

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FRIDAY – JANUARY 27, 2012 - 10:00 A.M.

**Truckee River Flood Management Authority Office
9390 Gateway Drive, Suite 230
Reno, Nevada**

Technical Advisory Committee Members

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Determination of a Quorum

Chair West called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and a quorum was established with the following members in attendance: Kyle West, John Martini, Kerri Lanza, Trevor Lloyd, John Mosley, Austin Osborne, Randy Pahl, and Tim Thompson.

Members absent: John Flansberg, Dave Childs

Also in attendance: Brian Janes and Dave Solaro.

Staff in attendance: Jay Aldean, Michael Wolz, Paul Urban, Eric Scheetz, Laura McAuley

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (for possible action)

John Martini moved to approve the agenda; Austin Osborne seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (for possible action)–

Trevor Lloyd moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2011; John Martini seconded and it passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kyle West announced he is resigning from the TAC because he is leaving Community Development and taking over as Safety Manager for City of Reno. Kerri Lanza will be coming on as a TAC member and Reno will name an alternate.

There will be elections for a new Chair and Vice Chair at next TAC meeting.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Chair West called for Public Comment and hearing none, closed this item.

6. **FEASIBILITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (for possible action)**

Paul Urban gave a presentation (copy on file) regarding the funding agreement with the Corps, noting that the Corps has spent almost \$40 million and Corps Headquarters (HQ) doesn't want to spend any more money because the documents the Sacramento District (SAC) sent to HQ were not up to par. HQ will not provide SAC anymore funds to finish our project; they must redirect funds from other projects to finish this one.

As of a couple of weeks ago, SAC said they cannot recommend any plan to HQ; they cannot recommend the LPP (117 yr plan) since the B:C is less than one. They can't recommend the Workshop-50 plan since it was developed for cost share determination, not construction. The 50 year Workshop plan has a B:C of close to one.

Jay Aldean stated that according to Alex McDonough from Senator Reid's office, the Corps has very little interest in finishing our project. The Corps will give us just one more year to get the Chief's Report finished.

Mr. Urban recommends that we enter into cost share agreement to complete the GRR-EIS, do the additional work to determine higher federal interest, revise the LPP, and probably schedule a second AFB.

Mr. Aldean noted that the FMA Board allocated \$500,000 to give to the Corps to complete the GRR/EIS.

Mr. Urban distributed handouts of his PowerPoint presentation and a model agreement (copy on file). The model agreement includes options picked which are relevant to our project. SAC's job is done when they finish the document and it is up to us to see that the document makes it to Congress.

In response to a question from Dave Solaro, Mr. Urban noted that we do not have the data on whether any projects in the country been funded. Napa came up with an acceptable B:C then it fell below one and they had to do make revisions to bring it back up to one. This is competitive and we are competing with people across the country.

Mr. Aldean stated that forty (40) projects have been authorized between 2007 and 2009, yet still have not received money. Some projects authorized in 2000 still have not been funded. Brandon Muncy will be at the February FMA meeting to explain why the agreement will not be ready until the March FMA meeting.

Mr. Aldean commended Mr. Urban for a very good presentation of a complex subject.

7. **COST ANALYSIS ON HOME ELEVATION PROGRAM (for possible action)**

Eric Scheetz gave a presentation (copy on file) on the Home Elevation Program; specifically, the FMA Board wants to know the difference in the cost to elevate a home versus the cost to buy the home outright.

Mr. Scheetz showed that originally it cost substantially more to buy out homes rather than elevate them however those figures were done a few years ago and prices have fallen more

than 50%. He explained the program flow chart and showed a chart comparing the engineer's estimate to elevate versus a website appraisal of current value.

Ms. Lanza noted that the IRS implications are not included. Mr. Urban acknowledged that would affect whether the homeowner would participate in the program. Mr. Aldean stated, "If we can get the law changed it won't be an issue."

John Martini inquired if a homeowner wants to be elevated, not bought out, but the cost is not there, does that become a condemnation issue? Michael Wolz, General Counsel to the FMA Board replied that he didn't think they would have the ability to compel us to elevate their home because this is a voluntary program. Mr. Urban also noted that this only applies on the assumption that the project lowers elevations. If we get into the workshop plans we may actually increase flood risk to that house.

Mr. Scheetz asked members if they had additional information or ideas to contact him.

8. **REVIEW FLOOD MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY DRAFT MEETING AGENDA (see attached)**

There were no comments on the FMA agenda.

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (for possible action)**

Ms. Lanza commented regarding the Cost Share Agreement Presentation where it was noted that the Corps may not recommend any plan, the City of Reno is subject to agreements the Corps has entered into with other federal agencies, and since their staff is interpreting that there is not a flood project, they no longer have to lead those agreements.

Mr. Aldean commented that this issue will be addressed during the Washington, D.C. visit.

Mr. Scheetz provided an update that five of the six buildings in the FEMA grant have been demolished.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Chair West called for Public Comment and hearing none, closed this item.

11. **ADJOURNED AT 11:41 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura McAuley, Administrative Assistant II

Approved in Session on March 30, 2012.