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#### Downtown Reno Flooding 1955





#### **UNR Farms Flooding 1986**





#### **Industrial Sparks Flooding 1997**





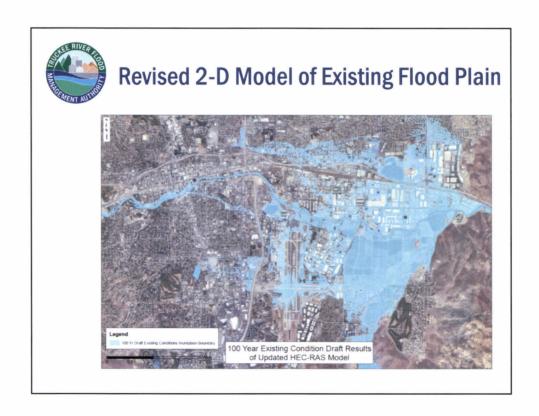
#### Hidden Valley Flooding 2005





#### **Industrial Sparks Flooding 2017**





# Flood Management History/Operations





#### Infrastructure/funding

- · Interlocal Agreement
  - · Washoe County, City of Reno, City of Sparks
  - 6-member board, 2 from each agency
  - · All decisions must be unanimous
- Sales Tax -1998 Washoe County Commission approved 1/4 cent
  - Dedicated 1/8 cent to Public Safety and Flood Control
  - Yields  $\sim$  \$8 million, \$5 to \$6 million after debt service



#### **Capital Projects Completed**

- New Virginia Street Bridge \$12.2 million
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Floodwall and Levee \$1.8 million
- Hidden Valley Engineering Study \$0.6 million
- Restoration Projects: 102 Ranch, Lockwood, Lower Mustang Ranch, Tracy Power Plant – \$6.5 million
- North Truckee Drain \$5 million
- Property Purchases, Relocations, Demolitions \$48 million



## TRFMA: The community's early warning system

- · Flood Warning System
  - TRFMA operates and maintains the flood warning system for the region
- · The 2017 Flood
  - TRFMA and the National Weather Service showed real-time mapping of the potential flooding areas
- · ...And it Worked



#### Truckee Meadows Simulation Flood Map January 2017



### **The TRFMA Project**





#### The Truckee River Project

- 100-year Plan
  - · Designed using US Army Corps of Engineers's criteria
- · Project Cost
  - Started less than \$300 million, ballooned to \$1.6 billion
  - Through planning & engineering current cost is  $\sim$  \$400 million
- · Federal Contribution
  - ~ \$180 million
  - Negotiate Partnership agreement with the Corps by ~ 2021 (requires successful vote in 2018)
  - Or Federal funding will be lost, never to return



#### The Truckee River Project

- · TRFMA Direct Benefit Fee
  - The Authority may impose a flood fee
  - For planning purposes, the board is considering \$8 per 1,000 SF of developed commercial space in the Direct Benefit Area (DBA)
- · Other Funding Sources
  - TRFMA is seeking other funding sources through an open public process by committee, established by the state – and ultimately approved by the voters of Washoe County



#### Financial responsibility

- · Financial Goal
  - Construct the project ASAP keeping tax revenue collections and spending LOW
- · Construction ASAP scenario.
  - Project will not be completed until 2032; (assume min 12 year build out)
- Financing Plan
  - · Must balance construction duration with affordability
  - Take advantage of potential federal funds that expire in 2021

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- Follow the SB411 Committee Model
  - The school construction ballot initiative committee from the 2015 session
  - · Create a committee to determine how best to address funding
- Committee Legislation 18 months
  - Committee to design a question for the 2018 ballot to provide funding from a source (or sources)
- Briefings
  - Entire Washoe Delegation, Governor's Office and the Congressional Delegation
  - · Assemblyman Mike Sprinkle is providing the BDR

Flooding Will Continue.

We Must Address All Aspects.

We Must Take Advantage of Federal Funding.





#### Your support is critical

- · Support for TRFMA
  - Would appreciate your demonstration of support for the Flood Project and the open public process being recommended by our Board.
- · Legislative Delegation Support
  - The Washoe County legislative delegation would appreciate a statement of support and unification of our local elected officials around this process.

Thank you. Questions?



