Truckee River Flood Management Authority Signs $6.5 Million Contract with US Army Corps of Engineers

(Reno, Nev.) – The Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) has entered into a $6.5 million flood damage reduction design agreement with the Department of the Army. According to the agreement, the US Army Corps of Engineers will perform preconstruction engineering and design of terracing and revegetation features along the Truckee River from Greg Street to McCarran Boulevard. The planned improvements along this portion of river bank will ultimately work with other flood project elements to assist with confining flood flows to the riverbed under the Rock Boulevard and McCarran Boulevard Bridges during periods of high water flow.

Because the design effort is for the purpose of flood damage reduction, it qualifies for a 65%/35% funding match with the federal government using $4,225,000 in funds appropriated by Congress and $2,275,000 coming from TRFMA’s 1/8 cent Washoe County sales tax. TRFMA has provided the initial payment of $619,231 to the US Army Corps of Engineers its share of the match that will fund the Corps’ design work through September 2018.

The Truckee Meadows Flood Project was federally authorized by passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. Executive Director Jay Aldean stated, “It is our intent that the design agreement will lead to the expenditure of construction start money by the Army Corps of Engineers, which would for practical purposes assure the continued expenditure of federal cost share funding for the whole Flood Project.”

For more information on the Truckee River Flood Management Authority, please visit trfma.org/the-project/planning/.

About the Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA):
The Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Truckee River Flood Management Project. The agency is a joint powers authority created in 2011 by an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement executed among Washoe County, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks. The agency’s primary mission is to plan, design, build, operate and maintain infrastructure to reduce flood damages, safeguard public health and create a more resilient community.

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