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DOUGLAS COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FOR AREA DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN

Minden, Nev. — An Area Drainage Master Plan (ADMP) for Johnson Lane has received \$285,000 in funding through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). County Officials have submitted several grants to begin the ADMP since the flash flooding in summer of 2014, but until now had not been successful in obtaining grant money.

“The purpose of the ADMP is to provide a prioritized list of projects and costs to begin working toward a solution of the flooding issues in Johnson Lane,” said County Engineer, Erik Nilssen.

The scope of the ADMP includes several items but, most importantly it will obtain updated survey information. The storms of the last few years have deposited significant amounts of sediment which have changed local topography. In addition, the roadway network and significant number of berms that have been erected have redirected floodwaters from their historical drainage patterns. The ADMP will study the drainage off the entire watershed. It will verify how changes in one area will affect flow paths in other areas. The comprehensive watershed review will identify deficiencies in current drainage network and provide a priority list of projects as well as proposed costs to construct and maintain the projects.

“It is anticipated the ADMP will identify between 10-15 projects to solve the Johnson Lane flooding,” stated Nilssen. “It will provide a cost versus benefit analysis for each project. We will find out which projects will help the most residents for the least amount of money.”

The FEMA award was provided to Douglas County through the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD). The CWSD is considered a “cooperating technical partner” with FEMA. This designation provides additional grant opportunities to the CWSD. Douglas County is a member of the five County Carson River Coalition which allows CWSD to obtain grant funds on Douglas County’s behalf.

“The work of Ed James (CWSD General Manager), his staff, and the CWSD is a huge benefit to Douglas County,” stated Nilssen. “They have been successful in obtaining grant funding for the County on numerous occasions over the last few years.”

The County is currently working with CWSD to solicit proposals for any interested consulting firm to prepare the ADMP. It is anticipated the consultant will be under contract in early 2017. The ADMP will take approximately one year to complete.

“I am hopeful while the ADMP is under development, the County will be able to identify or put aside funding for some of the projects,” stated Nilssen. “It would be ideal to have funding in place that some of the identified projects could be implemented upon the ADMP release.”

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