

# Truckee River Flood Management Project

## TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, March 26, 2010  
10:00 AM

### MINUTES

Dan St. John, Chair  
Wayne Seidel, Vice Chair

#### Technical Advisory Committee Members

	RENO	SPARKS	WASHOE COUNTY
<b>VOTING</b>	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
<b>ALTERNATES</b>	Auro Majumdar (Alt)	TBD (Alt)	Kimble Corbridge (Alt)
<b>NON-VOTING</b>	<b>Water Resources</b>	TBD	
	University of Nevada Reno	Kevin Piper	

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Determination of a Quorum** **10:00am**

A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Kimble Corbridge at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Washoe County Central Conference Room at 1001 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building C, Reno, Nevada.

Committee Members Present: Acting Chair Kimble Corbridge, Susan Schlerf, Kyle West, John Flansberg, Auro Majumdar, Neil Krutz, John Sherman and Kerri Lanza.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approval of the agenda was moved and seconded. It passed unanimously.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Provisional Minutes of TAC Meeting of February 26, 2010 -

**Approval of the February 26, 2010 meeting minutes was moved and seconded. It passed unanimously.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Melissa Faigeles was introduced to the TAC as the newest Flood Project employee to assist Danielle Henderson. Her title is Natural Resource Planner. She was welcomed to the project by the TAC.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to three minutes per person**

Acting Chair Kimble Corbridge opened the meeting to public comment; there was no one present to comment.

**6. ELECTION OF TAC OFFICERS**

Discussion occurred as to whether new TAC elections should be held in absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was decided during the discussions to proceed with the agenda item and Dan St. John was nominated to serve another term as TAC Chairperson and Wayne Seidel was nominated to serve another term as the Vice-Chair by Susan Schlerf, the second was by John Sherman. It passed unanimously.

**7. UPDATE ON THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' MODELING EFFORTS AND PROJECT SCHEDULE**

**10:15am**

Jay Aldean, Deputy Director of the Truckee River Flood Project, lead the discussion on the progress and possible changes to the Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) hydraulic model revision effort and any expected impacts to the project schedule. Paul Urban, Project Manager, explained fixed models and flood plains to the Committee. Urban said that the main concern is that future external technical reviewers won't approve the current Corps' model even with the expected model fixes. West Consultants is doing more stringent work to rework the model and have it complete by October.

Auro Majumdar asked what would happen if West and the Corps don't agree on their models. Urban explained that the Project would use the model created by West to generate flood plains. The Corps is making an additional effort to complete the flood plains in half the time.

Neil Krutz expressed concern over wasting resources to correct a problem that the Project has struggled with before with the Corps. Deputy Director Aldean explained that the Project has nearly an unlimited supply of help with the consultants, enabling them to complete the work before the Corps team.

A discussion ensued about the timeline and finalization of the ETR. Urban further explained that the efforts are being timed so that West completes the first run of flood plans as the Corps works on theirs on the October 31<sup>st</sup> timeframe. Aldean added that Flood Project staff's goal is to have a backup to ensure authorization for 2012.

Further discussion ensued among the Committee about expectations of the Corps, gratitude for their added resources but skepticism about reaching the deadline.

Susan Schlerf suggested that Aldean explain to the Board visually why the aforementioned decision will help with the schedule sooner than later, and include the item with the FPCC agenda under the Corps report.

**John Flansberg motioned to accept the report with the condition that it is presented to the FPCC explaining the benefits of the proposed process and maintaining and potentially improving the schedule. Susan Schlerf seconded the motion. Neil Krutz opposed over concern of two existing models. The motion passed with seven yeas and one nay.**

- 8. FY 10-11 BUDGET: ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES 11:04am**  
Director Duerr gave the update with a slideshow presentation, providing specific examples, of the Flood Project's Fiscal Year (FY) 09-10 accomplishments and performance measures, and proposed FY 10-11 activities for the approved FY 10-11 Budget.

The slides included additional accomplishments for Fiscal Year 09-10, funds and goals for FY 10-11 for Fund 211 and Fund 494. John Sherman recommended Duerr provide names instead of number titles to the aforementioned funds for future presentations and adding numbers for performance measures.

On the final slide, Kerri Lanza recommended adding the number of jobs created. . Acting Chair Corbridge suggested adding photos to contrast the work that has been completed with what it looked like prior. The photos of the final outcome should be larger, he said.  
District Attorney Greg Salter recommended replacing the word customers with "people affected by flooding".

Director Duerr informed the Committee that the Project had been approached by the Bureau of Reclamation concerning our interest in providing local funding match for a study on the Truckee River Watershed. The Bureau offered to do the work for the Project to study the impact of climate change and its effects on the water yield and expected flood flows.

- 9. REVIEW FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA**  
The Committee was invited to make recommendations to the FPCC on any of the Flood Project Coordinating Committee draft agenda items. Flansberg offered to give the presentation in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 11:27am**  
Committee members reviewed and discussed the TAC meeting date set for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion ensued among committee members about possibly acquisition of the former La Famiglia building on the southwest corner of First and Lake Streets.

Auro Majumdar updated the Chair on the consultant selection process for Virginia Street Bridge. The team had solicited 13 teams, which had been reduced to four firms which would return on the 31<sup>st</sup> for their interviews. Following the interviews, a firm will be taken to the City Council for recommendation on becoming the design team for the bridge.

Flansberg asked when the Committee would review the JPA process.  
Director Duerr explained she would be meeting with Greg Salter and Lisa Gianoli to develop a schedule, followed by a series of meetings on the regulatory process. Duerr expects to approach the City of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County Commissioners in late May with official language on the JPA.

Flansberg requested more information on the hydrology, asking for a review of the model and how it worked on the regulatory side. Director Duerr replied that it had not been ready for the TAC without

more vetting. The TAC should see a continuation of the hydrologic model discussion at the next meeting.

Deputy Director Aldean further explained a meeting with professional hydrologists in the area would occur on April 20<sup>th</sup> to receive their comments, which will then be presented to the TAC and FPCC to provide a complete picture on the item. The meeting will occur April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Room on Energy Way at the Water Resources Building. Aldean invited those interested to attend.

**There being no further business, Acting Chair Corbridge adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.**

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