

## News Release

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### **Counties Join Forces to Reduce Flood Damage & Protect Floodplain Lands**

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Carson Water Subconservancy District, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and the Nevada Division of Water Resources announced today that the Carson River Watershed Regional Floodplain Management Plan has been formally adopted by all five counties along the Carson River. These counties are Alpine County in California, and Douglas, Carson City, Lyon and Churchill Counties in Nevada. This watershed-based approach to flood reduction and floodplain management is unique and serves as an example for other watersheds to follow to help reduce our escalating national flood damage costs.

Main goals of the plan are to help protect community members from flooding hazards, reduce flood-related costs, lower flood insurance rates, and to provide proactive strategies for floodplain management that can be applied regionally as well as locally. The regional plan calls for the protection of floodplain lands as the primary method of reducing flood damage versus structural approaches, such as levees and large flood control projects. In addition, the plan calls for watershed-wide consistency for data collection and management, flood insurance rate mapping, outreach and education, monitoring, and reduction of infrastructure impacts.

The plan was developed through a cooperative process involving numerous organizations, agencies, and landowners, including all five counties, Carson Water Subconservancy District, Nevada Division of Water Resources, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Planning, Nevada Division of State Lands, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Carson Valley Conservation District, Dayton Valley Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, HDR, Western Nevada Resource Conservation and Development, Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance, Alpine Watershed Group, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, National Weather Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Community members throughout the five counties provided input to the plan strategies through a series of public workshops.

A copy of the plan is available at [www.cwsd.org](http://www.cwsd.org). For any questions or more information, please contact Genie Azad, Carson Water Subconservancy District at 775-887-9005 or [genie@cwsd.org](mailto:genie@cwsd.org).

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