

**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
invites you
to a Public Workshop
for the
Truckee Meadows Flood Control Project**

Tuesday, October 26th, 2004

from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Rainbow Bend Clubhouse in Lockwood *

**note: due to scheduling conflicts, we could not secure a central meeting location in Wadsworth to host this Workshop. The residents of Rainbow Bend have been kind enough to accommodate our Workshop.*

Background:

This past year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has been preparing data for formulating project alternatives to the Truckee Meadows Flood Control project. A year ago, the Corps presented the project's existing conditions, project objectives and problems and opportunities for the downtown Reno to Vista reaches along the Truckee River for ecosystem restoration and flood damage reduction. This information was presented during the Corps F3 Milestone Conference in October. Since that Conference the Corps and the project Community Coalition have met to discuss the Corps proposed ecosystem restoration and flood damage reduction alternatives in the Reno to Vista reaches. In September, the Corps finished modeling the preliminary alternatives between I-395 and Vista and generated the associated floodplains for economic analysis.

This past July, the Corps certified the existing hydrology flows of the Truckee River from Vista to Marble Bluff. These flows were provided to the hydraulic engineers to generate existing conditions (with-out project) floodplains of the Truckee River and Long Valley Creek. This data will be combined with the model upstream of Vista to generate existing condition floodplains between Vista to Wadsworth, with the preliminary alternatives between I-395 to Vista. This data will allow the Corps to determine what potential flooding problems exist between Vista to Wadsworth and start the planning process for fine tuning the ecosystem restoration proposals and start evaluating the need for any flood protection measures for the Vista to Wadsworth reach.

It is important to note that the original flood control study authorized by Congress in 1988 only allowed the Corps to investigate flooding solutions in the Reno and Sparks area. Congress directed the Corps, in 1996, to produce a report with recommendations for addressing water problems on the Truckee River. The report will consider additional flood protection at and below Reno, Nevada, through levee/channel improvements, local impoundments, and potential reoperation of existing reservoirs in the watershed. The report will also consider the potential for environmental restoration along the Truckee River and tributaries in the Reno-Sparks area. With local agreement, the Corps can construct flood protection projects anywhere along the Truckee River, assuming there is

justification to do such. For example, the Corps has the authority to do flood protection only at one area because the other areas of the river do not suffer from flooding.

Why are we holding a Workshop?

The Corps has arranged this workshop in response to requests from communities downstream of Vista. The goal of this workshop, is to allow interested community members the opportunity to identify potential areas of inundation based on these new floodplains and provide their ideas on potential flood protection measures for the Vista to Wadsworth reach. The Corps will then take this information into consideration as they start formulating alternatives downstream for the F4 Milestone Conference in January.

Meeting Format

The Corps will prepare hard copy floodplain maps and post around the meeting room. These floodplain maps will represent both the existing conditions floodplains and floodplains of preliminary alternatives proposed in the I-395 to Vista reach.

Community members will identify where flooding problems exist between these two floodplain scenarios. Then, everyone is going to break out into groups of 5-7 individuals and brainstorm ideas and flood protection solutions. The flood protection solutions are to be developed by community members – the Corps will then offer input into the ideas that you, the local community, come up with.

We look forward to your open and honest assessment of flooding problems. It is important that we hear from you so that we can propose a project that serves the needs of all those living along the Truckee River.

Truckee Meadows Flood Control Project Team

<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/projects/civil/truckeemeadows/index.html>

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