets

associated with the Main Station Farm, as per the current Cooperative Agreement. She stated that a draft of a Termination Agreement that would be signed by all members of the Cooperative Agreement was also transmitted to UNR was. She added that the original Cooperative Agreement was signed by the UNR President and leaders of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. She stated that the University would evaluate the MOU and the Termination Agreement, and determine the best way to proceed. She invited comments from Member Dickens.

Member Dickens, UNR, stated that UNR did receive the draft MOU, which has been submitted to UNR's President, Member Zurek, Mark Johnson, Provost and the General Counsel. He reported that the work done by staff represents a great deal of progress following a number of meetings. He added that UNR has an internal planning process ongoing within the Central Administration, which involves representatives of the College of Agriculture and the experiment station to review use of the Main Station Farm. He stated that in consultation with staff the project needs for acquisition are being explored along with some development that the University wishes to retain for itself and the relocation of existing facilities, pending accommodation of the Flood Project. He summarized that internally UNR is moving ahead and he agreed that good progress is being made.

Chair Smith asked if President Glick is involved or if it is the Board of Regents. Member Dickens stated that the President Glick, the general counsel, and the Board of Regents would be involved, as well as the "real estate attorney". He added that he believes the President could sign off on the Cooperative Agreement and added that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for December.

Dan Gustin, City of Reno, stated he has worked with Member Dickens, who is well-informed. He asked Member Dickens how involved he is with the MOU process. Member Dickens stated he is very involved. Mr. Gustin stated that is great news.

**Member Gustin moved to accept the report. Member Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**C. JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) UPDATE – 8:48 a.m.** - Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project

*Report on recent meetings, developments, proposals, and timelines regarding development of a new Cooperative Agreement to establish a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Flood Project. Possible discussion and action to provide instructions to staff regarding the contents of the draft Cooperative Agreement regarding membership, governance, administration, and regulatory powers of the proposed Joint Powers Authority; the acquisition of land and the construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of flood facilities; the assessment and collection of rates and fees to pay for the project; the financing of the project; and the rights and obligations of parties to the Cooperative Agreement.*

Director Duerr reported that the schedule for the new Cooperative Agreement, which is part of the JPA, was included in the staff report. She briefly reviewed the schedule as follows:

- July/August/September 2010 – The Flood Funding Oversight Team has been vetting the agreement at frequent meetings (met three times since the last FPCC meeting). Some ad hoc meetings were also convened with Community Development, Planning and Public

Works staffs to discuss how development review might progress under Article 4 of the JPA. She added that the meetings have been well-attended with much interest in the process.

- A JPA meeting is scheduled following this FPCC meeting.
- The first Manager's meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2010 to begin consideration of the JPA, which is approximately 70-pages in length.
- Once agency staffs and the managers sign off on the document, a Town Hall meeting will be scheduled, tentatively for the last week of September (possibly on the 30<sup>th</sup>). She clarified that if consensus is not reached by that time, the meeting will be postponed.
- Following the Town Hall meeting, a Public Workshop with the FPCC will be scheduled for the next FPCC meeting. She explained that staff will review details of the JPA, and members and the public would be able to ask questions and provide input. She stated that the FPCC would not be asked to vote specifically on the JPA. Member Larkin asked if it would be beneficial for the FPCC to take an advisory or recommendation vote. Greg Salter, Legal Counsel, stated that the FPCC could do so if desired.

Director Duerr stated that the purpose of this agenda item is to seek direction on the process and to discuss the details of the JPA, and stated it is appropriate to provide direction on the process. Chair Smith explained that the process would be for the FPCC to review the JPA following approval by the Managers and staff. He asked Member Larkin if he is suggesting that the FPCC provide input prior to approval by the Managers and staff.

Member Larkin stated that the JPA would have to be ratified by the governing bodies and asked FPCC members if they felt it would be beneficial for the FPCC to take a vote related to their recommendation relative to the JPA prior to the governing bodies taking an official vote. Chair Smith stated that there is time for such an opportunity. Director Duerr stated that the tentatively scheduled workshop could include such a recommendation on the agenda if requested.

Mr. Gustin stated that the Reno City Council will ask him or Mayor Cashell what transpired at the FPCC meeting and any related recommendations. He summarized that he thought Member Larkin's idea for the FPCC to provide a recommendation could be beneficial.

Chair Smith directed staff to schedule an agenda item as such for the Workshop, with which Director Duerr agreed.

Member Larkin stated that it might be beneficial for Chair Smith and Director Duerr to meet with the Reno Gazette-Journal's editorial board and explain the nuances of the JPA versus the existing structure. Chair Smith agreed that is a good idea. Director Duerr agreed to follow up on the issue.

Director Duerr stated that she has been working with staff to schedule a meeting just before or after the Town Hall meeting but prior to the FPCC Workshop, with the development, building and real estate representatives. She added that Neil Krutz, City of Sparks, offered to help set up a meeting with the Northern Nevada Chamber of Commerce. She stated that she recently met with the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID), where she provided an update on the Flood Project and the JPA (specifically the fees) and was applauded for the community's efforts. She summarized that significant public outreach is currently underway in anticipation of the JPA workshops.

Chair Smith asked if IVGID's questions or comments were positive or negative. Director Duerr provided a couple of examples of questions, for example, what percentage of flow comes from California. She summarized that much of the California flows are retained by reservoirs such as Prosser, Stampede and Boca; however, approximately 15% of the flow coming into Nevada is uncontrolled, which results in approximately 50% of the flooding in the Truckee Meadows during the 1997 flood (about 22,000 cubic feet per second (cfs).) She stated that IVGID understood the issues.

Director Duerr stated that another question raised related to how the flood fees would be managed. She reported that Sparks has already enacted such a fee and added that the money is deposited in a dedicated fund for the Truckee River Flood Project and at this time is dedicated to the North Truckee Drain project. She reported that another question was raised about the restoration projects and the related use of the project facilities, such as bike paths and public access, for which IVGID members were supportive.

Director Duerr reported that she also discussed with the IVGID Board the Federal Water Master's management of Lake Tahoe in relation to the flood and changes that were made between 1997 and 2005 to minimize flood impacts on the Reno-Sparks area. She stated that much of the regular IVGID meeting was dedicated to discussion of IVGID's fees primarily for recreation services.

Member Larkin asked Director Duerr and Chair Smith if they had plans to address the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and stated he thought that might be beneficial. Ms. Duerr stated that she had no plans, although she agreed it was a good suggestion and offered to follow up. Member Larkin stated that Lake Tahoe residents are acutely aware of any runoff due to the intense pressure imposed by TRPA.

Chair Smith called for any questions or comments, of which there were none.

**Member Larkin moved to accept the report. Vice Chair Gustin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**D. AMENDMENT TO THE FCS GROUP INC. CONTRACT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR FLOOD PROJECT - \$150,000**

- Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project

*Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the current contract with FCS Group regarding provision of consulting services and preparation of reports to be used in establishing revenue requirements of, and the rates and fees to be collected for, the financing of the Flood Project; and if approved, forward to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners for consent*

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**E. PLANNING AND DESIGN AGREEMENT FOR THE TRACY POWER PLANT ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TRACTION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO EXCEED \$250,000 – 9:02 a.m. - Melissa Faigeles, Natural Resource Planner**

*Discussion and possible action to: 1) approve the Tracy Restoration Project as a TRAction project, 2) approve an agreement with The Nature Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for project planning and design of the Tracy Restoration TRAction Project, and 3) if the agreement is approved, forward the agreement to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners for consent.*

Director Duerr introduced Melissa Faigeles, who provided a brief overview and PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Truckee River Action (TRAction) Project, the Tracy Power Plant Ecosystem Restoration project. She reported that under the National Economic Development (NED) and the Locally Preferred Plan (LPP), there are eleven restoration projects planned for the 25-mile stretch of the Truckee River between Vista and Wadsworth. She explained that the Flood Control Project would result in increased velocities downstream, which is the purpose behind restoration. She stated that the Living River approach includes downstream restoration with the primary goal of flood attenuation.

Ms. Faigeles explained that the restoration efforts would include meanders to slow the flow and reconnect the river to the floodplain to allow for natural flooding. She stated that secondary improvements would include improved wildlife habitats and water quality. She reported that three restoration projects have been successfully completed in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) (Lower Mustang Ranch, 102 Ranch and Lockwood). She referred to a map of the project area that includes ownership of the parcels. Owners include NV Energy, Mars Pet Care and former gravel pit owners. She added that TNC is currently in negotiations with NV Energy to gain access to the property, which should be secured within the next month.

Ms. Faigeles stated that the project will probably take two seasons to complete construction, which is slated to begin in 2012. She added that the project is anticipated to include over approximately 775 lineal feet. It is expected to create 8.85 acres of riffle habitat and to restore 53 acres of riparian habitat, and prevent capture of the former gravel pit flood water.

Ms. Faigeles reported that in order to be considered as a TRAction Project, the following criteria need to be met:

- Should be sponsored by a government agency
- Should be included in both the NED and the LPP
- Cause no adverse impacts
- Provide benefits in the stand-alone project
- Be technically feasible, cost effective and affordable

She summarized that the Tracy Restoration project meets all those requirements. She stated that the TAC developed other criteria for TRAction projects, which the project meets as well.

Ms. Faigeles referred to the Corps' restoration plan. She reported that the major partner on this project is The Nature Conservancy (TNC). She added that funding would be provided by the Flood Project, Bureau of Reclamation, Washoe County Question One and NV Energy. She reviewed the schedule and stated that the hope is to begin construction in the summer of 2012.

Ms. Faigeles stated that the cost estimate for the planning and design phase is approximately \$250,000 for which TNC would be responsible. She added that \$5 to \$6 million is estimated for the entire project. She stated that currently between BOR, Washoe County Parks and the Flood Project, approximately \$2.95 million is available in secured funding, leaving a need for a little over \$2 million for construction. She explained that staff feels there is sufficient time to explore other grant funding opportunities prior to construction.

Ms. Faigeles stated that staff's request is that the FPCC:

- Approve restoration of the Tracy Power Plant as a TRAction Project
- Approve a funding agreement between the Flood Project and TNC for planning and design for the Tracy Power Plant Restoration Project
- Authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000 in Flood Project funds for Phase I – Planning and Design
- Request the Washoe County Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement between the County and The Nature Conservancy for Phase I: Project Planning and Design

Chair Smith asked if the \$250,000 would cover the entire cost for planning and design, which Ms. Faigeles stated it should; however, if there is a shortfall, BOR's encumbered funds could be used. Member Larkin asked what the purpose of the original pits were when dug. Director Duerr stated she believed it was partly for gravel excavation and partly for cooling ponds. Mr. Urban stated that the pit to the west side of the power plant was originally a gravel pit that is now used by NV Energy for a secondary water supply for cooling.

Member Larkin stated that the Flood Project's goal is to stabilize and return the pits to their natural habitat and asked if NV Energy has been approached with their appropriate role in the restoration project. Director Duerr stated that according to Ms. Faigeles, NV Energy has already done stabilization work on the pit to the west to prevent future capture of the pit by the river, which happened in 1997. She agreed that additional funding could be pursued from NV Energy to further stabilize the pit. She offered for staff to follow up with NV Energy on the effort. Member Larkin stated he would like to find out NV Energy's role, which could provide in-kind services. Director Duerr agreed and added that TNC's in-kind contributions were not included in the budget numbers.

Member Larkin suggested including further examination of the pits and the requirements of the Flood Control Project. Ms. Faigeles stated that conceptual level design work was done in 2002; however, the project will be reassessed with TNC.

Vice Chair Gustin stated he has no problem with the project planning; however, 40% of the construction budget has not been identified. He requested that the FPCC be kept abreast of any problems or progress. He cautioned staff on how to proceed on the project, and mentioned that funding for construction from the 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent is possible but not assured, and should not be counted on. Director Duerr agreed but added that if Corps approval of the project is authorized by 2012-2013, there might be an opportunity for Corps funding for construction. She agreed that staff would continue to explore funding options for the construction phase and keep the FPCC up to date.

Chair Smith called for any additional questions or comments, of which there were none.

**Vice Chair Gustin moved to approve staff's recommendation. Member Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**F. APPROVAL OF PHASE II OF THE HYDROLOGIC MODEL CONTRACT WITH MANHARD ENGINEERING IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$850,000** - Paul Urban, Flood Project Manager, Truckee River Flood Project

*Discussion and possible action to approve a contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$850,000 with Manhard Engineering for development of Phase II of a Regional*

*Hydrologic Model (application of the model to the entire watershed), and if approved, to forward the agreement to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners for consent.*

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**G. MONTHLY REPORTS ON FLOOD PROJECT FINANCIAL STATUS AND FINANCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES – 9:18 a.m.** - Lisa Gianoli, Consultant, Truckee River Flood Project

*Update on monthly and year-to-date revenues and expenditures and related financial activities of the Truckee River Flood Project. Discussion of cash flow projections. Possible action to accept the report and/or provide direction to staff on related financial matters.*

Lisa Gianoli referred to the agenda book, which included a detailed breakdown of the budget. She provided a brief overview. She stated that the sales tax for the operating fund is always two months in arrears so there is none listed for the current year. She stated that the last payment for last year's budget in the amount of approximately \$581,000 (1.2% less than the prior year) was received. She summarized that the sales tax collections were down about 10% for the year. She summarized that at the end of the year, collections were within \$15,000 of what were anticipated in the budget for sales tax. She stated there was also less spent last year so the beginning fund balance for the current year was increased.

Ms. Gianoli reported that interest collections are on track and doing well. She reiterated that sales taxes are not anticipated to increase on the revenue side. She briefly explained the line items in the budget, as well as the encumbered amounts.

Ms. Gianoli welcomed questions from Members. Chair Smith referred to the Hidden Valley Levee Flood Wall Project and asked why it is included. Ms. Gianoli stated that the title had not been updated; it should be shown as the Home Elevation Program.

Member Larkin commented that the State Legislature is using any means available to take "every dime from local government to balance the State budget, which has not undergone any constitutional test in decades as to its effectiveness and robbed this Flood Committee and this community of its protection". He added that, "If the Legislature thinks I'm calling them on it, I am."

Member Humke mentioned the revenue source of 1/8-cent sales tax that was approved by the County and Legislature. He stated that probably the "legal hook" that the legislature would use is that they approved the tax originally. He noted to citizens that the Flood Project would prefer to spend the funds on community protection now rather than wait for the Legislature to take it. He added that the money would be better spent by building facilities and infrastructure.

Chair Smith agreed with the previous Member comments but clarified that the items under consideration for funding, have been in the works for some time. He added that the FPCC is simply trying to protect its funding.

Vice Chair Gustin agreed and clarified that the funds are being encumbered (not necessarily spent) that have been set aside for the Flood Project.

**6. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - 9:24 a.m. - Dan St. John, TAC Chair**

*Report on activities related to the Truckee River Flood Project's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Possible discussion and action to accept the report and provide direction to staff. Includes August 27, 2010 meeting agenda, minutes, and TAC attendance sheet.*

In Mr. St. John's absence, Mr. Aldean briefly reviewed a report provided by Mr. St. John. He stated that "we" refers to the TAC. He reported that the TAC discussed the new Corps schedule and is pleased that the end date has been moved up by three months and feels that the project is moving in the right direction.

Mr. Aldean reported that the TAC stated they were pleased with the progress of the JPA Agreement and feel that all agencies are positively engaged in the process with all points of view being considered.

Mr. Aldean continued that the TAC will focus on the technical challenge of using the emerging hydrologic model as a tool to:

- Develop the approach of the appropriate hydrologic criteria for use by the permitting agencies to assure no adverse impact from future development
- Track land development changes to assure that the hydrologic and hydraulic assumptions made for the new design criteria for design track exactly what is happening in the real world
- Provide necessary management solutions to assure no adverse impact
- Develop regional stormwater management solutions to assure no adverse impact for consideration by planning agencies during the upcoming Master Plan amendment process

**Member Martini moved to accept the report. Vice Chair Gustin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

*Member Dickens out of room 9:24 to 9:28 a.m.*

**7. FLOOD PROJECT MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Presentation on flood project events, activities, and schedules. Possible action to accept reports and/or provide direction to staff.*

**A. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2010 – 9:26 a.m. - Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project**

Director Duerr reported that the status report was included in the Agenda Book and highlighted a couple of items:

- She made a presentation to the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC), about the Flood Project which was received very positively. She stated that the Committee said the project would become a "Legacy" for all involved. She added that the Committee includes members from Southern Nevada, some of whom made positive comments – specifically Senator Lee. She stated that the Committee also complimented staff and praised the progress made on Senate Bill (SB) 175 and implementing the JPA, as well as Assembly Bill (AB) 54. She added that AB 54 is the enabling legislation to move forward with the Home Elevation project.

- She reported that the Home Elevation Program is “off and running”. She stated that approximately 20 applications have been received from homeowners to date. She reported that the new structural engineers have begun evaluating the feasibility of homes for elevation.
- She stated that in relation to the Home Elevation Program, a project is being implemented to identify the insurance savings that will be recognized based on the elevations.

Chair Smith asked when the first home is scheduled to be elevated. Director Duerr stated the hope is to begin in September. Mr. Aldean agreed and added that the goal is to begin at the end of the month, with a goal of elevating 4 to 5 homes in the first phase of the project. He added that some glitches have been identified for some of the applicants that need to be addressed.

Director Duerr stated that many of the tours and public outreach activities have already been mentioned; however, one that had not been mentioned was a tour for the teachers in the EPSCoR program. The project was called, “How Will Climate Change Affect Disturbance Regimes Like Flooding?”

**Vice Chair Gustin moved to accept the report. Member Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**B. WORKING GROUP MONTHLY REPORT – 9:30 a.m. – Susie Kapahee, Public Information Officer, Truckee River Flood Project**

Ms. Kapahee reported that Franco Crivelli and Burnham Moffat, Liaisons to the Flood Project Working Group, were present as well. She stated that the update was included in the Agenda Book and welcomed any questions or comments.

Member Larkin referred to the Southeast Connector Update presented by Garth Oksol, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), and asked about the presentation. Ms. Kapahee reported that Mr. Oksol presented an update on the project, including the present alignment, environmental controls, and other project components, such as dirt work and whitetop eradication, and possible partnering opportunities. She stated that Mr. Oksol offered to keep the group updated. Member Larkin reported that RTC is considering acceleration of the project with the bridge being probably the first component. He added that the project is locally-funded with no federal monies, and thus will not require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); however, the bridge is another matter because it will impact the waterway. Director Duerr agreed and explained that impacts in Waters of the U.S. will require a permit, as well as an alternatives assessment, which could trigger an Environmental Assessment (EA) or possibly an EIS.

Member Larkin asked what benefit, if any, there could be to the Flood Project related to the RTC’s EIS analysis. Director Duerr reported that Mr. Oksol noted in his presentation that the wetland impact had been reduced from the original project proposal which would have affected approximately 210 acres of wetlands to less than 10 acres. She agreed that the impact assessments required for RTC will probably require geotechnical and other work.

Mr. Urban agreed with Director Duerr and added that information can be shared between the Flood Project and RTC. He stated that the bridge permitting will most likely require a hydraulic review/analysis, with which the Flood Project could assist.

Member Larkin asked staff what they would do to ensure coordination with Mr. Oksol and RTC to take advantage of the opportunities. He asked about the possibility of taking advantage of construction equipment and work in the area that could be coordinated with the Flood Project. Director Duerr offered to explore the opportunities, with which Mr. Urban agreed. He offered to get re-involved with RTC in the project.

**Member Larkin moved to accept the report. Member Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

### **C. CLIPPINGS – 9:37 a.m.**

Director Duerr reported that the Flood Project continues to receive good media press about the Flood Project and related projects.

Vice Chair Gustin referred to the headlines in the Napa Valley Register that more than 1,000 property owners are reaping the benefits of their flood project in reduced flood insurance costs. Director Duerr stated she had forwarded the article to many. She added that the article documents up to 90% reductions in flood insurance costs, and that this future annual benefit of the flood project is often not well recognized.

## **8. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

### **A. MONTHLY REPORT- 9:40 a.m.** – Beth Salyers, Project Manager, Civil Works Branch, ACOE

*Report on activities related to the Truckee River Flood Management Project including project scheduling and funding. Will include update on documents and process for Internal Technical Review currently underway. Possible action to accept the report and provide direction to staff related to Truckee River Flood Management Project scheduling and funding items as set forth in the report.*

Beth Salyers reported via telephone that the Corps' schedule for authorization in September 2012 is still on track. She reported that West Consultants continue to develop the hydraulic models, which are due for completion on October 16, 2010. She stated that the first deliverable was due on September 5, 2010 but was actually provided on September 3, 2010. She reported that the Corps completed its Quality Assurance (QA) review ahead of schedule as well.

Ms. Salyers reported that Headquarters has requested information regarding what policy waivers could be considered to help complete the project by 2011. She clarified that the concept of only moving forward with the LPP (and not the NED) is not being considered at this point. She stated that she would be meeting with the Corps managers following this meeting and she will report their findings to Director Duerr.

Ms. Salyers explained that the hope was to have a Chief's Report by November 2011; however, the report would not be able to include all components of the project for authorization. She added that components such as the LPP, fish passage, recreational plan, could be left out; however, whether to proceed with an accelerated schedule has not yet been decided.

Director Duerr stated her understanding is that if a partial or interim authorization is sought, work should continue on the entire plan resulting in amending the authorization at a later date, as has been done on other projects. Ms. Salyers stated that it has been done; however, at this time she is unsure what process will be followed.

Member Larkin referred to the staff report that shows the Corps baseline schedule with a draft GRR/EIS for ATR on May 11, 2011 and asked if that date is still valid. Ms. Salyers stated yes. Member Larkin stated there is also a date of December 11, 2011 for another draft GRR/EIS Summary Report and asked if that date is also valid, which Ms. Salyers stated it is. Member Larkin asked if the Draft EIS is an internal draft. Ms. Salyers stated no it is the draft GRR in May 2011, which is the completion point of the study; however, there will be a lot of work between that time and the Chief's Report, including public reviews and other processes.

Member Larkin asked if May 11, 2011 is the date the Corps would release a draft EIS to the public. Ms. Salyers stated it would be released to the public in July. Member Larkin asked Mr. Aldean to update his Project Timeline to reflect July rather than May.

Ms. Salyers welcomed questions or comments. Chair Smith thanked her for her update.

**Member Larkin moved to accept the report. Vice Chair Gustin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

**B. PROJECT TIMELINE REPORT – 9:45 a.m.** - Jay Aldean, Deputy Director, Truckee River Flood Project

Mr. Aldean reiterated Ms. Salyer's comment that the updated schedule was sent to the Flood Project staff late last week. He reported that the updated timeline will be included for the next FPCC meeting.

**9. INITIATION OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE FLOOD PROJECT DIRECTOR – 9:46 a.m.**

*Discussion of process and timeframes for performance evaluation of the Flood Project Director.*

Director Duerr stated that she and Chair Smith met to develop a process to complete her annual evaluation at next month's FPCC meeting. She stated that the process includes a formal, written performance evaluation with participation by all Members and managers. She added that the document will be distributed and will include a survey form, accomplishments and goals. She stated that the document should be returned within a two-week period, when the results will be compiled and published in the next meeting packet.

**10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 9:47 a.m.**

*Possible action to approve items for future agendas.*

Chair Smith reported that next week the Sparks Boulevard off ramp will be closed by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to work on the first sections of the North Truckee Drain. He added that a Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held and invited all to attend. He stated that the concrete culverts were built locally, which provided jobs.

Noel Laughlin, HDR, reported that a pre-construction meeting for the project was held last week. He added that currently the construction is scheduled to begin on Wednesday. He offered to check with the Project Manager on the schedule.

Member Larkin reported that Dean Schultz is the representative for the Airport Authority. He reported that he attended a Finance Subcommittee meeting this week and approval was granted to move forward with negotiations for construction of a fairly large facility at the northeast corner of the airport, which may not be located in Critical Flood Zone #1 but borders it. He reported that in the previous flood, the airport was shut down. He requested an update from the airport on the planned projects and potential impacts on the Flood Project. Director Duerr offered to follow up on the request.

**11. ADJOURNMENT – 9:51 a.m.**

**With no further business, Vice Chair Gustin made a motion to adjourn. Member Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by FPCC in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.